

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
March 3, 2024

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10:30 am

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Opening Voluntary

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir
Ken Rodgers, organ

Samuel Scheidt
F.W. Zachau

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Opening Hymn

Sing a New World Into Being

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*Responsive Sentence

One: God has filled the earth with abundance.

All: How precious the water!

One: How holy the land!

All: How magnificent the creatures and creations!

One: God blessed them to multiply that there would be enough:

All: that none should go hungry...

One: that all should be sheltered...

All: that no one should be abandoned to suffering.

One: Though systems of evil distort this intention,

All: God will bring justice and restore right rhythms of life.

From Enfleshed.com

*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**

Generous One, you have woven our lives together like family. Teach us how to live faithfully to one another as kin: Recognizing the need of any one as our own need. Choosing to live generously, rejecting impulses to hoard or possess. That we may know the depths of the love 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.*

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 5:1-13

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin. For there were those who said, 'With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive.' There were also those who said, 'We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine.' And there were those who said, 'We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax. Now our flesh is the same as that of our kindred; our children are the same as their children; and yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have been ravished; we are powerless, and our fields and vineyards now belong to others.'

I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints. After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials; I said to them, 'You are all taking interest from your own people.' And I called a great assembly to deal with them, and said to them, 'As far as we were able, we have bought back our Jewish kindred who had been sold to other nations; but now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!' They were silent, and could not find a word to say. So I said, 'The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this taking of interest. Restore to them, this very day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.' Then they said, 'We will restore everything and demand nothing more from them. We will do as you say.' And I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do as they had promised. I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, 'So may God shake out everyone from house and from property who does not perform this promise. Thus may they be shaken out and emptied.' And all the assembly said, 'Amen', and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
(Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Olsen

Solo

Give Me Jesus
Emily Son

arr. Howard Helvey

I heard my mother say,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Walk with Me, Lord arr. and ad. by Rosephanye Powell

Walk with me, Lord.
All along this tedious journey,
Walk with me, Lord.
Please walk with me.

When I'm burdened, walk with me.
When my head is bowed down in sorrow,
walk with me, Lord.
Please walk with me, O Lord.

Along this tedious journey, Lord,
Please walk with me.
You are my shield. You are my sword.
Please walk with me.
Until I make it safely home,
Please walk with me.

When my head is bow'd down in sorrow,
walk with me, Lord.
Please walk with me, O Lord,
walk with me.

I am weary.
Lord, walk with me.

Sermon

“The Church Has Left the Building”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

For Everyone Born

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Siyahamba / We Are Marching In the Light of God

Ken Rodgers, organ

arr. John Behnke

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

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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.



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

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

Speaker

March 6- George Depew
March 13- Michael Safley (*Via Zoom*)
March 20- Katie Robu

Introducer

John Youle
John Youle
Dr. Karen Robu

Easter, March 31

The Plymouth Fine Arts Series Presents
A Taste of Ireland
March 17 starting at 6 p.m.
An evening of Irish food, beverages, and music.
Featuring the group Mead's Ghost.
Tickets \$20



Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister
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Sing a New World Intro Being

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: G, D7, G, D. Lyrics: 1 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme. 2 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where each gen - der, class, and race 3 Sing a new world in - to be-ing where the home-less find a home; 4 Sing a new world in - to be-ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

System 2: Chords: G, C, Am, G, D7, G. Lyrics: Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream: brings its rain-bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em-brace; where no chil-dren ev - er hun-ger but are filled with God's sha - lom; for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

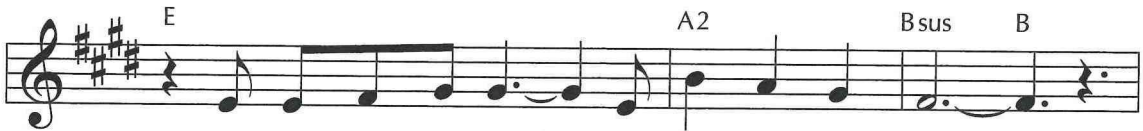
System 3: Chords: D, G, D, G, D7, B, Em, A, D, G. Lyrics: dream a church where all who wor-ship find their lives and loves be - long. Sing where the lines that once di - vid-ed form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing where all peo - ple work for jus-tice, where all hate and ven-geance cease. Sing when com-pas-sion flows like wa-ters, pour-ing balm for all who grieve. Sing

System 4: Chords: C, Am, G, D, G. Lyrics: a new world in - to be-ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song! a new world in - to be-ing: risk trans-form-ing heart and mind! a new world in - to be-ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace. a new world in - to be-ing: live the prom-ise you be - lieve!

For Everyone Born



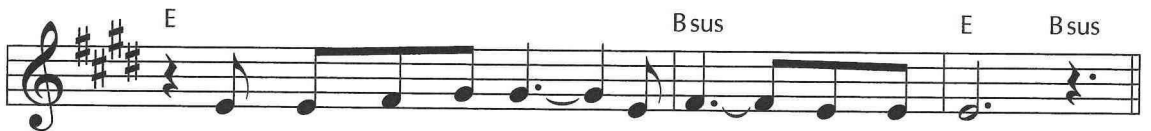
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) *Fine* A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

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 March book club gathering will be held on March 24 at 6:30 pm at the Arnold's home.

April book club gathering will be held on April 21st at 6:30 pm at the home of Alberta Nichols.

Plymouth is a “Community-Serving” congregation, because church is more than just Sunday mornings.

Plymouth is home to the Plymouth Preschool and Learning Center, a separate LLC established in 2012 providing quality education and care to 96 students ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The acoustics in our sanctuary make it a favorite performance space for the Wichita Chamber Chorale and other groups and individuals for concerts and recitals. Our building is home to a women's AA group, aerobics group, folk dance group, and line dance group. Music Theatre Wichita's young people's Academy rehearses in our Fellowship Hall. We have a gallery where local artists can display and sell their art. In 2013 Plymouth Church partnered with College Hill Elementary school across the street to put in a community garden on the school grounds. The project created opportunities for teaching leadership and service skills and has introduced students to hands-on learning experiences. The Plymouth Endowment Foundation along with contributions from our members provided financial support to over 30 organizations in 2023 including the Wichita Children's Home, Humankind Ministries, Wichita Pride, and the Pando Initiative. Our kitchen is used to prepare meals for the Emergency Winter Shelter and we hold a yearly food-packaging event to package 15,000 meals through The Outreach Project. Plymouth was one of 30 congregations to help form the new organization, Justice Together, providing space for training and financial support. The initial focus of this new organization is homelessness and mental illness.

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

John Buckner is a Professor Emeritus at Washburn University. An organist, he's been active in church music most of his life. He's a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Blvd, Wichita. The son of a fine amateur woodworker, he's been turning wood on a lathe since he was seven years old.

Since relocating to North Newton in 2006, Dr. Buckner has opened his shop to Bethel College students interested in learning the basics of woodturning. They work together as John Buckner & Friends, Fine Woodturning. Four Bethel students will be joining him at Plymouth. John last displayed at Plymouth in 2022.

In woodturning, Dr. Buckner believes strongly in combining art and utility. Everything that comes from his shop is useful. While each piece can be appreciated as a work of art, it is also functional. In this he follows William Morris of the Arts and Crafts Movement, who said, "Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful."

John and Friends (four tennis players from Bethel College!) will be here to meet & greet us this Sunday, March 3rd. Please join us in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour as they will be bringing a portable lathe to demonstrate the art of woodturning.

February/March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30 am Justice Ministry	4 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	5 5:30pm Cabinet	6 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9
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17 9am Fine Arts Board 10:30am Sunday Worship 6pm A Taste of Ireland	18 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	19 Election Day 5:30 pm Investment Club	20 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	21 5:30 CE Mtg	22	23

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 10th.
Joyce Gedraitis will be speaking.**

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.