

**Plymouth**  
Congregational  
Church  
*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**April 2, 2023**

# Celebration of Worship

April 2, 2023

10:30 am

## Palm Sunday

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

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**Opening Voluntary**    *Classical-Style Variations on "Ellacombe"*    arr. Jon Spong  
Christopher Shaw, organ

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

## Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn**                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*                      (page 9)

## \*Responsive Sentences

One: Take heart! Love still lives and moves among us.

**All: Love is alive among the people, ordinary and humble.**

One: Love gathers our strength together and champions the vulnerable.

**All: Love cries out for justice and multiplies our capacity for good.**

One: Be still and remember - the steadfast love that endures forever lives within each of us.

**All: Thanks be to God, the source of all that saves us.**

## \*Response of Praise

## *Pave the Way with Branches*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es. Je - sus is com - ing, Ho - sa - nah. sa - nah. Ho - sa - nah. Je - sus is com - ing, Ho - sa - nah to the Prince of Peace. Ho - Prince of Peace." The guitar accompaniment includes chord markings: G, D7, G, NC, D7, G, NC, G, D7, F, G, D7, F, G. The score includes first and second endings for several phrases.


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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Adapted from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

**Hosanna. Hosanna, we pray. Like our ancestors who cried out together in memory of your great works, we proclaim our trust in you. We long for deliverance from all that destroys life. We are desperate for an end to the greed that strips our communities of well-being. We know the Kingdom is near. Let it come 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.***

**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**

Lindsay Miller

**Special Music**

*Ndkikhokhele Bawo*  
(Xhosa Prayer)  
Woven Road from Bethel College

arr. Mzwandile Mabuza

Translation from Xhosa:

Guide me, O Lord,  
Guide me O Great Redeemer  
Through the troubles of this world.  
Lord, I thank you  
for watching over me thus far.  
You are forever by my side,  
Lord, I thank you  
for watching over me thus far.

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

From Enfleshed.com

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to Offering**

# Anthem

*My Faith, My Hope*  
Chancel Choir and Woven Road

Gwyneth Walker

My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...  
Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, Such a Life out-liveth death.  
My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...  
Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.  
Come, Spirit, come!  
my Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, Such a Heart, as joys in love.  
My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light ...  
Such a Life out-liveth death: Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Way, as ends all strife.  
Come, my Way, Come, my Truth,  
Come, my Heart, Come, my Life,  
Come, my Faith, Come, my Hope,  
Come, my Strength, my Light!



## Scripture Readings

Matthew 26:14-30

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

John 13:1-30

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher,



## Celebration of Communion

Prayer

Distribution of the bread

(Please partake of the bread when served as a symbol of your individual faith.)

Distribution of the wine

(Please hold the cup to partake together as a symbol of our unity In Christ.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Departure**     *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*     (page 11)

## \*Benediction

**Closing Voluntary**

*Ellacombe*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert J. Powell

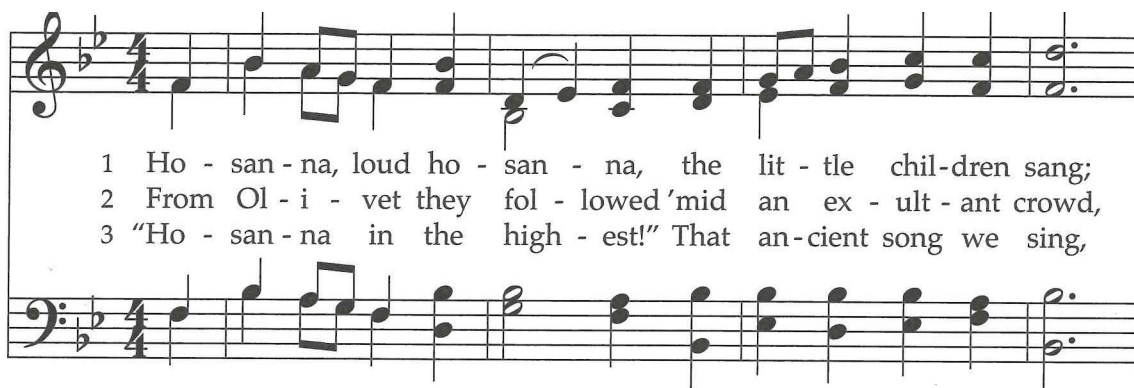
\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.

**North Entry Greeter** Jeanne Thompson

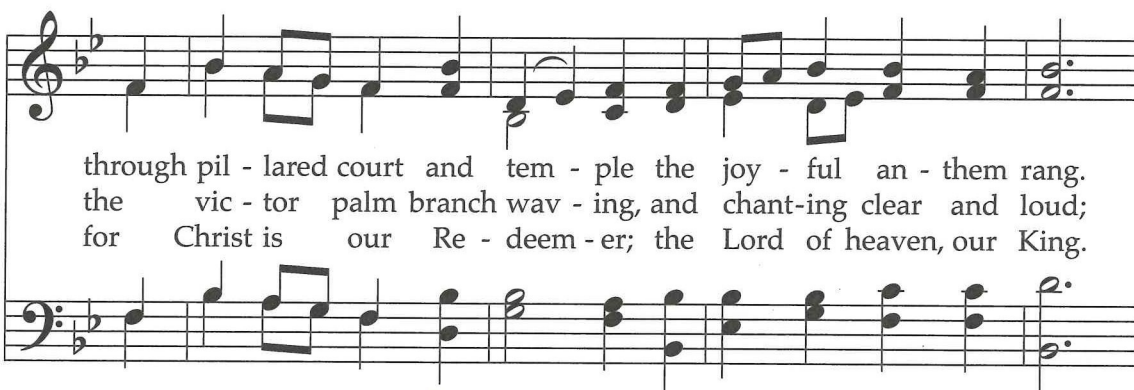
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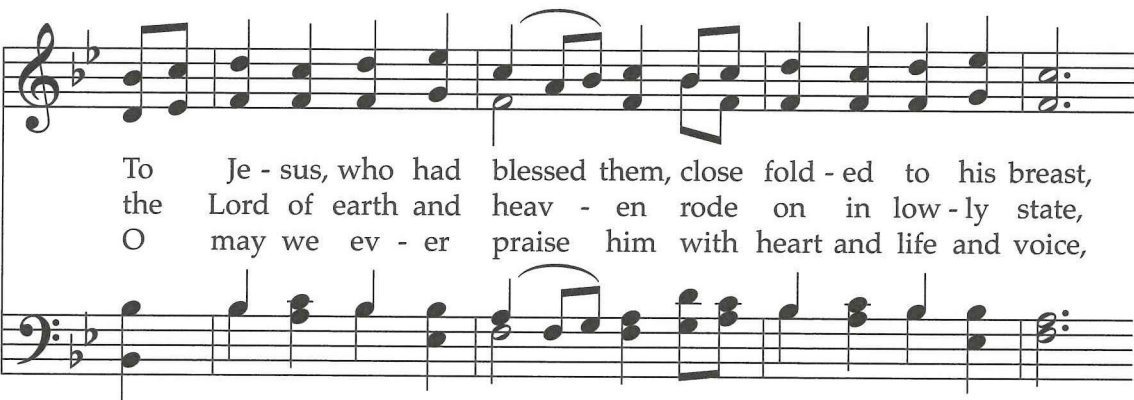
## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



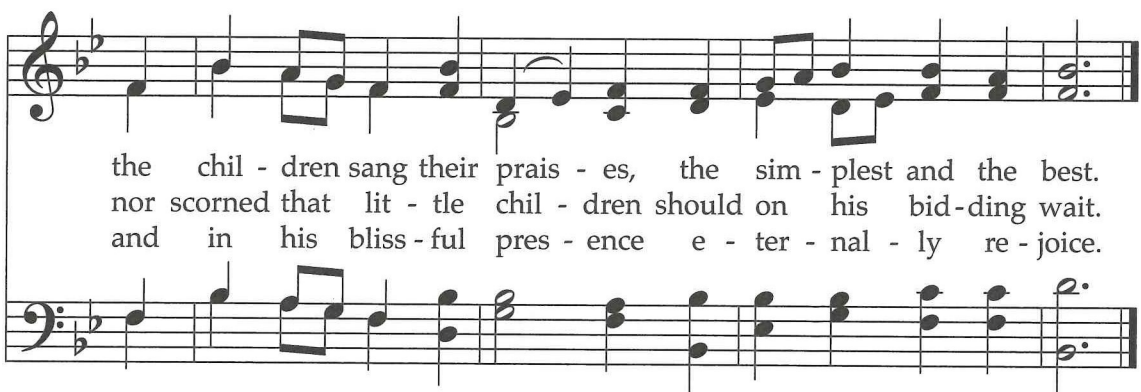
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.  
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
 with you; do not fear!"  
 tell your love and care.

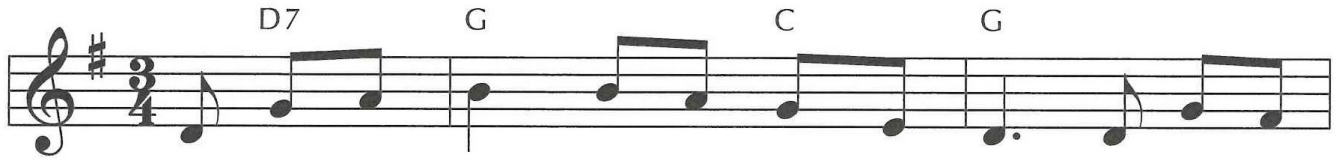
(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

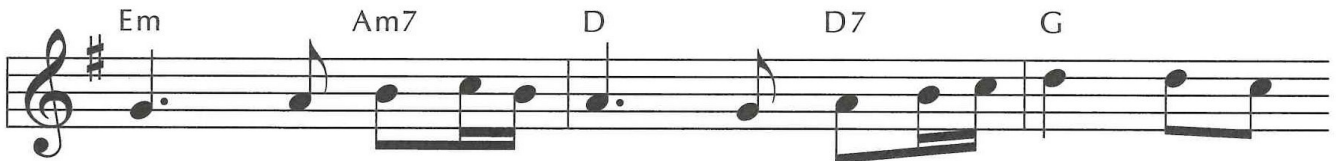
(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

## An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

## **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](mailto: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.



## **Plymouth Staff**

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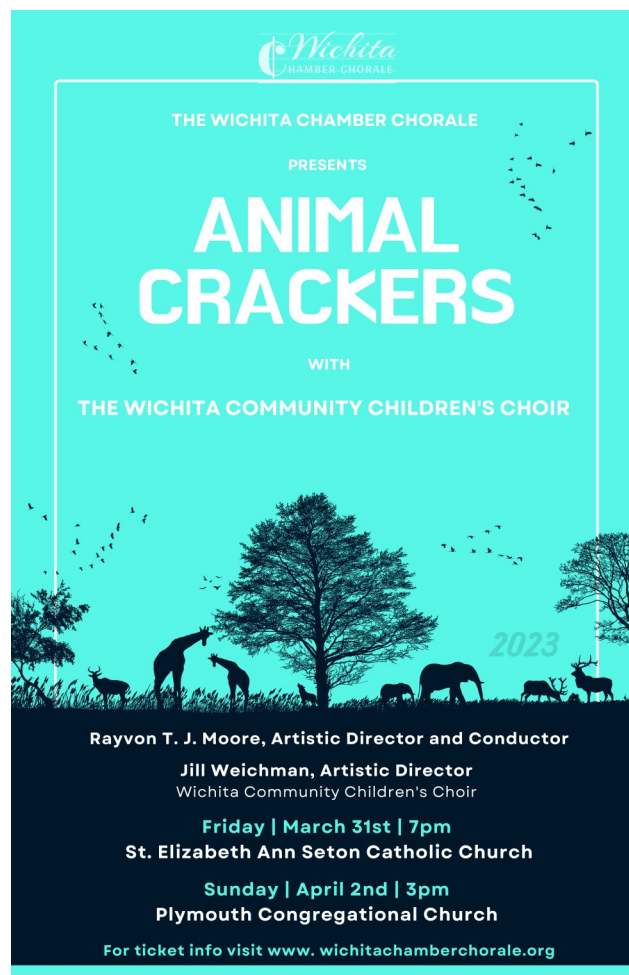
## Mission Possible

For many years, one of Plymouth's regular mission commitments has been the monthly Mission Possible grants amounting to \$750 per recipient organization. The Mission Possible grants focus on lesser known programs and organizations that are worthy of support. On the third Sunday of the month, a representative of the recipient organization tells members about their program and a special offering is taken. Whatever is contributed by members that day is part of the total \$750 gift. The Missions Board makes up the difference to get the donation up to \$750.

## Wichita Chamber Chorale Returns to Plymouth

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.



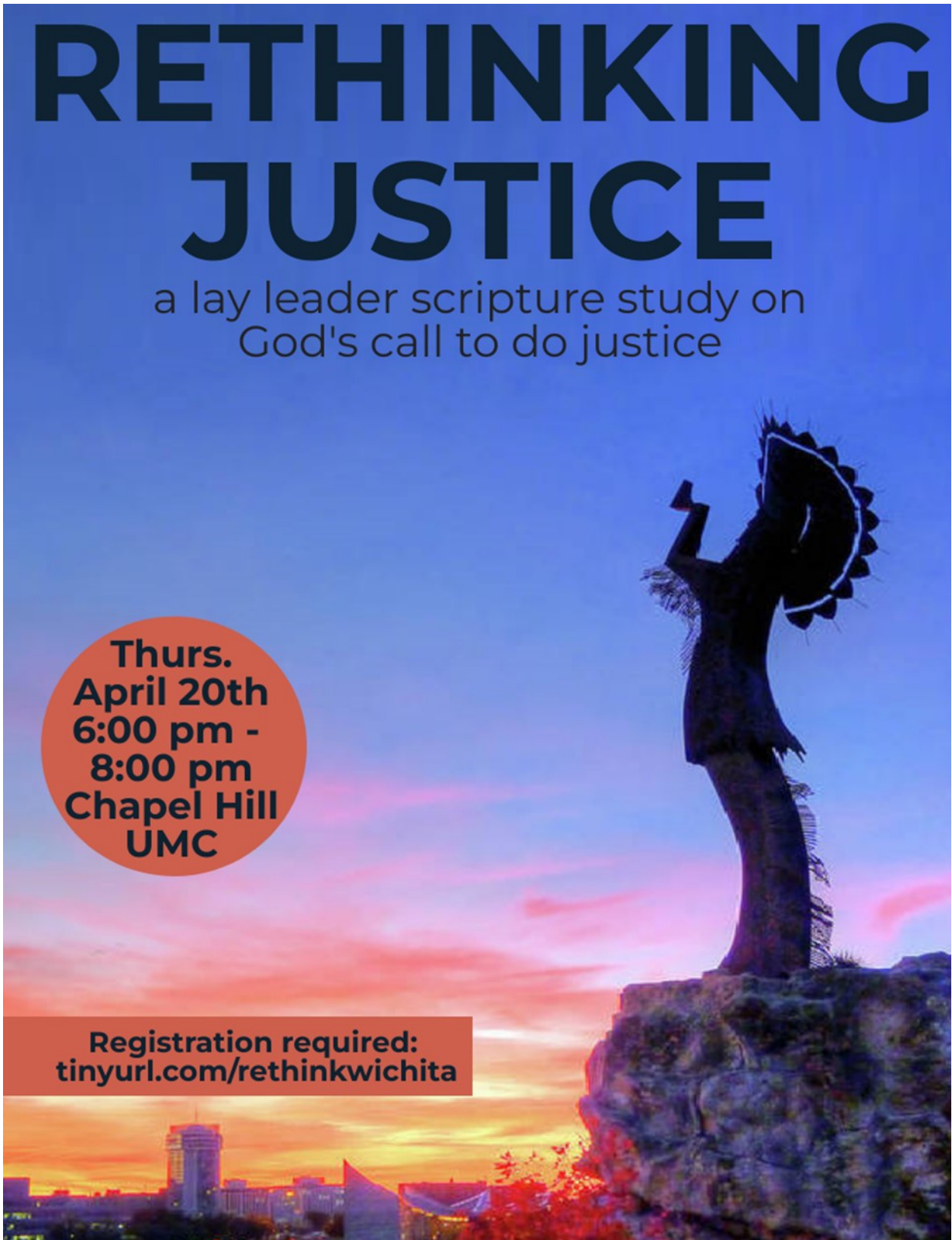


# RETHINKING JUSTICE

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](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 /April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 10:30am Worship Palm Sunday  Communion	<b>3</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Cabinet	<b>5</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects  6pm Seder Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 7pm Service of Darkness	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30am Worship Easter Sunday  Easter Egg Hunt following the service	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>12</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>14</b> Church Office Closed  3pm Bierock Baking	<b>15</b> 8am Bierock Baking
<b>16</b> 9am Fine Arts  10:30am Worship Mission Possible Sunday  11:30am Bierock Sale	<b>17</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Investment Club	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects  5:45pm CE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 9  
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.