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# ***Celebration of Worship***

**March 10, 2024**

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10:30 am

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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### Opening Voluntary

*Récit de Nazard*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

### Welcome and Announcements

Michael Aumack

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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### \*Responsive Sentence

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his Sanctuary;

**All: Praise him in his mighty Firmament!**

One: Praise him for his might deeds;

**All: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### \*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Together let us pray for our church, our community and those around the word that are in need of your love and understanding ...*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

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6: 5 – 8

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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



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## A Moment with Our Children

Joyce Gedraitis

## **Solo**

"You Walk with Me"  
Ted Dvorak

from *The Full Monty*

Is it the wind  
Over my shoulder?  
Is it the wind that I hear gently whispering  
Are you alone there in the valley?  
No, not alone for you walk, you walk with me

Is it the wind there over my shoulder?  
Is it your voice calling quietly?  
Over the hilltop, down in the valley  
Never alone for you walk with me

When evening falls  
And the air gets colder  
When shadows cover the road I am following  
Will I be along there in the darkness?  
No, not alone, not alone  
And I'll never be...

Never alone, you are walking  
You're walking with me

Is it the wind there, over my shoulder?  
Is it your voice calling quietly?  
Over the hilltop, down in the valley  
Never alone for you walk with me  
Over the hilltop, down in the valley  
Never alone for you walk with me

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to Offering**

## **Anthem**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*  
Diane Fast, guest conductor

David Cherwien

If you but trust in God to guide you,  
With hopeful heart through all your ways,  
You will find strength, with God beside you,  
To bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
Build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,  
In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in God's care and keeping,  
In sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through every loss.

Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content,  
Trusting that grace which knows no measure  
Will by unbounded Love be sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear  
To One who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;  
Offer your service faithfully,  
And trust God's word, though undeserving,  
There find the truth to set you free;  
God will not fail to guide and bless  
Those who embrace God's faithfulness.

## **Sermon**

"Prompted to Pray"

Joyce Gedraitis

## **\*Hymn of Departure**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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## **\*Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Fugue in e minor*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

**North Entry Greeter** Katy Brammer

**Communion Table Flowers** Katy Brammer

## 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 13- Michael Safley (*Via Zoom*)

March 20- Katie Robu

### Introducer

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

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



# Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my  
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious  
 my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.  
 spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!  
 faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has  
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my  
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the  
 Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my  
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!  
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;  
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -  
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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## Donations For Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We are accepting donations of candy to fill eggs for our yearly Easter Egg Hunt.

No new eggs are needed at this time.



## Easter Lilies

We are selling lilies which will be used to adorn the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**. 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, March 27th**. Please call the church office for information, 684-0221 or email us at [office@plymouth-church.net](mailto:office@plymouth-church.net).



## Meal Train

We are wanting to assist any of our members and friends who are going through a rough patch because of illness or other issues by preparing and delivering meals when the need arises. Abby Arthur and Sharon Fearey will be heading up this effort. They will work closely with Dr. Olsen and Dr. Robu to learn what needs there may be. If you hear of someone who may need some help with meals, or if you could use a hand with this, please let the church office, one of the ministers, or one of us know. The same holds true if you know of someone in the congregation who could use some help.

We know that people may be available sometimes to make or deliver meals and other times may not be able to help. Sharon and Abby would appreciate knowing who may be willing so that we can keep a list and reach out when there is a need. You can email or call [abbyarthur@gmail.com](mailto:abbyarthur@gmail.com) at (316) 285-4681 or [Sharon.fearey@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.fearey@gmail.com) (316) 650-0006.

## **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
<b>10</b>  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>11</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>12</b>  5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>13</b>  5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  9am Fine Arts Board  10:30am Sunday Worship  6pm A Taste of Ireland	<b>18</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>19</b>  Election Day  5:30 pm Investment Club	<b>20</b>  5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>  5:30 CE Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  10:30am Palm Sunday Worship  6:30 pm Progressive Pilgrims Book Club	<b>25</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>26</b>  5:30 pm Trustee	<b>27</b>  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>  6pm Seder Dinner	<b>29</b>  7pm Service of Darkness	<b>30</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 17th.  
Ashly Cleere 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.