

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
May 1, 2022

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10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary *“Allegro” from Concerto in G Major* Ernst/arr. J.S. Bach
Christopher Shaw, organ

Introit

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* **Opening Hymn** *God is The Poet* (page 7)

* **Responsive Sentence**

One: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

All: Like unlit candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

One: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

All: Let us give thanks and praise to the God who makes all things new

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

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, creator of the vine; you stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. Hear our thanksgiving as we 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.*

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Welcoming Song

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

(Let the children come forward.)



Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -
in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

You Are Near
Lydia Harbutz

Dan Schutte

refrain:

O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me in death,
keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

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Call to Offering

The earth has music
for all who will listen.

Listen to the whisper of the gentle wind.
Listen to the music of the dawn.
In the dance of autumn leaves,
in the swaying of the trees,
the earth invites us all to join the song.

Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain.
Listen to the canyons as they ring.
In the thunder's mighty roar.
In the waves upon the shore.
The voice of all creation bids us sing.

We are one song, we are one with all creation.
We are made for music, we are made for praise.
We are one song, one great song of celebration.
Give the winds your voice. Make a joyful noise,
for we are made for music.

The clap of thunder, the hush of snow,
The laughter of children and the harmony of love.
The bells of freedom, the voice of faith,
this is the symphony of life!

We are one song, we are one with all creation.
We are made for music, we are made for praise.
We are one song, one great song of celebration.
Give the winds your voice. Make a joyful noise,
for we are made for music.

We are one world!
We are one voice!
We are one song!
And we are made for music!

* **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**

* **Hymn of Preparation** *To you, O God, All Creatures Sing* vs 1-2 (page 8)

Sermon "Hints of Garnet-Gold" Dr. Olsen

* **Hymn of Departure** *To you, O God, All Creatures Sing* vs 3-4 (page 8)

Benediction

* **Benediction Response**

Closing Voluntary *Alleluias* Robert Lau
Christopher Shaw, organ

***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

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

North Entry Greeter John Youle

Alter Flowers provided by Robert Lee

Cover Attribution Wedding at Cana, He Qi, China.

Plymouth Staff

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- Bill Berry & Ramikia Stevenson, Custodians

God Is the Poet • PLYMOUTH CHURCH

1 God is the po - et, Word of cre - a - tion,
2 New fa - shioned crea - tures, called in - to be - ing,
3 From our cre - a - tion, mu - sic en - chants us,
4 God, grant us wis - dom, formed in your im - age,

con - jur - ing won - ders and wak - ing the dawn,
rise up ex - ult - ing in joy and sur - prise.
mov - ing our spir - its to seek and to learn,
po - ets, com - pos - ers, in all that we do:

not - ing and nam - ing breath - tak - ing beau - ty:
Sum - moned from mys - tery, we join their sing - ing,
till grace - filled jour - neys end in be - gin - ning:
help us to fa - thom worlds past our know - ing.

God is the sing - er and life is the song.
o - pening our lips— as we o - pen our eyes.
dy - ing we rise,— and to mys - tery, re - turn.
May our cre - a - ting be wor - thy of you.

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Descant

4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in

Unison

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
 2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
 3 Your flow-ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
 4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

ev-ery way sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en
 sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a
 hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
 way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant

flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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."

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary) 6pm Compline	2 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	3 5:30p Cabinet	4 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Church office Closed	6 Church office Closed	7
8 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Graduation Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	9 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	10	11 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 9am Adult Sunday School Mission Possible Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	16 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	17	18 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 8th
Graduation Sunday**

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.