

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
March 24, 2024

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10:30 am

Palm Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on St. Theodulph
Ken Rodgers, organ

Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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***Responsive Sentence**

Psalm 118:19-23

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

***Response of Praise**

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**

As Jesus entered Jerusalem may we enter this house of worship, filled with hope and possibility and enough foolishness to think we can change the world. As Jesus endured the challenges of this week and changed the world, may our foolishness be fermented into wisdom, our hopefulness transformed into vision and our house of worship into a path in the ways Jesus taught and prayed ...*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

Luke 23:32-43 NRVS

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah¹ of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Dr. Robu

Solo

Jesus Died Alone
Jennifer King

Joel Raney

Many people lined the way as the King rode into town.
Little children sang and played, laying branches on the ground.
But in the garden, on his knees, 'neath the silent olive trees,
where he prayed in agony,
Jesus prayed alone.

Five thousand gathered on a hill just to sit beneath his feet,
to hear him teach his father's will near the sea of Galilee.
But on the night he was betrayed, to the priest no word he gave.
No defense to them he made.
Jesus stood alone.

The sick and lame from miles around came from every town and land;
with their faces on the ground, seeking healing by his hand.
But when he hung upon the tree, on a hill called Calvary,
forsaken, died for all to see,
Jesus died alone.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us
He is the air, we are his song
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

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Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us
He is the air, we are his song,
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

God is our refuge and strength;
A present help in time of trouble
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
(Psalm 46)

Sermon

“The Unnamed Hooligans”

Rev. Dr. Don Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Toccata on Ellacombe* arr. Mark Thallander & Bruce Wilkin
Ken Rodgers, organ

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

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North Entry Greeter Clifford Depew

Communion Table Flowers Don & Penny Olsen

Thank you from The Plymouth Men's Club

Thank you from The Plymouth Men's Club to our Young Adult Speakers Ryan Malone, Ethan Anderson, George Depew, Michael Safley, and Katie Robu in The Rev. Dr. Karen Robu Invitational Lenten Series. Everyone of you had an excellent and interesting presentation. Thanks, also, to Dr. Robu for the idea of the theme, to John Youle for introductions, and to Sharon Fearey for filling in at the last minute.

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister

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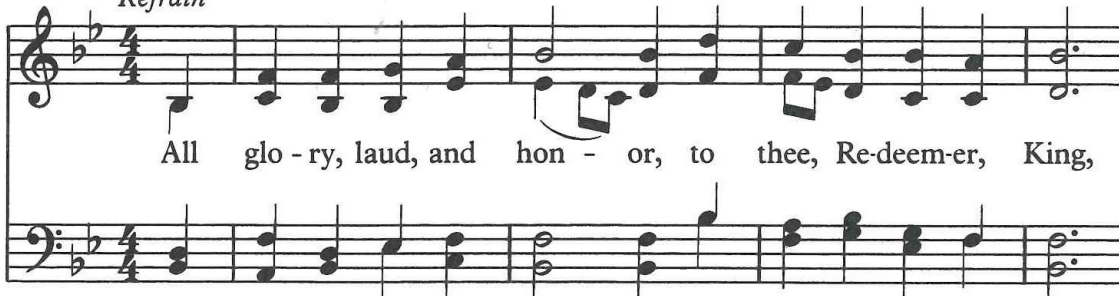
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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

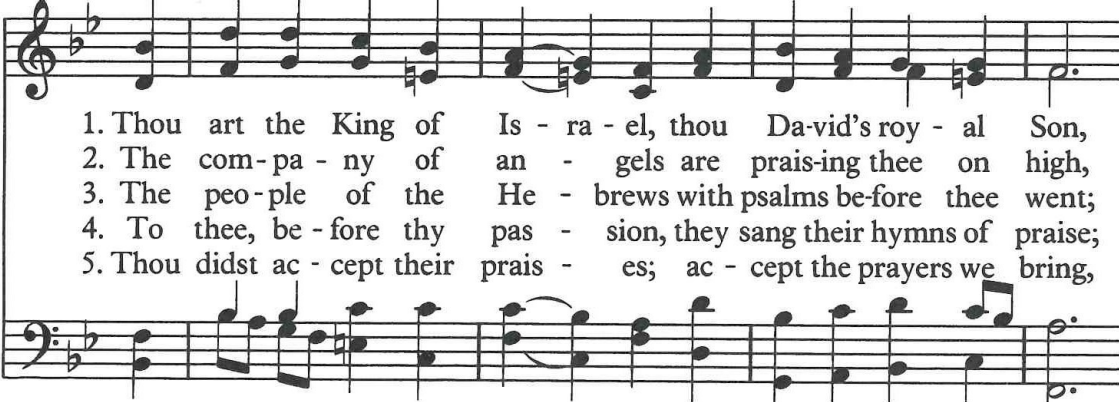


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine

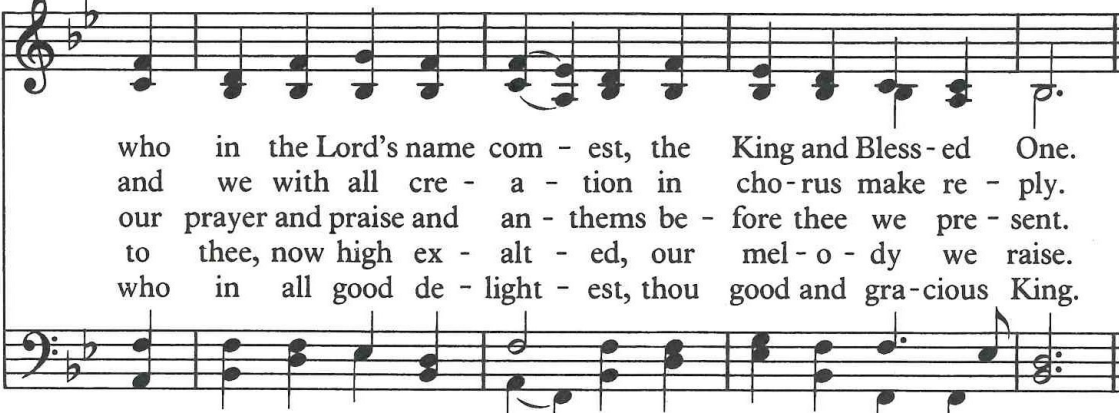


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



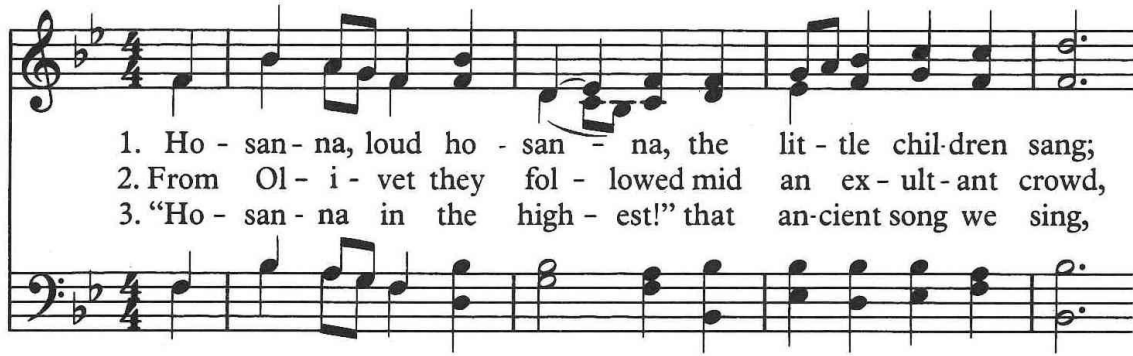
1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with psalms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.

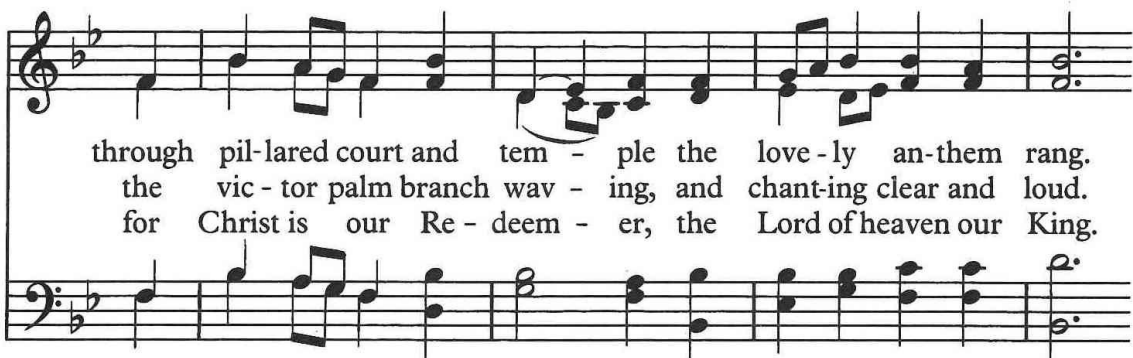


who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless-ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho-rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King.

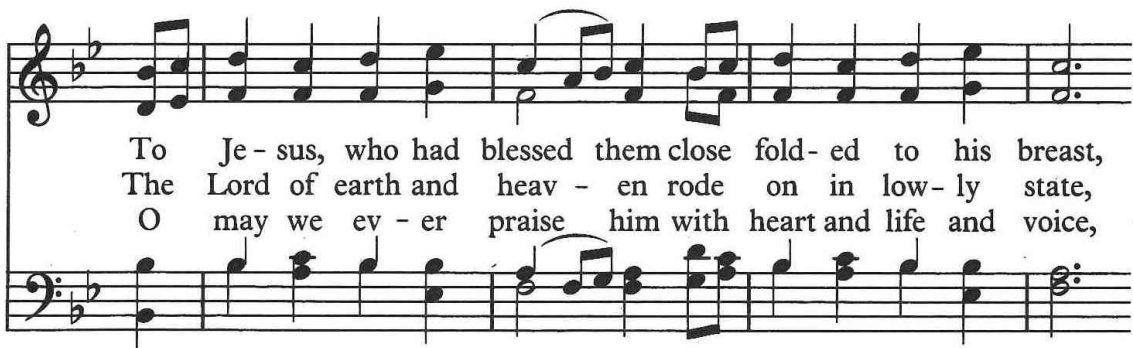
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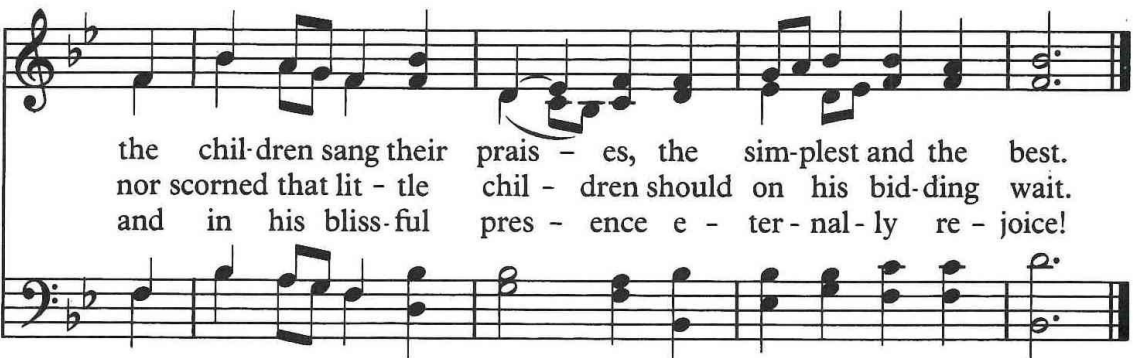
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly 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!

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.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO ALL MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

Please take notice that the Church Cabinet of Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas has called for a special meeting of all church members. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote upon the use of \$350,000.00 of Plymouth Endowment Foundation Living Legacy Fund principal in order to provide for the expansion of the Plymouth Preschool Learning Center at 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas. A vote of 75% of the members of Plymouth Congregational Church in attendance at the special meeting is required to allow expenditure of any principal of the Foundation's Living Legacy Fund. This meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas.

DATED this 12 th day of March, 2024.

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.

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.



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 at (316) 285-4681 or Sharon.fearey@gmail.com (316) 650-0006.

Our gallery showing for Mr. Garrison will conclude the first week of April. Please enjoy his beautiful drawings, and make a purchase. 85% of the price will be returned to Mr. Garrison and 15% will remain in our Fine Arts Fund. Did you know *he is now 90 yrs old* and still showing his works in Kansas City and other regional locations? Did you know he recently sent us three new pieces? Look for the butterflies, bear, and bugs -- ladybugs, that is!

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

Dr Buckner created some special pens in honor of our recent St Patrick's Day Fine Arts event on Sunday March 17th. He has turned some pens from Irish Bog Oak. The wood is about a thousand years old, buried for centuries in a peat bog in County Galway. The solid black color comes from a chemical reaction between the oak wood and the peat. The pens are quintessentially Irish! -- and on sale beginning Sunday the 17th. There will be only 6-8 pens available.

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."

March/April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship 6:30 pm Progressive Pilgrims Book Club	25 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30 pm Deacons	26 5:30 pm Trustee	27 7pm Choir Rehearsal	28 6pm Seder Dinner	29 7pm Service of Darkness	30
31 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship	1 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	2 5:30 pm Cabinet	3 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6pm WCC Concert Rehearsal	5 6pm WCC Concert	6
7 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship	8 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	9 5:30 pm Growth Steering	10 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12 Carey Wedding Rehearsal	13 Carey Wedding

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 31st.
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.