

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
February 4, 2024

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10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

Christ Is the World's Light
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Opening Hymn

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

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*Responsive Sentence

From Psalm 8

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and — one the God we praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

In this place we come into your presence. Create in us a newness of life as it was in the beginning. Create in us a new image of life as it will be in the future. Create in us the spirit of 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.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis:1: 26-31 DNRSV

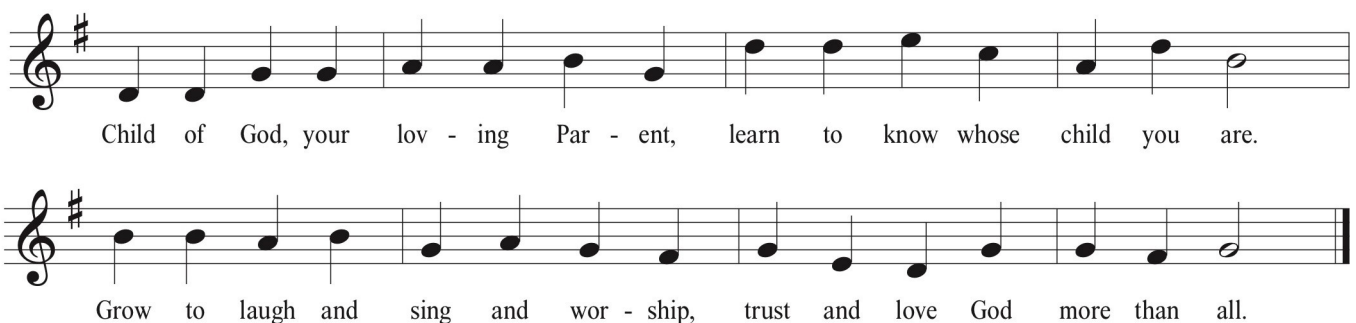
Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in God's image, in God's image God created them; male and female God created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that was had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

“Out There” from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Lyle Valentine

Stephen Schwartz
Alan Menken

Safe behind these windows and these parapets of stone,
gazing at the people down below me.
All my life I watch them as I hide up here alone,
hungry for the histories they show me.

All my life I memorize their faces,
knowing them as they will never know me.
All my life I wonder how it feels to pass a day,
not above them, but part of them!

And out there living in the sun.
Give me one day out there.
All I ask is one to hold forever.
Out there, where they all live unaware,
what I'd give, what I'd dare just to live one day out there!

Out there among the millers and the weavers and their wives,
through the roofs and gables I can see them.
Ev'ry day they shout and scold and go about their lives,
heedless of the gift it is to be them.

If I were in their skin, I'd treasure ev'ry instant out there.
Strolling by the Seine,
taste a morning out there like ordinary men and freely walk about there.
Just one day, and then I swear I'll be content with my share,
won't resent, won't despair.
Old and bent, I won't care:
I'll have spent one day out there.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Music Never Dies
Emily Son, guest conductor

Alfred Fedak

In the waking, in the growing,
in the making, in the knowing,
in the living, in the giving, music never dies.

In the sighing and the feeling,
in the crying and the healing,
in the playing, in the praying, music never dies.

In our humming and our singing,
in our drumming and our bringing
all our learning and our yearning, music never dies.

In our voices and our choices,
in our gladness and our sadness,
in the phrasing of our praising, music never dies.

In our starting and our ending,
in our parting and our sending,
in peace and love unending, music never dies.

Sermon

“Unnamed: Groundling, Mother, Serpent”

Dr. Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

Help Us Accept Each Other

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

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Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Christopher Tambling

***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

1. God, whose love is reign-ing o'er us, source of all, the
2. Word of God from na-ture bring - ing spring-time green and
3. Ho-ly God of an-cient glo - ry, choos-ing man and
4. Cove-nant, new a - gain in Je - sus, Star-child born to
5. Lift we then our hu-man voic - es in the songs that

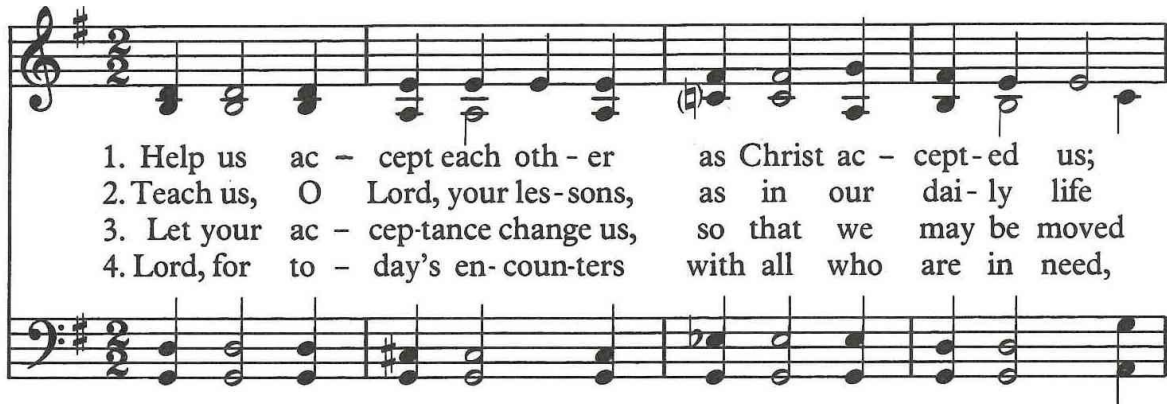
end - ing true; hear the u - ni - ver - sal cho - rus
au - tumn gold; moun-tain streams like chil-dren sing - ing,
wom - an, too; A-br'am's faith and Sa - rah's sto - ry
set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us
faith would bring; live we then in hu - man choic - es

raised in joy - ful praise to you: Al - le - lu - ia,
o - cean waves like thun - der bold: Al - le - lu - ia,
formed a peo - ple bound to you. Al - le - lu - ia,
how love's chil-dren we might be. Al - le - lu - ia,
lives that, like our mu - sic, sing: Al - le - lu - ia,

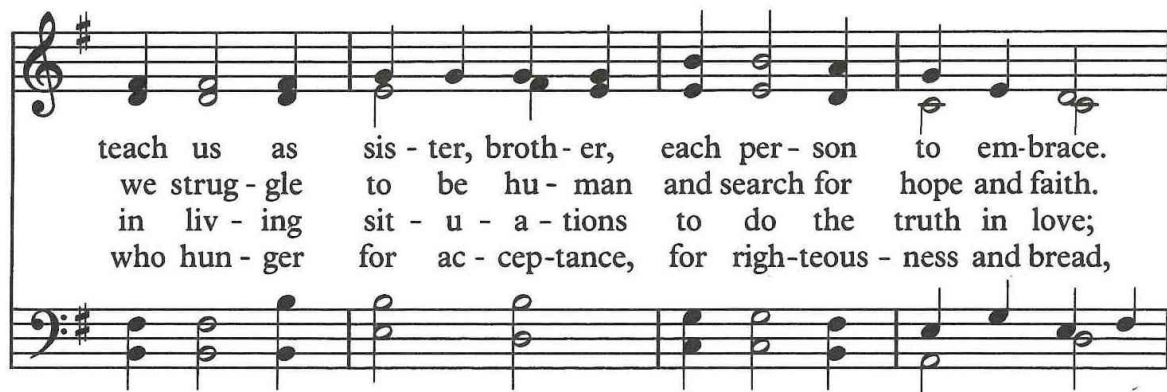
Al - le - lu - ia, wor-ship an - cient, wor-ship new.
Al - le - lu - ia, as cre - a - tion's tale is told.
Al - le - lu - ia, to your cove-nant keep us true.
Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, our Sav - ior he!
Al - le - lu - ia, joined in love our prais - es ring!

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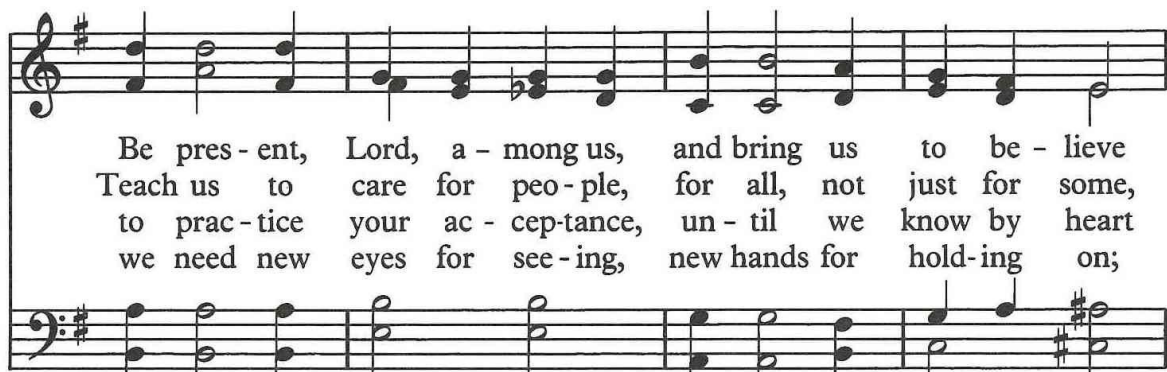
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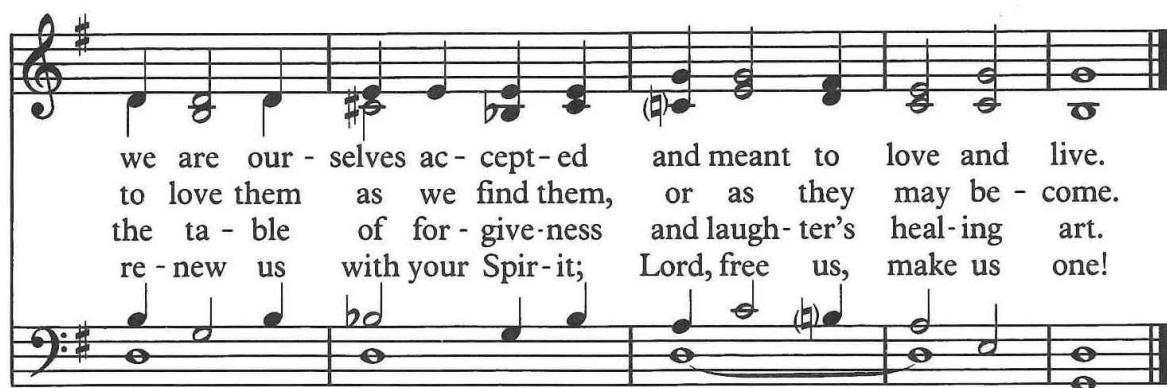
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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.



Blood Drive:

Date: Sunday, February 4th

Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: **Plymouth Congregational Church – Fellowship Hall**

Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/heart

Make an Appointment to Donate Blood:

To schedule your life-saving appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org – search sponsor code “Plymouth” or contact Lindsay Miller at 316-641-3969 or Lindsay.miller@redcross.org

The Plymouth Men's Club Invites you to enjoy a unique experience for this year. Please attend and enjoy!!!

Walter Vernon Lenten Series- 2024 Special Dr. Karen Robu Inspired Young Adult Invitational

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Introducer</u>
February 14- Sierra Waterman-Wells (<i>Via Zoom</i>)	Dr. Karen Robu
February 21- Ryan Malone	Dr. Karen Robu
February 28- Ethan Anderson (<i>Via Zoom</i>)	Dr. Karen Robu
March 6- George Depew	<i>To be determined</i>
March 13- Michael Safely (<i>Via Zoom</i>)	<i>To be determined</i>
March 20- Katie Robu	Dr. Karen Robu
Easter, March 31	

Plymouth Art Gallery

R. Glenn Garrison, Wildlife Artist

As a six-year-old boy, Glenn began to reveal his abilities when drawing and sketching everything he encountered in his St. Louis, Missouri hometown. One of Glenn's favorite places to spend time was the St. Louis Zoo. His personal observations of the animals as they fed, relaxed (and watched him in return), have allowed this artist to fill his drawings with incredible detail. Glenn uses a series of ink "dots" to create each animal's shape, detail and shadows. He learned this drawing technique, called "pointillism", as an illustrator in the Graphics Department at Southern Illinois University.

Glenn is a Juried Member of The Best of Missouri Hands organization, and a Signature Member of the Missouri Wildlife Artists Society. His art earns him acceptance into multiple juried shows, and he has been honored with many awards and monetary prizes. These credentials, combined with his 25-plus years of exhibiting in Arts and Crafts venues, have given Glenn a loyal following. Customers throughout Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Minnesota look forward to seeing Glenn at their favorite shows. He plans to expose his work nationally.

Each drawing is a limited-edition print. Glenn signs and numbers 200 prints per original. Hand-applied Prismacolor tints make every print unique.

Plymouth Display Case

Rachel Geyer is an emerging artist currently based in Newton who recently graduated from Bethel College with her BA in visual arts and theater. She is an Iowa native. Her current body of work has focused on paper arts and jewelry, but she is always exploring a variety of art forms.

Rachel began her interest in metalwork while learning to weld with her dad, but has gained a new interest in the details of the craft over her time in college. The careful work involved in jewelry making has strengthened her attention to detail and taught her a great deal of patience. She enjoys being intentional about creating art from reclaimed objects, often choosing to repurpose unwanted and unused materials instead of purchasing new ones. Some of her favorite suppliers include the local thrift store and any good paper recycling bin.

Rachel's most recent accomplishment was her senior art show, Solace in the Story, an immersive installation of book art forms combined with theatrical set and lighting design. She hopes to continue her technical theater career in the coming years, and will continue to pursue creativity wherever she goes. Her jewelry will be on display and for sale at Plymouth for February only.

Word & Note 2024 | February 23, 24 & 25

Dr. Bart Ehrman

“The Origins of Altruism: How the Teachings of Jesus Transformed the Conscience of the West“

Friday Night, Feb. 23, 7:00 with reception

“What’s God Got to Do With It?
Ethics Before Jesus“

Saturday Morning, Feb. 24, 10:30

“When Love Is Turned on Its Head:
The Christian Revolution“

Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 24, 1:00

“Prophetic Ethics on
Apocalyptic Steroids:
Jesus’ and Charitable Giving“

Sunday Morning, Feb. 25, 10:30

“How Forgiveness Became Atonement:
The Subversion of Jesus’ Message“



Tickets for Ehrman and McCutcheon available on-line at plymouth-church.net

An Evening with John McCutcheon

February 24th at 7pm.

General admission \$30

Student tickets available at the
door with current student ID \$10

Find out more about John McCutcheon at
<https://mikegreenassociates.com/roster/john-mccutcheon-bio/>



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, Administrative Assistant

Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher

Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer

Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

Health as a Spiritual Practice

Join us at Plymouth on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and bring a healthy sack lunch. We will spend 30 minutes walking at our own pace in Fellowship Hall. It's a nice flat surface and benches to sit if you need to rest. Corinne Depew will be there to take blood pressures for anyone who would like. When we're finished walking we will all sit and eat lunch together. Bring a friend!

Adult Sunday School

9 - 10 am in the Turner Room (upper level)

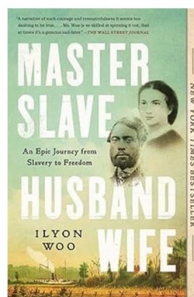
We are using the Great Courses video series "African American History: From Emancipation through Jim Crow." This course consists of 12 videos each approximately 35 minutes long. We will watch one video a week leaving time for 25 minutes of discussion following the video.

Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

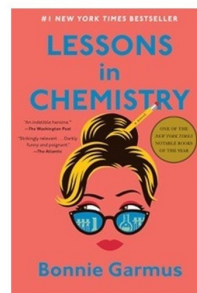
The next book club gathering will be held on February 18 at 6:30 pm at the Fearey's home. Bring a beverage for yourself and a snack to share.

Have you considered joining the PP Book club, but it takes you more than one month to make it through a book? Or, are you someone who likes to read ahead? Or, maybe you'd like to share the book with others. For all those reasons we are announcing the next three month's books!

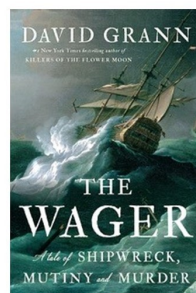
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8am Blood Drive 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Transition Committee 10:30am Sunday Worship	5 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	6 5:30pm Cabinet	7 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	8 11:30 Walking Lunch	9	10
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, February 11th.
Dr. Olsen 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.