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# ***Celebration of Worship***

**March 12, 2023**

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10:30 am

## Third Sunday of Lent

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

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### Opening Voluntary

*Récit de Nazard*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*God is Calling Through the Whisper*

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### \*Responsive Sentences

from Enfleshed.com

One: Into the held embrace of God, our Creator and Sustainer:

**All: Let the weary, come.**

One: Let the persecuted and the oppressed, the hungry and the exiled, come.

**All: Let the brokenhearted, the lonely, the guilty, come.**

One: Blessed are we when we receive one another.

**All: Sacred is life when it is shared together. Thanks be to God who gathers us in.**

### \*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



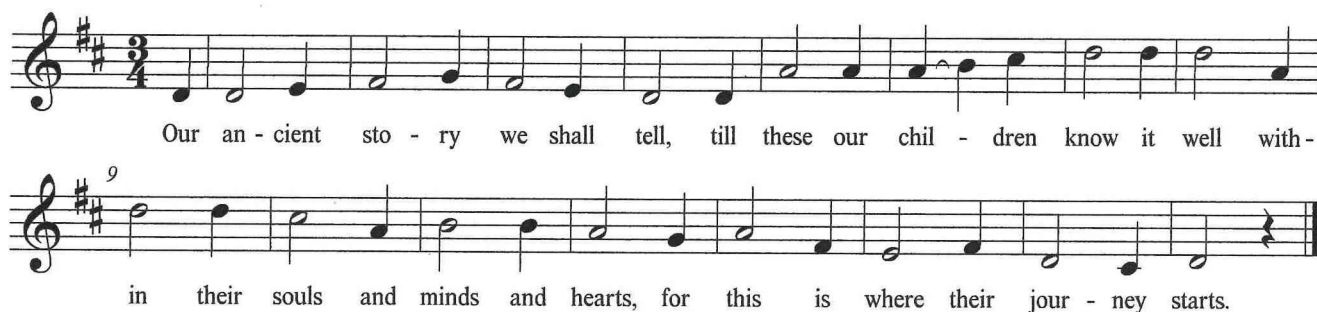
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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

**Holy One, your Spirit moves in provocative ways. Though evil seeks false peace, you shake things up. You turn things upside down. You leave us surprised and inspired. When we are confronted by the radical nature of your love, do not let us push you away or remain unchanged. May we embrace discomfort with joy, that we might be friends of justice and companions to peace. This we ask in the name of the one who prayed ...*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**      *These Treasured Children*      PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)



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## **A Moment with Our Children**

Lindsay Miller

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.  
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You, O Lord.

Cloud in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
and power be to You, the only wise Kind.  
I will adore you, I will.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery.

**Prayer Concerns****Pastoral Prayer**

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**Prayer Response****Invitation to Offering**

## **Anthem**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
Emily Son, solo

arr. David von Kampen

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrims journey,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<b>*Hymn of Preparation</b>	<i>Womb of Life and Source of Being</i>	(page 8)
<b>Sermon</b>	"Inciting Joy Part 3: Did Jesus Laugh"	Dr. Robu
<b>*Hymn of Departure</b>	<i>God of Grace and God of Laughter</i>	(page 9)
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Voluntary</b>	<i>Caprice sur les grand jeux</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	Clérambault

\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

**North Entry Greeter** Rich Euson

**Communion Table Flowers** Rich Euson

### **Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2023**

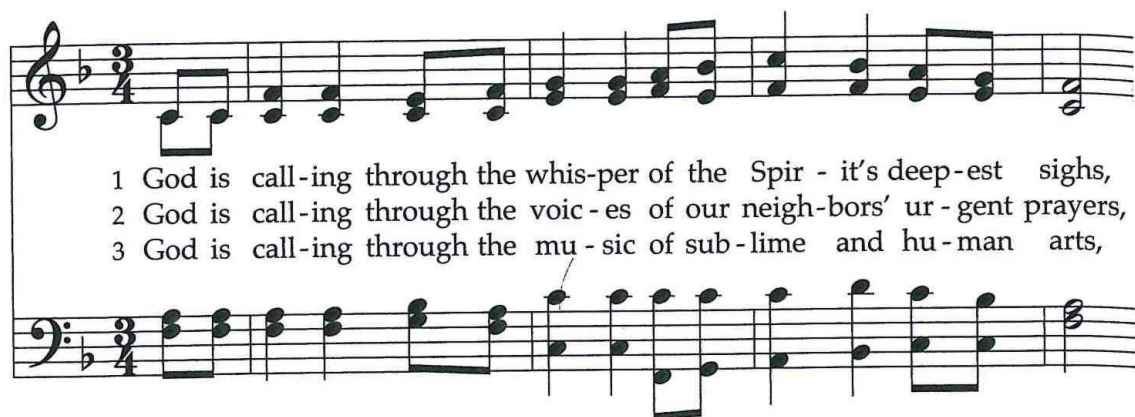
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March 29	Ben Saucedo	Council Member, Park City, Kansas

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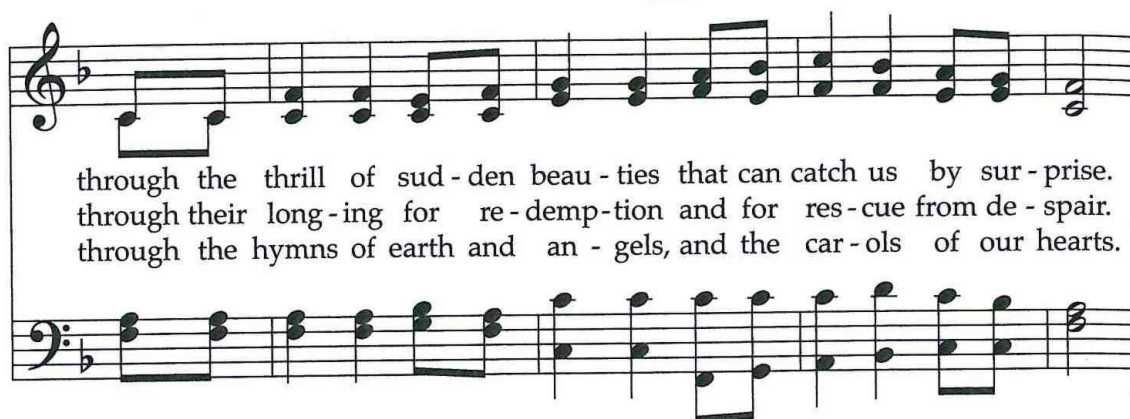
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Christopher Shaw, Organist  
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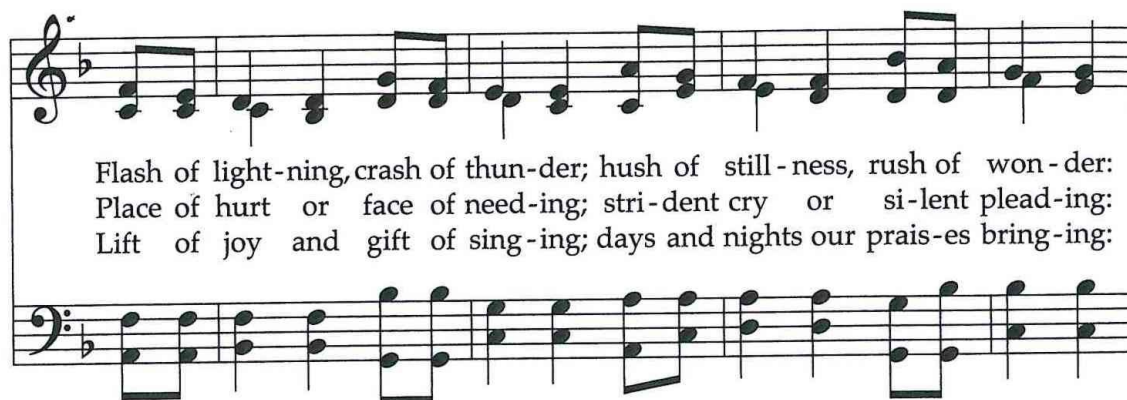
## God is Calling Through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

## Womb of Life and Source of Being

1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev -  
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring  
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part -  
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir -

- 'ry rest-less heart, in your arms the worlds a -  
 us sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be -  
 - ner, be our friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re -  
 - it, On - ly Son: we would praise your name for -

wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.  
 side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.  
 mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.  
 ev - er, one - in - three and three - in - one.

We, your chil - dren, gath - er round you, at the ta -  
 Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life,  
 La - bor with us; aid the birth - ing of the new  
 We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word

- ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing sto - ries, tears, and  
 and Death of Death, ris - en Christ, come stand a -  
 world yet to be, free of ser - vant, lord, and  
 of world made new, ev - er sing - ing, ev - er

laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.



## God of Grace and God of Laughter

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system includes a key signature change from one sharp (F#) to two sharps (D# and F#) at the beginning of the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

**System 1:** Chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, G, C/G, Gmaj7, C/G. Lyrics: 1 God of grace and God of laugh-ter, sing-ing worlds from naught to be—

**System 2:** Chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, G, C/G, G, D, G. Lyrics: 2 When our lives are torn by sad-ness, heal our wounds with tune-ful balm;  
3 Turn our sigh-ing in-to sing-ing, mu-sic born of hope re-stored;

**System 3:** Chords: G, Bm, C, Am, G, Bm, C, D. Lyrics: sun and stars and all there-af-ter joined in cos-mic har-mo-ny:  
when all seems dis-cord-ant mad-ness, help us find a meas-ured calm.  
set our souls and voic-es ring-ing, tune our hearts in true ac-cord:

**System 4:** Chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, G, Em, Am7, D7, G. Lyrics: give us songs of joy and won-der, mu-sic mak-ing hearts re-joice;  
Stead-y us with mu-sic's an-chor when the storms of life in-crease;  
till we form a might-y cho-rus join-ing an-gel choirs a-bove,

**System 5:** Chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, G, Em, Am7, D7, G. Lyrics: let our prais-es swell like thun-der, ech-o-ing our Mak-er's voice.  
in the midst of hurt and ran-cor, make us in-stru-ments of peace.  
with all those who went be-fore us, in e-ter-nal hymns of love.

## **Easter Lilies**

We are selling lilies which will be used to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th. If you would like to contribute to the beatification of our Sanctuary, please purchase a lily for \$17. Remember to note who you are celebrating or memorializing, the names will be listed in the worship bulletin. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, April 5th. Please call the church office for information, 684-0221 or email us at [office@plymouth-church.net](mailto:office@plymouth-church.net)

## **Holy Week & Easter Services**

April 2 | Palm Sunday service @ 10:30 am

April 6 | Seder Dinner @ 5:30 pm

April 7 | Service of Darkness @ 7:00 pm

April 9 | Easter Sunday service @ 10:30 am

## **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.



## **Spring Clean Up Day**

Saturday, March 25 | 9 am – Noon

(If it's raining on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will hold this event on April 1)

Choose to help outside with yard work (raking leaves, pulling weeds, fixing fence) or inside organizing the kitchen drawers and cupboards. If planning to work outside bring rakes and work gloves.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to everyone who has generously made a pledge toward our 2023 budget. To date we have received \$365,751.00 in pledges. This leaves a budget shortfall of \$23,356.09. If you have not made your 2023 pledge and would like to you can call the church office at 316-684-0221 and speak with KD Keim.

Rob & Stephanie Anderson  
Susan & Ken Arnold  
Abby Arthur & Tom Safley  
Michael Aumack  
Carney Baker  
John & Ellen Bandy  
Bob Blackburn  
Kim & Brad Blonigen  
James Bowen & Marth Smith  
Preston & Katy Brammer  
John & Nancy Brammer  
Jane Gilchrist & Charley Brown  
Larry Carey  
Dan & Shelley Closson  
Travis & Sophie Counts  
David Crane  
Clifford & Corinne Depew  
Roger & Beverly Douthett  
Jon Ehram  
Rich Euson  
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Joyce Gedraitis  
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Curt LaGree  
Robert & Madhavi Lee  
Steve Lester  
Bill Loyd  
Lueke Lueken

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Sheri Mayes  
Margaret McKinney  
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Jane Sudermann  
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Doris Uhlig  
Brett & Claire Watson  
Kurt & Sue Watson  
Judith Weatherall  
Linda Wilson  
Steve & Kitchel Woods  
Joe & Holly Yager  
Steve & Cathie Yager

We would also like to thank all those who make regular contributions to the church but have chosen not to pledge.

# **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.

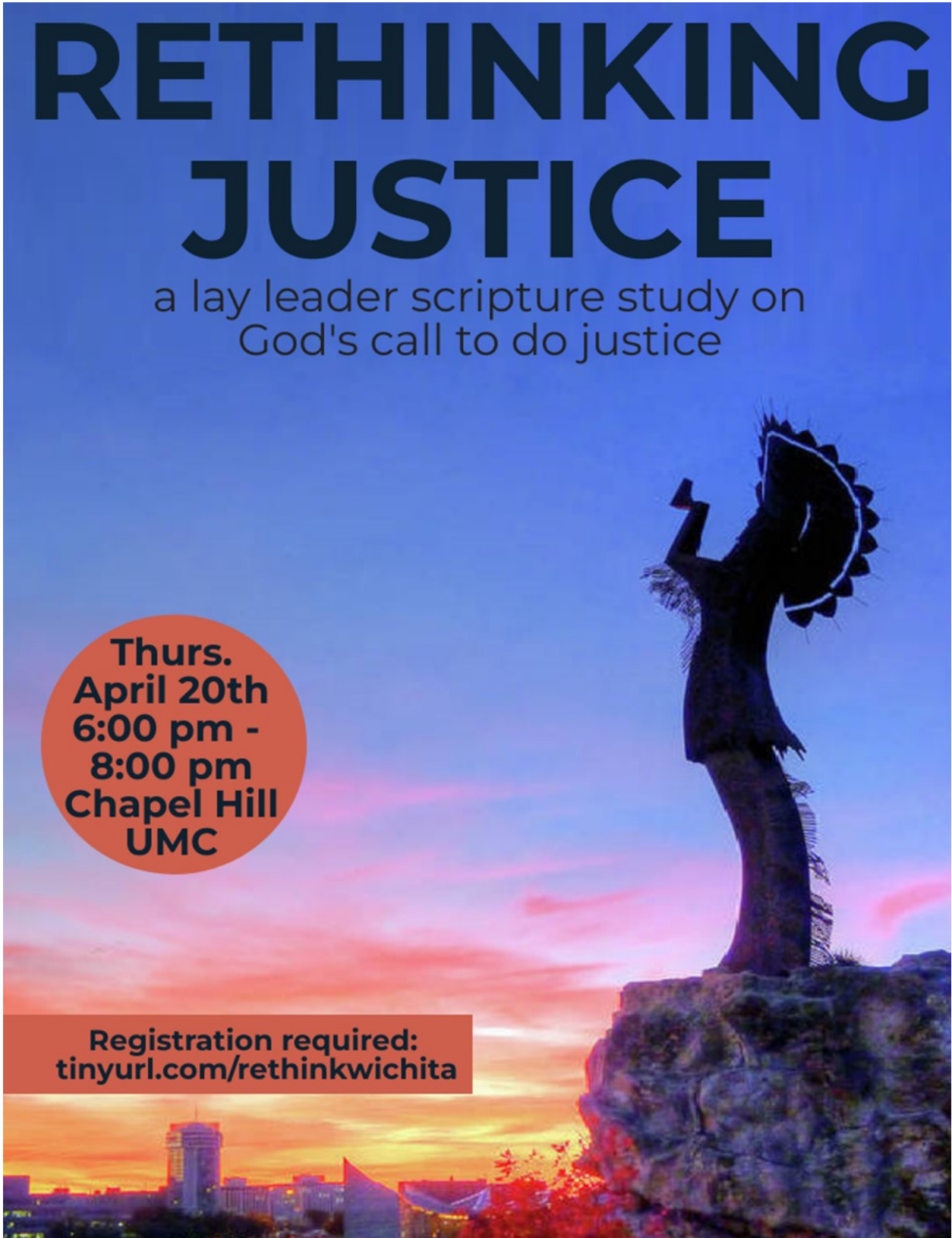


# RETHINKING JUSTICE

a lay leader scripture study on  
God's call to do justice

**Thurs.  
April 20th  
6:00 pm -  
8:00 pm  
Chapel Hill  
UMC**

**Registration required:  
[tinyurl.com/rethinkwichita](https://tinyurl.com/rethinkwichita)**





Subject: Please join important citywide scripture study on 4/20

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth Congregational Church,

I am happy to be reaching out to let you know about a growing momentum among Wichita's faith community towards the formation of a new multi-faith justice ministry organization in Wichita, and to invite you to join a citywide scripture study called "Rethinking Justice" on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 1550 N Chapel Hill, Wichita. Refreshments will be served at 5:30pm, so be encouraged to plan to arrive a bit early!

Recently, I have been a part of a series of convenings organized by the DART Center where local clergy built on a discussion of the creation of a new organization in Wichita/Sedgwick County with the purpose of fulfilling God's call to do justice around locally defined problems. An initial conversation around this effort began in October with 11 congregations participating, in November over 50 congregations came together, and our most recent convening in January grew this discussion to now include more than 100 congregations throughout Sedgwick County!

If you have a heart for mission and community I hope you will join us for the Rethinking Justice event on April 20th as we ground this effort with a study designed to explore what scripture has to say about justice, give modern examples, and lay out the plan for the Wichita area organization.

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu

To register, please use the QR Code



## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 Walter Vernon Lenten Series Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  9am Fine Arts Board  Mission Possible Sunday  10:30am Worship	<b>20</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>21</b>  5:30pm Investment Club	<b>22</b>  5:30pm Walter Vernon Lenten Series Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects  5:30 CE Mtg	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  10:30am Worship	<b>27</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>28</b>  5:30pm Trustee	<b>29</b>  5:30pm Walter Vernon Lenten Series Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 19th  
Dr. Robu 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.