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# ***Celebration of Worship***

## **February 26, 2023**

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10:30 am

## First Sunday of Lent

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

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### Opening Voluntary

*O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

J.S. Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*All Are Welcome*

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### \*Responsive Sentences

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One: We come into the Presence of Love together.

**All: We come to be transformed.**

One: Through the grace of God our hearts expand.

**All: Our minds are renewed.**

One: Our relationships are deepened.

**All: Our practices of justice are refined.**

One: With humility and conviction, we come to discern the will of God.

**All: Let the way of Christ be revealed. Let wisdom be our guide.**

### \*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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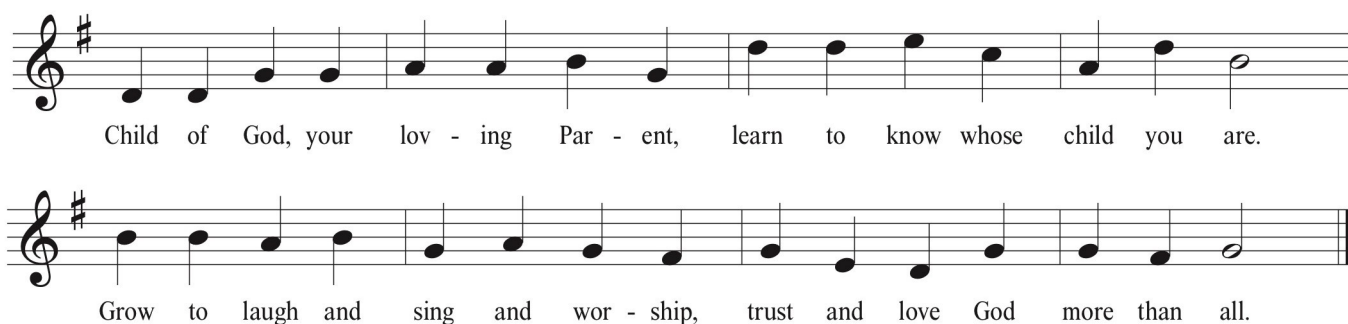
Divine Wisdom, you invite us to live and perceive differently. Where the world rules aggressively with the rigid and narrow, you draw us into questions that purposely unravel and expand. May your Spirit enable us to keep our hearts and our minds always open, as was the mind of Christ, who taught us to 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.*

## Welcoming Song

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTTGART

(Let the children come forward.)



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## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

## Solo

*Turn Thee to Me*  
from *Biblical Songs*  
Wes Kelley

Antonín Dvorák

Turn thee to me and have mercy,  
for I am desolate and sore distressed.  
Great, great are the sorrows of my heart;  
bring me out of my distress.  
Oh be merciful, look on my sorrow,  
see mine affliction and forgive me all my wickedness.  
Oh, keep my soul in safety and deliver me.  
Let me never be confounded  
for my hope is in Thee.

## Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

*Day of Arising*  
Peter Buller, oboe

David M. Cherwien

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
There Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.

## Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-8; 13

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Sermon

"Where is Your Hope?"

Kristin Kobes Du Mez

### \*Hymn of Departure

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### \*Benediction

### Closing Voluntary

*Fanfare*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

William Mathias

\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

**North Entry Greeter** Alan Fearey

**West Entry Greeter** Katy Brammer

**Communion Table Flowers** Alan Fearey



# (All Are Welcome) Let Us Build A House

Capo 3: (A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) Bb (A) C

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

(Bm) Dm (D) F (A) C (D) F (Bm7) Dm7

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine, and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone to heal and streng - then,  
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

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

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

(F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

(G) Bb (D) F (G) Bb (F#7) A7 (Bm) Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

Refrain

(Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Em) Gm

all are wel - come, all are wel - come,

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

all are wel - come in this place.

# God is the Poet

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.



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

## 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.



### Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2023

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

### Plymouth Staff

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Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music  
Christopher Shaw, Organist  
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Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher  
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Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech  
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant  
Bill Berry & Ramikia Stevenson, Custodians

## February/March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>  10:30am Word & Note Worship	<b>27</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers  5:30pm Deacons	<b>28</b>  5:30pm Trustee	<b>1</b>  5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>3</b>  Wichita AGO	<b>4</b>  Wichita AGO
<b>5</b>  10:30am Worship	<b>6</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>7</b>  5:30pm Cabinet	<b>8</b>  5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  10:30am Worship	<b>13</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>14</b>  5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>15</b>  5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects  <div style="background-color: #00FFFF; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><b>Church Office Closed</b></div>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 5th  
Dr. Robu will be preaching, “Inciting Joy Part 2: In the Garden”**

### 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.