



Celebration of Worship

April 23, 2023

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10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary *Caricature of a Sunday School Song* arr. Dale Wood
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements Evie

Call to Worship Murphy

***Opening Hymn** *Come, Children, Join to Sing* (page 6)

***Responsive Sentences** Finley

One: What does the Lord require of us?

All: To seek justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

One: Who are we called to be?

**All: We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others.**

One: Why do we gather for worship?

**All: We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of
opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, and to God's
rushing whirlwind of challenge. Let us worship God together!**

From United Church of Canada's "Bread Not Stones"

***Response of Praise** *Alleluia!*



*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Ben

Loving God, help us to see you in everyone we meet and love one another as did the one 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 *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Olive

Prayer Concerns

Ben

Prayer From United Church of Canada's "Bread Not Stones"

Evie

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Finley

Solo

Amazing Grace
Aubrie Culver

arr. Craig Courtney

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
Amazing Grace! Amazing Grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.
Amazing Grace! Amazing Grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.
Through many dangers, tolls and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace bath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
Amazing Grace! Amazing Grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

Scripture Reading

Murphy

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

Hymn of Preparation

This Little Light of Mine

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Sermon

A Word from Our Seniors

Colin Yager and Edie Gill

*Hymn of Departure

See the Children Here before Us

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*Benediction

Finley

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare
Christopher Shaw, organ

Alfred Fedak

*** Let all who are able please stand.**

***** Ushers will seat late comers.**

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers in memory and celebration of Kathie Edmiston Massey and Michael G. Massey. The Masseys were originally from Wichita and Kathie grew up at Plymouth as the daughter of E.K and Kathlien Edmiston.

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Come, Children, Join to Sing

G (D G) C G C G D G

1 Come, chil - dren, join to sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D G) C G C G D G

Praise to our Ser - vant - King: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Raise high the joy - ous strain: Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D G) C (G) Dsus4 D G (D G) C D

Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gra - cious choice,
 Christ calls his peo - ple friends, the help - less he de - fends,
 The whole cre - a - tion o'er let all God's love a - dore,

G (D G) C G Em Am G D G

now in this place re - joice: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 a love that nev - er ends: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sing - ing for ev - er - more: Hal - le - lu - jah!

This Little Light of Mine

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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See the Children Here before Us

G C D G C D

1 See the chil-dren here be-fore us, fresh ex-pres-sions of God's love,
 2 Price-less gifts be-yond all meas-ure are the chil-dren in our care.
 3 Now the church has come to-geth-er with a prom-ise we must share:

G C D G C D G

each young life a pre-cious prom-ise, sent from heav-en's realm a-bove.
 At this hour of ded-i-ca-tion, God, please hear our hum-ble prayer:
 to be faith-ful to the chil-dren you en-trust-ed to our care.

D7 G Em C D

God, we ask you now to bless them as they learn and grow each day.
 bless these par-ents on their jour-ney through a vast, un-chart-ed land;
 Let us see your love re-flect-ed in each small and pre-cious face;

G C D G C D G

Help us teach en-dur-ing les-sons that will guide them on their way.
 help them fol-low as you lead them with a gen-tle guid-ing hand.
 help us show them all the won-ders of your end-less love and grace.

Plymouth Art Gallery

The photographs in the hallway are from the Centennial Celebration of the Sanctuary that was held last October. The photographer, Kendra Cremin, did a fantastic job capturing the beauty of our sanctuary. The photographs are for sale as marked and will be on display through the month of May. If you would like to order a photo you can find an order form in the Sunday bulletins. Please contact Holly Yager at holly.yager@gmail.com if you would like a size that is not on the order form. All orders are due by June 4th. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community.

Numana at Plymouth

Plymouth will again be hosting a Numana food packaging event on Sunday, October 15, following the worship service that day. The goal will be to package 15,000 meals for shipment to Ukraine. We will need about 50 volunteers that day, plus some team leaders who will oversee each assembly table. More information will be communicated closer to the event, but go ahead and put the date on your calendars. Anyone can volunteer, including families with children, and it is not limited to Plymouth members.

This is a great way for Plymouth to engage in supporting an important outreach program, both financially and with volunteer involvement. Anyone who has done this in the past will confirm that it is a fun way to work together for the needs of people who are struggling with having enough food to feed their families.

Plymouth Congregational Church May Day Brunch

May 7, 2023

Brunch following church

(Brunch will include quiche, fruit, muffins & mimosas)

RSVP by May 4th

By calling the office at 684-0221

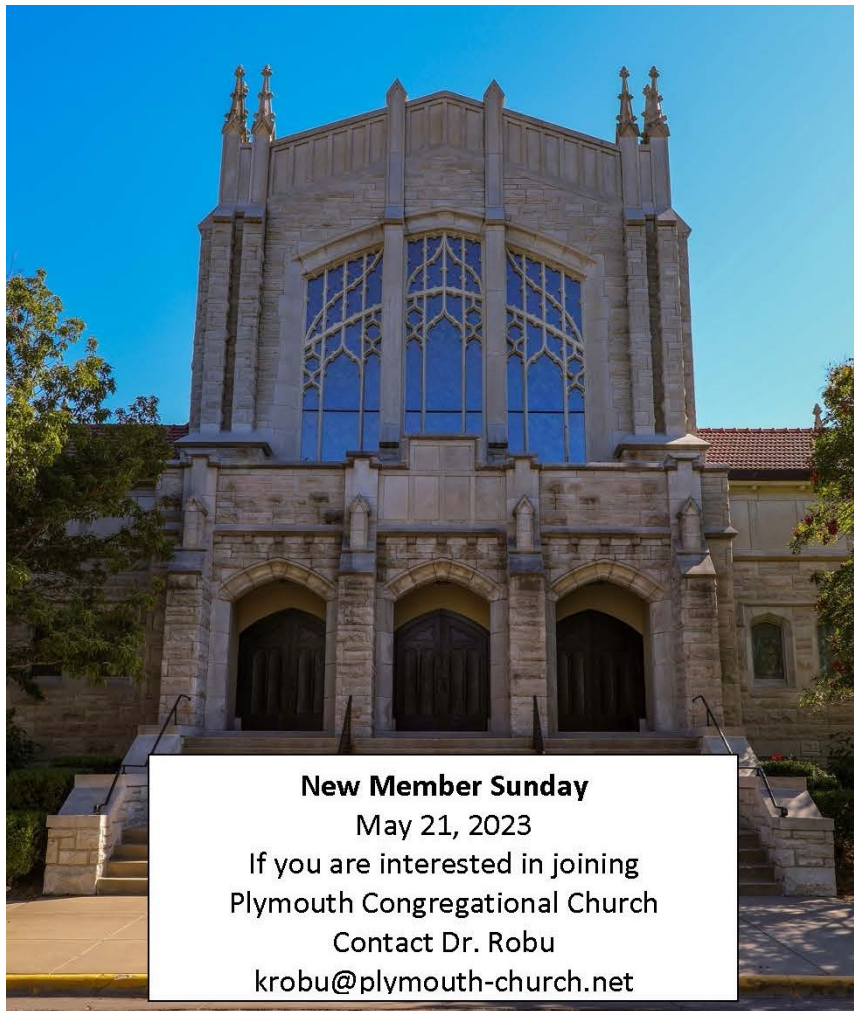
A photographer will be present to update members' photos for the church directory

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING GUESTS!

There will be a fun activity for the kids

Free-will donation





New Member Sunday

May 21, 2023

If you are interested in joining
Plymouth Congregational Church

Contact Dr. Robu
krobu@plymouth-church.net

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School | July 17 – 20 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

This year Plymouth Congregational Church will join forces with College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, and St. James Church for a College Hill Community Vacation Bible School

Location for the event will be College Hill United Methodist Church (The plan is to have a different church host the event each year)

More details to come!



April / May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 10:30am Sunday Worship, Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)	24 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	25 5:30p Trustee	26 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	27 2pm Plymouth Projects	28	29
30 8am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship	1 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	2 5:30pm Cabinet	3 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4 2pm Plymouth Projects	5	6
7 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30am May Day Brunch	8 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	9 5:30pm Growth Steering	10 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 2pm Plymouth Projects	12	13

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 30th.
Guest Preacher, Rev. Leigh Carlson**

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.