

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
February 19, 2023

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10:30 am

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

Give Me Jesus
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Marques Garret

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible

ShowerUp Wichita

Tim Loftin

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Let's Walk Together

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*Responsive Sentences

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

One: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—

All: who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos, and blessed our becoming.

One: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—

All: the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,

One: for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.

All: Let us praise the God of Transformation.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

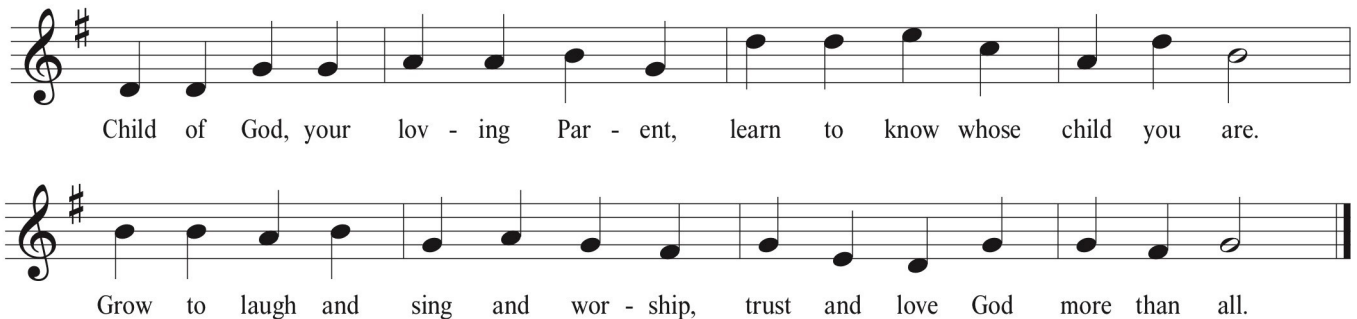
From Enfleshed.com

Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Soothe that within us that desires numbing-out and awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught ...*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.*

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

(Let the children come forward.)

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Be Still, My Soul
Emily Son

arr. Stephen Paulus

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From [Enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com)

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

This is the day,
the day which the Lord hath made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day
the day which the Lord hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day.

O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
For he shall give his angels charge over thee:
To keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart,
shall comfort thine heart,
and put thou thy trust,
thy trust in the Lord,
put thou thy trust in the Lord,
thy trust in the Lord.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-20

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn	<i>Steal Away</i>	(page 10)
Sermon	“Lift Every Voice”	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	(page 12)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Toccata on Lift Every Voice</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. Mark Miller

*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

North Entry Greeter Alan Fearey

Communion Table Flowers Alan Fearey

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Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2023

February 22	Sally Stang	Wichita Housing
March 1	Ashleigh Hollis & Greer Cowley	Community Relations, Humankind Ministries
March 8	Sheree Utash	President WSU Tech
March 15	Chief Sullivan	Wichita Chief of Police
March 22	Dr. Andrew Hippisley	Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, WSU
March 29	Ben Saucedo	Council Member, Park City, Kansas

Easter is April 9

Let's Walk Together

E A/E B A

1 Let's walk to- geth - er for a while, and ask where
 2 Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when we will
 3 Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E

we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,
 share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
 heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D

and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of
 the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
 the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B sus B

heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
 danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,

Refrain

B/D# E A B

sing-ing wel - come, wel-come to this place. You're in -

B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

F#m A E (☺) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(☺) Last time

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Steal Away

Refrain

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus!

Steal a-way, steal a-way home; I ain't got long to stay here. *Fine*

1 My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the thun - der.
2 Green trees are bend - ing; poor sin - ners stand a trem - bling.
3 My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the light - ning.

The trum - pet sounds with - in my soul; I ain't got long to stay here. *to Refrain*

Get Moving at Plymouth!

Jacki Sorensen's Fitness Classes

M/W/F 8:00 am
T/TH 5:15 pm

2 days a week: \$40 a month
Unlimited: \$48 a month

First month free for first timers
All fees are payable the first week of the month
For more information call
Connie Lent 316-308-4378

Spinnin' Boots Line Dance Group

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

A membership fee of \$6 is paid twice a year, with a charge of \$5 per dance session. Join us for lots of fun with a great group of friendly dancers!
See Doris Uhlig for more information.

Prairie Wind Folk Dancers

Monday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$2 per session.
See Joyce Gedraitis for more information.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

D G B7 Em G B7 Em

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Am B7 C G/D D

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,

G B7 E Am B7 C

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

C#dim7 G/D D7 G

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Em D

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered.
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

G Cm G

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 We have come, tread - ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh -
 lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

D7 G B7 E Am B7

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at -
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

C C#dim7 G/D D7 G

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery

Janet Jensen

Colors in nature are not always what we think we see. Mother Nature is much more of a colorist and creates a complicated palette of hues and colors, in trees, wildlife, flowers, earth tones, water – everywhere we look.

I see a myriad of colors in an animal's fur, a pelican's beak and feathers, the shaggy coat of a fox, a red panda's brilliant red tail, and a wolf's coat in the sun, stalking.

This journey of painting wildlife was a departure from other paintings I've created. It helped me "see" nature in a more meaningful way, by studying animals rather than just "looking at" them. They are so beautiful but are unaware of that, and it was a gift to show me their "true colors."



Plymouth Display Case Art

Sheri Mayes, a life-long Wichitan, graduated from Wichita East High and attended W.S.U. Retired from Wichita Public Schools from the Transportation Department as a scheduler and technical analyst. I made my first necklace when I was in junior high but my real interest in creating jewelry didn't start until 1996. I helped a close friend move to Arizona. I spent a week helping her move in to her new place. She made all her own jewelry and we went shopping at several of the bead stores. After showing me how to put together a necklace, I was hooked on the hobby. My favorite medium to use has always been semi-precious stones. Lately I have expanded into using glass, crystal, and acrylic beads. After over 25 years of beading, I have a large collection of beads. There is only so much jewelry one person can use so I decided to put together a collection of necklaces, bracelets, and earrings and donate them to the church. One hundred percent of the sales of my jewelry will go to the church. I hope it all sells because I don't want to bring it back home. When the weather is nice, I enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, kayaking, and spending time with my Australian Cattle dog, Vixey.

Ways to Give

If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church's general operating fund or one of their special missions and you don't have a check or cash for the offering plate just scan the QR code to donate using a credit card.

2023 Growth Steering Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the 2023 Growth Steering Survey (3 questions). This QR Code will take you to the survey. We need input from our membership as we plan events and advertising opportunities for the church. Your responses will remain anonymous.



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February/March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9am Fine Arts Board 9:30am Mission Board 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Mission Possible Sunday Worship	20 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	21 5:30pm Investment Club	22 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 2pm Plymouth Projects	24 7pm Word & Note	25 10 am Word & Note 1pm Word & Note 7pm Concert
26 10:30am Word & Note Worship	27 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	28 5:30pm Trustee	1 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2 2pm Plymouth Projects	3 Wichita AGO	4 Wichita AGO
5 10:30am Worship	6 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	7 5:30pm Cabinet	8 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9 2pm Plymouth Projects	10	11

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, February 26th
Kristin Kobes Du Mez will be speaking.**

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.