



Celebration of Worship

March 26, 2023

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10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Opening Voluntary

Beside Still Waters
Ken Rodgers, organ

Rosalie Bonighton

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

What is This Place

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*Responsive Sentences

One: In the stillness... In the quiet... In all that rests on our minds and hearts...

All: Our souls wait for you, O God.

One: In everything moving too quickly... In our feelings of helplessness before all the obstacles that surround... As anxiety abounds and needs exceed our capacities...

All: Our souls wait for you, O God.

One: Though we cannot yet perceive the way from here... We do not give up on each other. We do not give in to despair. We trust in the One who has companioned life and love through the troubles of every generation.

All: Our hope is this: through all things, God resides with us, within us, around us.

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

God of the dead and God of the living, hold us close as we linger in these delicate days. May we perceive with clarity all that you would have us glean from what surrounds. Where a collective lack of love and justice are failing us, embolden us to live differently as did 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

Solo

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Clifton Vogt

arr. Mark Hayes

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love,
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Savior, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh sisters, let's go down,
let's go down,
come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh brothers, let's go down,
let's go down,
come on down.
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh fathers, let's go down,
let's go down,
come on down.
O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh mothers, let's go down,
let's go down,
come on down.
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh sinners, let's go down,
let's go down,
come on down.
O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

***Hymn of Preparation** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (page 8)

Sermon "Can These Bones Live?: A Second Look" Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* (page 9)

***Benediction**

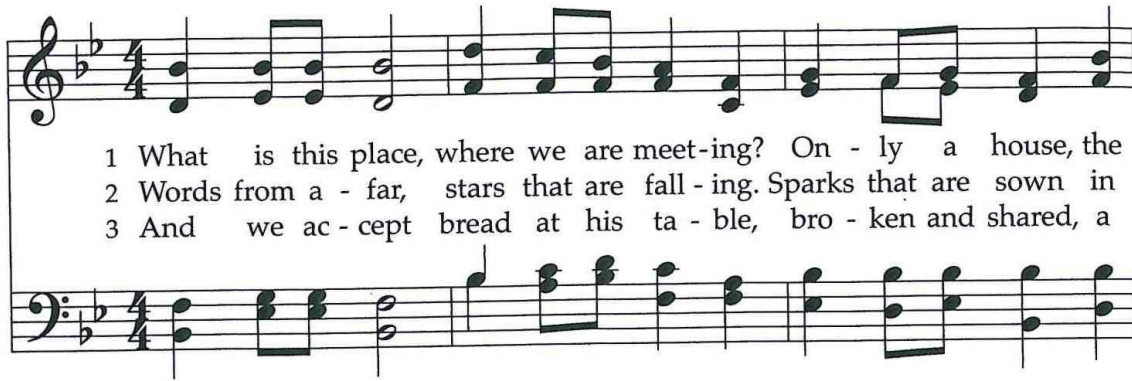
Closing Voluntary *Voluntary No. 1 in D* Denis Bedard
Ken Rodgers, organ

*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

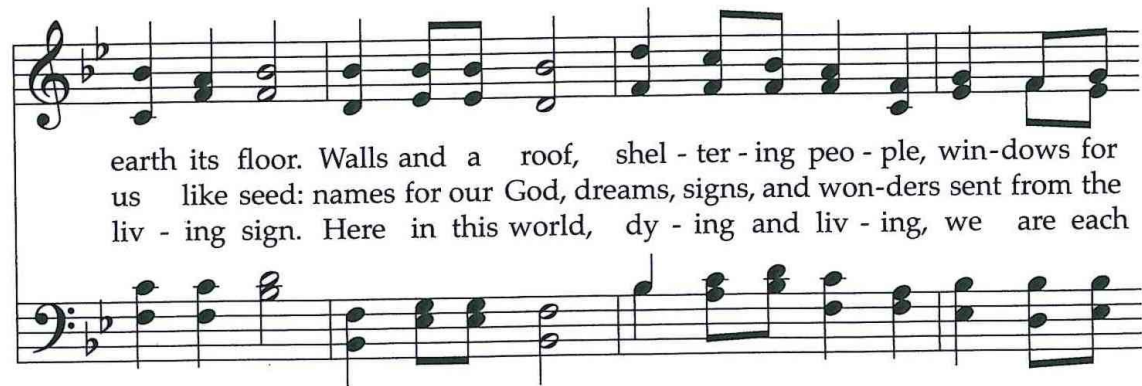
North Entry Greeter Katy Brammer

Communion Table Flowers Katy Brammer

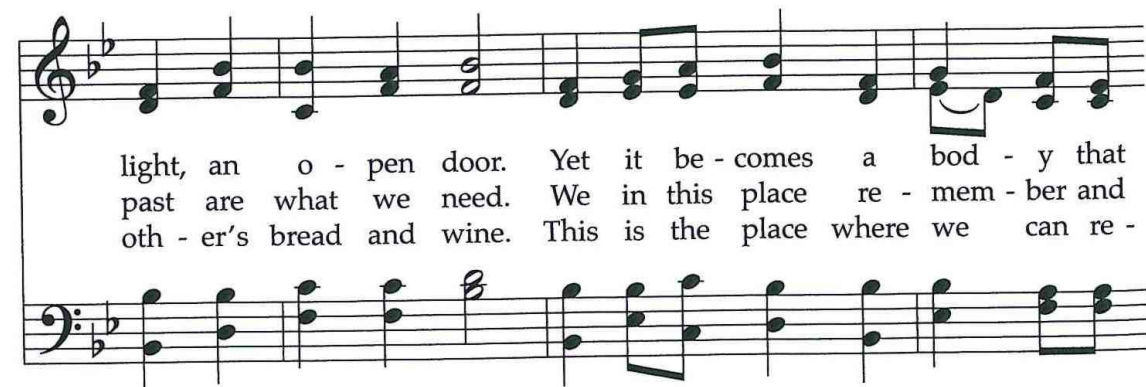
What is This Place



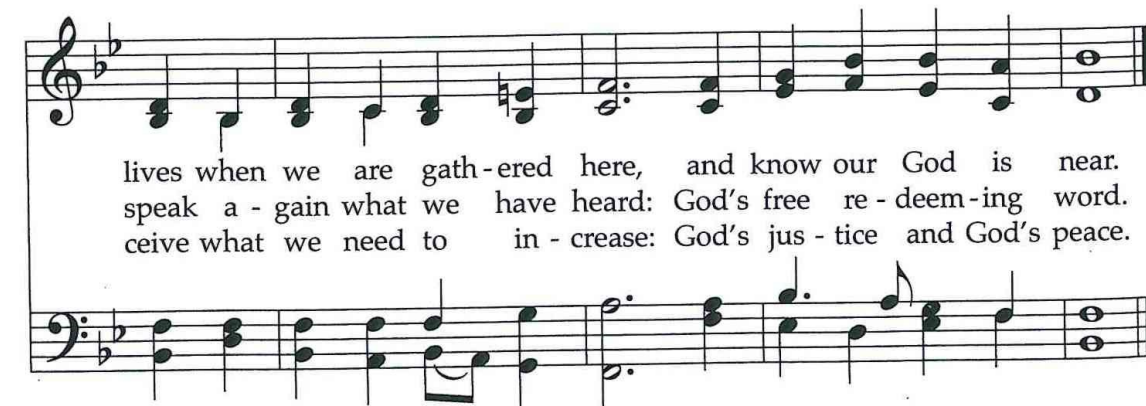
1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -




lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.


Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.



Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - tery, in your
 2 Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, may we
 3 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed

death we are re - born, though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, if we learn to live your
 on through act and word, ev - ery per - son lost and

his - tory, still you rise with ev - ery morn, still you
 sto - ry we may die to rise a - new, we may
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the

Last time
 rise with ev - ery morn.
 die to rise a - new.
 bod - y of our Lord.

Chords: F, C, G, Am7, Dm, Am7, Dm, F, C, G, Bb, Am7, Dm, Am7, Dm, Am7, Dm

Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2023

March 29

Dana Walden

City Administrator,
Park City, Kansas

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 beautification 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

Holy Week & Easter Services

April 2 | Palm Sunday service @ 10:30 am

April 6 | Seder Dinner @ 6:00 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.



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
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Preston & Katy Brammer
John & Nancy Brammer
Jane Gilchrist & Charley Brown
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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 Staff

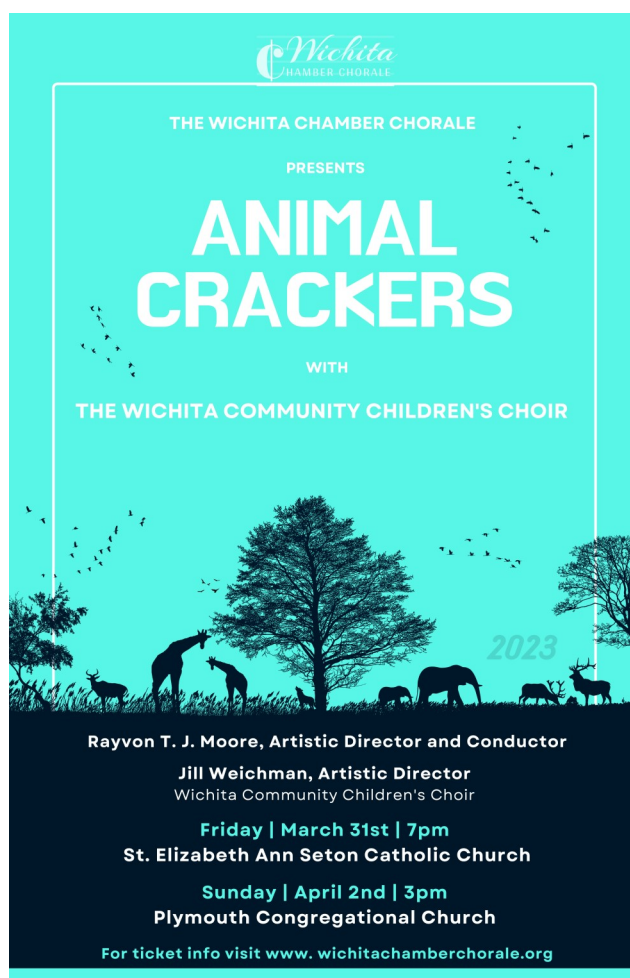
Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
Christopher Shaw, Organist
KD Keim, Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

Plymouth Fine Arts Gallery

Our artist exhibits will be changing during the first week of April so be sure to have another look these final two weeks of March. As a reminder 85% of Janet Jensen's sales will return to her and 15% will be reserved for the Fine Arts fund. Shari Mayes has generously donated 100% of the proceeds of her jewelry designs to the same fund. A big thanks to Shari and Janet!

Fine Arts news

The Wichita Chamber Chorale and the Wichita Community Children's Chorus are coming to Plymouth for a combined concert on Sunday, April 2nd at 3pm. The concert is entitled "Animal Crackers" and will feature *Prayers from the Ark* by Ivor R. Davies and *Animal Crackers* by Eric Whitacre, Vol. I - i. Panther, ii. The Cow, iii. The Firefly - Vol. II - i. The Canary, ii. The Eel, iii. The Kangaroo. Come hear them sing about all kinds of animals and enjoy this joyous and fun presentation. Rayvon T.J. Moore of Friends University conducts the Chorale and Jill Weichman conducts the WCCC. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 senior, \$5 college, free K-12.

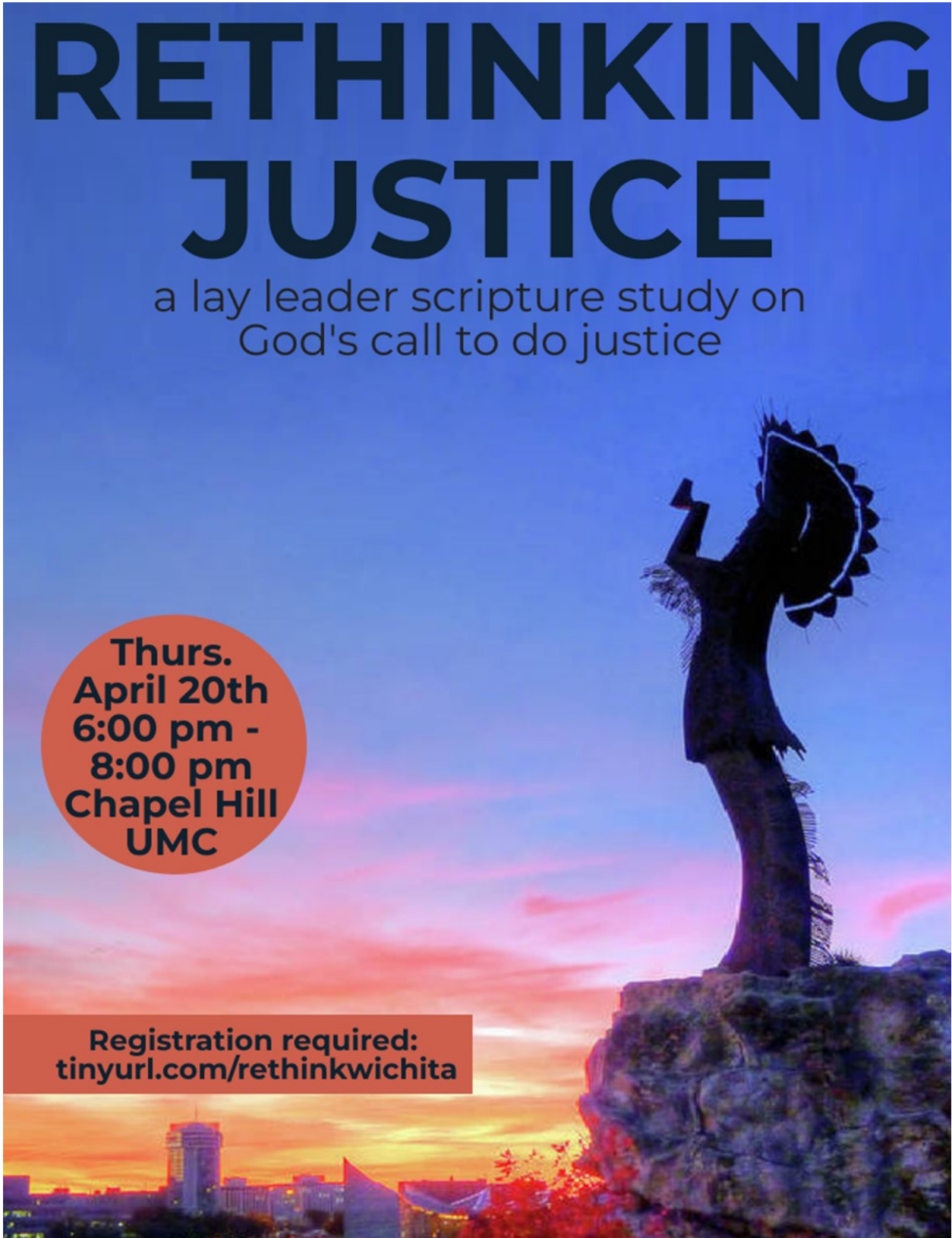


RETHINKING JUSTICE

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**



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 /April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30am Worship	27 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	28 5:30pm Trustee	29 5:30pm Walter Vernon Lenten Series Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30 2pm Plymouth Projects	31	1
2 10:30am Worship Palm Sunday Communion	3 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	4 5:30pm Cabinet	5 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 2pm Plymouth Projects 6pm Seder Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7pm Service of Darkness	8
9 10:30am Worship Easter Sunday 12 pm Easter Egg Hunt	10 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	11	12 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 2pm Plymouth Projects	14	15

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 2nd
Dr. Robu will be preaching, “Sacred Meals”**

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.