

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
April 24, 2022

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10:30 am

Youth Sunday

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary *Caricature of a Sunday School Song* arr. Dale Wood
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements Maya

Call to Worship Ben

* **Opening Hymn** *I Danced in the Morning* (page 6)

* **Responsive Sentence** Colin

One: What does the Lord require of us?

All: To seek justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

One: Who are we called to be?

All: We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others.

One: Why do we gather for worship?

All: We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, and to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

From: "Bread Not Stones" United Church of Canada Children's Sunday Service

* **Response of Praise** *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and — one the God we praise." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens under "fam - i - ly" and "and —".

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* **Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Evie

Loving God, open our eyes to see that every child is made in your image and belongs to you. Help us to love, protect, and nurture all children. This we ask in the name of the one who taught us to pray ...*Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Adapted From: "Bread Not Stones" United Church of Canada Children's Sunday Service

Scripture Reading

Olive

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 (Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Murphy

Solo

Rebel Heart
 Maddie

Daigle, Duncan, & Mabury

Prayer Concerns

Olive

Pastoral Prayer

Edie

Prayer Response

Call to Offering

Finley

Offertory

The Love of Jesus Medley
 Christopher Shaw

arr. Mark Hayes

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God our light and way of joy; Praise God whose way we shall employ. Thou
art the health of mind and heart; to us thy strength and peace impart. A - men.

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*** Prayer of Dedication**

Finely

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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A Word from our Seniors

Samuel Revel, Maya Lee, Maddie Palmer

*** Hymn of Departure**

These Treasured Children

(page 9)

*** Benediction**

Dawes

Closing Voluntary

I Danced in the Morning
Christopher Shaw

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*** Let all who are able please stand.**

***** Ushers will seat late comers.**

I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

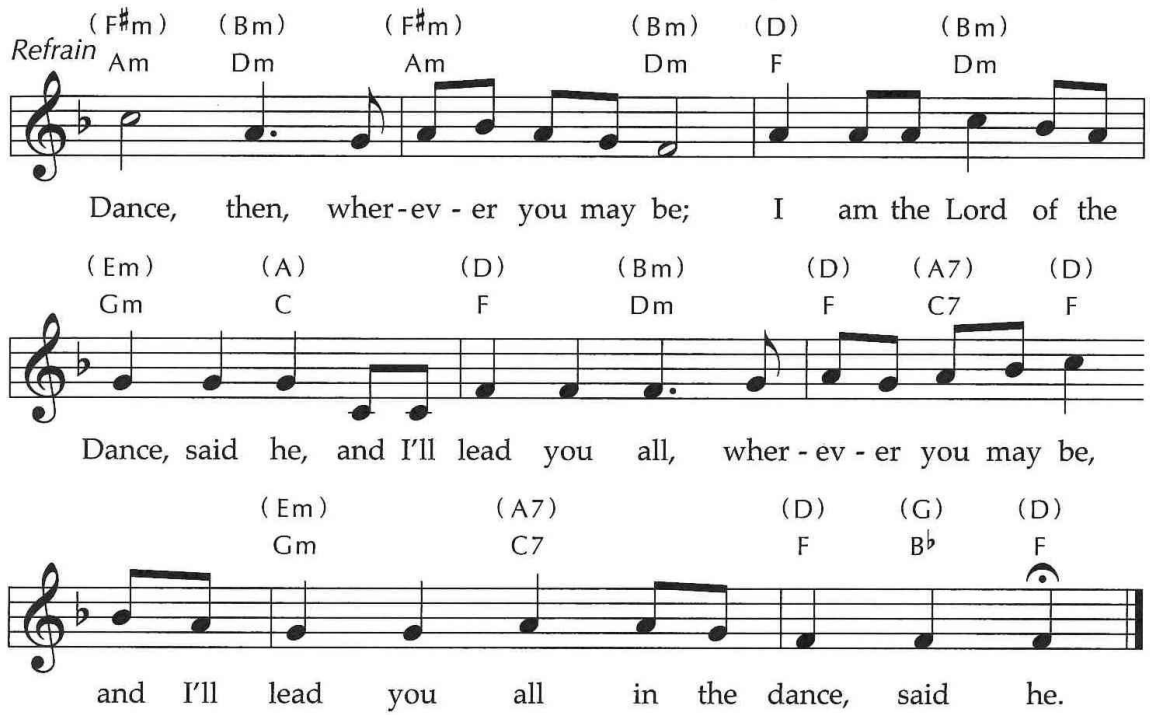
Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F B^b F

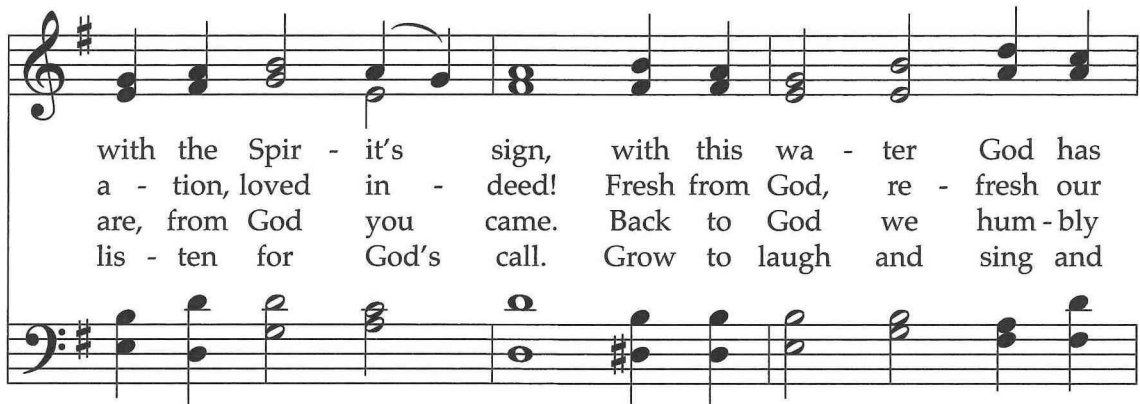
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.



Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



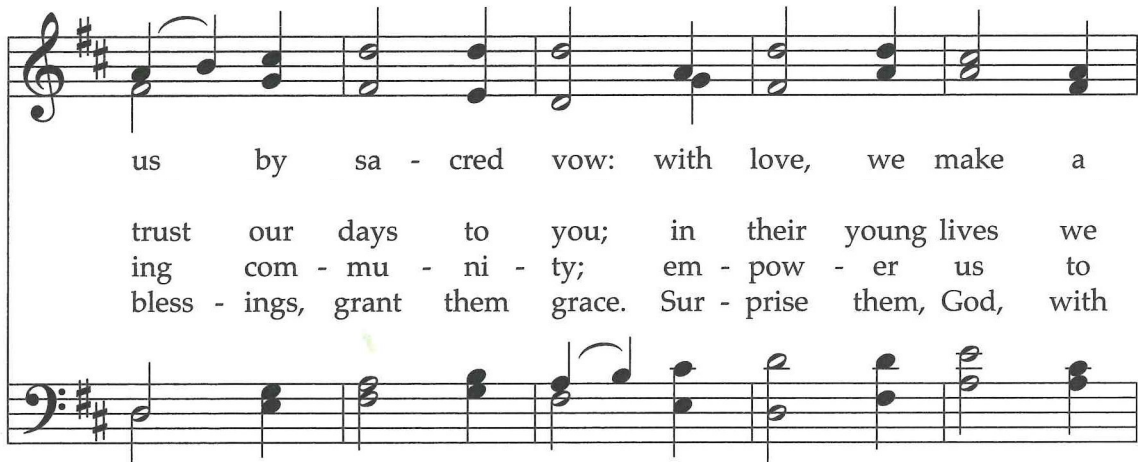
sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

These Treasured Children



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to

3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a

trust our days to you; in their young lives we
ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.

clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

Compline May 1st 6 pm

Come, light a candle

Compline is a unique thirty-minute evening worship offered by Plymouth to the congregation and community. Compline is held the first Sunday evening in Plymouth's candlelit sanctuary. No words are spoken; with lights dimmed and candles flickering, the calming music, angelically sung by an octet, opens a doorway into the realm of spirit. The only thing a person attending "does" is light a candle, and it is utterly captivating.

Graduation Sunday: May 8th

Help us celebrate your 2022 Graduates. Please send information to Dr. Robu at krobu@plymouth-church.net or to the office at office@plymouth-church.net. Last day to submit information is Tuesday, May 3rd.

Outside The Lines

Adult Ed will resume on Wednesday Evening May 4 following Wednesday night dinner. We will be discussing a book by one of this year's Word & Note speakers, Mihee Kim-Kort, titled, "Outside the Lines, How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith."

Diana Butler Bass, another of this year's speakers writes, "The book pulses with passion, a vibrant faith, calling every reader to see beyond convention and embrace the radical love of Jesus. Let Mihee Kim-Kort words into your heart, and you will never be the same."

We will cover the 200 or so pages of this book in the four Wednesday evenings of May. We have seven copies for sale at \$15.00 each. Please contact the office to purchase. A syllabus will be sent to participants. We hope you can join us.

Adult Sunday School | Beginning May 1 | 9-10 am

Diana Butler Bass's most recent book is *Freeing Jesus*, published March 30, 2021. Her secular friends often ask her "How can you still be a Christian?" In the book, she explains that her experience of Jesus has changed over the years, viewing him in different ways at different times. And that, though she is still a Christian, she isn't the same kind of Christian she used to be, or that they many think she is. *Freeing Jesus* explores the many images of Jesus we encounter and embrace through a lifetime—and how we make theology from the text of our lives in conversation with scripture and tradition. *Freeing Jesus* invites us to liberate Jesus and free ourselves when it comes to the ever-compelling and yet often-elusive figure at the center of Christian faith.

NACCC Annual Meeting

Plymouth Congregational Church, along with University Congregational Church, will be hosting the annual meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches at the Drury Broadview Hotel between June 25-28. This is the first time NACCC member churches have met in over two years and a large turnout is expected. Members of Congregational churches in Kansas are invited to attend and benefit from meeting other members of our association from all over the country. Go to www.naccc.org/2022amc to learn about the daily events during the four day conference and, if interested, to register as an attendee. The enrollment deadline is May 20. There will be a combined worship service involving both churches and conference attendees at Plymouth on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Valarie Kaur, Diana Butler Bass and Mihee Kim-Kort, all well known authors/lecturers, will be making presentations at the conference on Saturday, June 25 as part of Plymouth's Word & Note series. Tickets will be made available for purchase at a later date.

Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery

The art of Stephen Perry, a fourth generation Wichitan, will be on display in our hallway for the next several weeks. Stephen has shown with us before and is always popular with Plymouth members and friends. A graduate of North High School and Kansas State University, Steve's career began in landscape architecture with an early interest in pen and ink sketches. After his retirement from his firm McCluggage Van Sickle and Perry, he began fine art printmaking in his Riverside home. In his Backroads Press studio he is currently working with photo-polymer plates in relief prints highlighted with watercolor. In 2011 he published his second book, "Wander the Kansas Flint Hills in Words and Images", which features 12 original prints and writings about his favorite part of Kansas. He continues to exhibit at art fairs and galleries throughout the region.

Plymouth Display Case Art Gallery

There's new pottery from Legacy Ministries! We will display for two more weeks, through Sunday May 1st. Come see the new pieces and make a purchase. They will also take special orders. 100% of our sales will go back to this nonprofit organization here in Wichita. From their website: "We make quality products in a quality work environment. We bring together diverse youth to design, make, photograph and sell our ceramic products. We believe in meaningful work, places to belong, and that affordable, functional art should be a part of every home."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:30am Fine Arts Youth Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	25 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:45pm Deacon	26 5:30p Trustee	27 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednes- day Night Din- ner 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	28	29 Church office closed 4p Bierock Baking	30 10am Bierock Baking 1pm Celebra- tion of Life Shirley Driver
1 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary) 11:30am Mimosas Brunch 6pm Compline	2 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	3 5:30p Cabinet	4 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednes- day Night Din- ner 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	5 Church office Closed	6 Church office Closed	7
8 10:30am Graduation Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	9 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	10	11 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednes- day Night Din- ner 7pm Choir Re- hearsal	12	13	14

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 1
Dr. Olsen will be Preaching.**

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.