



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Youth Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Keith Kolander
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements Finley W.

Call to Worship Charlotte

***Opening Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (page 6)
Acolytes
Bennett & Lucy

***Responsive Sentences** Murphy

One: In time of silver rain the earth puts forth new life again,

All: Green grasses grow and flowers lift their heads,

One: And all over the plain the wonder spreads

All: Of life, of life, of life.

One: In time of silver rain the butterflies lift silken wings to catch a rainbow cry

All: And trees put forth new leaves to sing in joy beneath the sky. When spring and life are new.

“In Time of Silver Rain” By Langston Hughes

***Response of Praise** Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Olive

God with us, may we see you in every part of creation, feel you as close to us as breath, and hear your Word in 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

Ben

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

Evie

Solo

Rainbow
Finley W.

by Kacey Musgraves,
Shane Mcanally, & Natalie Hemby

Prayer Concerns

Tucker

Prayer

Finley S.

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Dawes

Solo

Children of the Heavenly Father
Emily Son

arr. John Ferguson

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in thy bosom gather,
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge never was given.

God thy own doth tend and nourish,
In your holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things God spares them,
In your mighty arms you bear them.

Though God giveth or God taketh,
God, your, children never forsaketh;
You're the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

A Word from Our Seniors

Maddox & Brody

***Hymn of Departure**

See the Children Here before Us

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***Benediction**

Olive

Closing Voluntary

Now the Green Blade Rises
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Mark Sedio

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

North Entry Greeter Cindy Perkins

Communion Table Flowers Cindy Perkins

Wednesday Night Dinner Needs Volunteers!

We need three volunteers each Wednesday night to assist with serving and clean up. One volunteer needs to know how the dishwasher works, or be willing to learn. The other two volunteers will help clear the tables and put dishes away after they have been washed. A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall bulleting board. Thanks for volunteering!

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, Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

The first system of musical notation for the song, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,"

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all." The system concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

The third system of musical notation, which includes four numbered verses of lyrics. The lyrics are: "1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by, 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun, 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell"

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

The fourth system of musical notation, featuring the refrain and a "to Refrain" instruction. The lyrics are: "God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings. the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky: the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one. how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well." The system ends with a double bar line and the word "to Refrain".

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 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

Ken Gaeddert and Debra Voth, April-May 2024

Greetings to our Christian brothers and sisters at Plymouth Congregational Church! My wife, Debra Voth, and I were privileged to visit two countries, Vietnam and Guatemala. Also, Debra took the opportunity to visit Nepal. During the time when we took our trips, I was a professor at Hutchinson Community College and Debra was working as a clinical social worker at the Robert J. Dole Veterans Administration Medical Center. We are now retired in Hesston, KS.

The trips to Vietnam and Guatemala were visits to our sons. Jesse, our youngest, was serving in Hanoi through a Mennonite Church organization called Serving and Learning Together (SALT), (mcc.org/salt). Lee, our oldest, was doing research in Guatemala for his doctorate in Environmental Engineering through the Missouri Institute of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO. Debra's trip to Nepal was through a Mennonite Church organization called Mennonite Learning Tour (<https://mcc.org/search?keywords=learning+tours>). Having been a clinical social worker, she wanted to learn how the Nepalese people were coping with the trauma of the 2015 earthquake.

I am not a professional photographer nor is Debra. I was a Biology Professor at Emporia State University and later at Hutchinson Community College, so most of my photography has been nature photos for my classroom presentations. (Two years ago I displayed insect photos at Dyck's Arboretum in Hesston, KS.) I credit any artistic and technological ability to my father-in-law who gave me my first quality camera, a Nikon film camera. He encouraged me to develop my skills with subject selection as well as learn the technology. Debra is an artist. She does beautiful drawings and paintings, and more recently built a She-Cave where she experiments with various crafts. Her artistic ability and sensitivity to the subject shows through her pictures from Nepal. Overall, what makes these photos stand out is the focus on people and cultures and natural landscapes that few people will see firsthand. Hopefully, they will draw you in and give you a sense of what we experienced.

If you would like to purchase a copy of an 11 x 14 photo, I will sell them for what you feel you can afford in the range of 6-30 dollars. \$6 would cover printing, and anything over that amount will go to Plymouth Congregational Church. I ask that you respect my copyrights and do not submit them to any publications or put them online for the public or attempt to make money off of them. If you hear of someone who would like me to display these photos elsewhere, please contact me at gaeddertkenlee@gmail.com. May God use this display to connect us to others across the globe.

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."

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.

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!

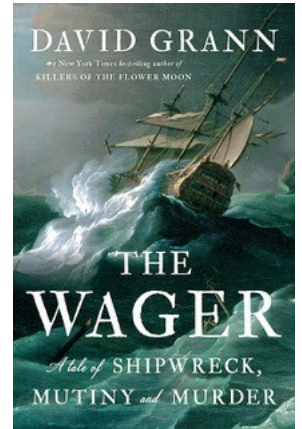
Ways to Give

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.



Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

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



Food Bank Birthday Kits



In celebration of Plymouth's 139th Birthday we will be packaging birthday kits for the Kansas Food Bank. On Wednesday, May 8th after Wednesday night dinner, we will be assembling Food Bank Birthday Cake Kits. We are asking for your help in donating the items we need. Our goal is to assemble 200 - 300 kits. Please drop off your items at the church; there will be a collection table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help and donations! If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Miller 316-207-7363

or lindsay.miller@redcross.org.

- 9x13 foil pans with lid
- Cake mix
- Cake Frosting tub
- Case of Sprite or 7Up
- Package of Birthday Candles
- Generic Birthday cards
- Happy Birthday Banner
- Sprinkles
- Birthday Napkins

Save the Date!



To be held at Plymouth Congregational Church
June 17 – 21 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

In collaboration with College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, Pleasant Valley United Methodist, St. James Episcopal, and University Congregational

To register a participant or to volunteer scan the QR Code



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 10:30am Youth 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
14 10:30am Sunday Worship	15 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	16 5:30pm Investment Club	17 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 5:45pm CE Mtg	19	20
21 Mission Possible Sunday 7am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship	22 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	23 5:30pm Trustee	24 9am Justice Together 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26 4pm Bierock baking	27 10am Bierock Baking

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 14th.
 Dr. Robu 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.