



Celebration of Worship
April 14, 2024

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10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary

Reflection on "St. Fulbert"
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. James Biery

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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***Responsive Sentences**

From Genesis 28

One: Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it.

All: How awesome is this place!

One: This is none other than the house of God,

All: and this is the gate of heaven.

***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 melody is written on a single 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**

Spirit of Truth, sometimes we are tempted to treat ourselves, our neighbors, and our environment as less than sacred. We are tempted to relive patterns of domination instead of doing the careful work of compassionate living. We get bogged down with the suffering of the world and caught in the quicksand of complacency. Lift us up out of the pit, that we might be more like 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

John 13:1-20

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.'

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



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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

I Need Thee Every Hour
Ellen Sudarshan

arr. Nathan Owens

I need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour,
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their power
When thou art nigh.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour,
In joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is in vain.

I need thee every hour,
Most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

Prayer Concerns

Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Eugene Butler

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Sermon

“Dirty Feet”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Kristina Langlois

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

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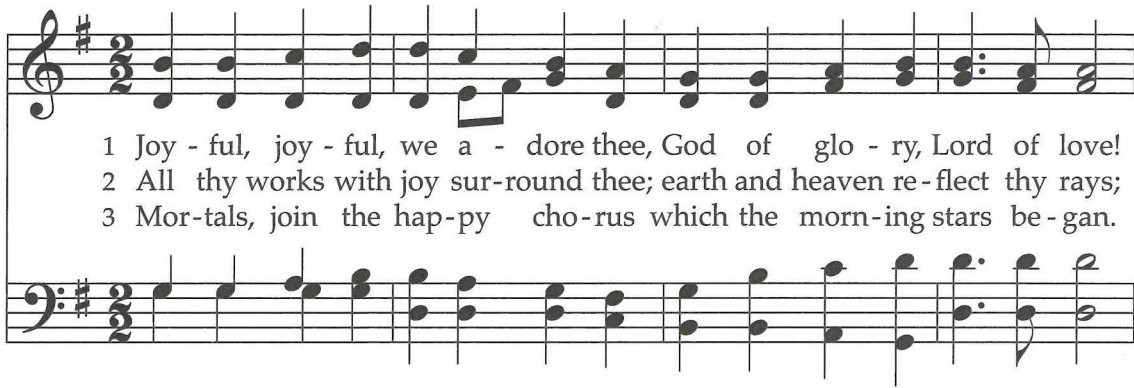
North Entry Greeter Nancy Roskam

The floral arrangement on the Communion Table is in celebration of the marriage of Kalen Carey and Brendan Cassidy on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Kalen is the daughter of Damon and Jessica Carey and the granddaughter of Larry and Patricia Carey. Brendan is the son of Gary and Ali Cassidy.

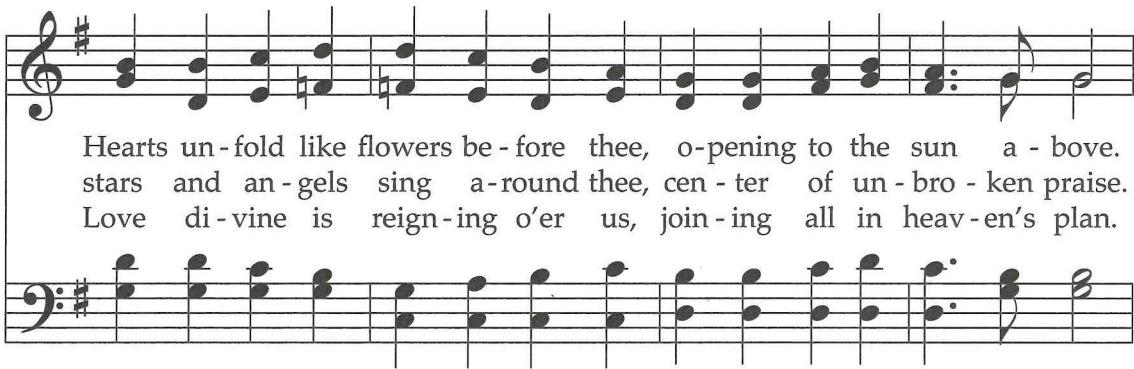
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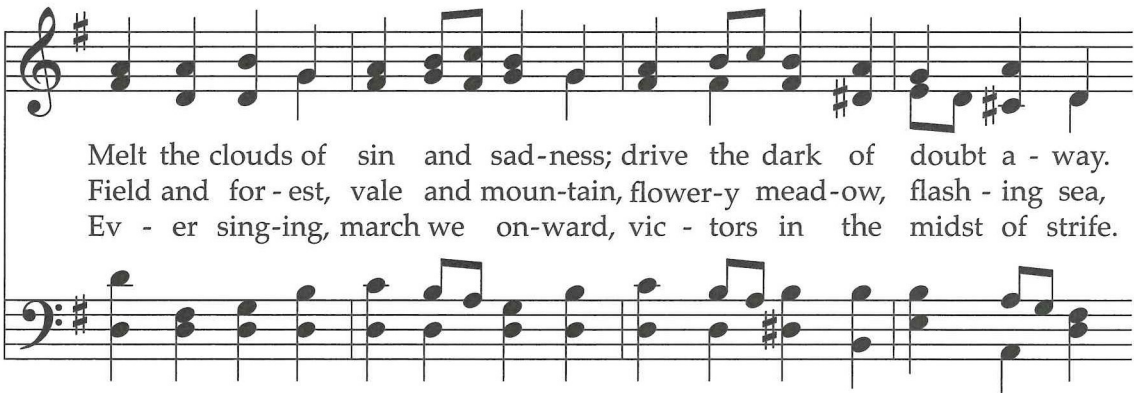
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) F (A7) C7 (Bm) Dm (G) Bb (Em7/G) Gm7/Bb

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
 5 Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

(Asus) Csus (A7) C7 (D) F (A7) C7 (Bm) Dm (G) Bb

your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

(Em7) Gm7 (G/A) Bb/C (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb

be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

(Em) (F#m) (G) (A7) (D)
 Gm Am Bb C7 F

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

(A7) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 C7 Dm Gm C7 F

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

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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!

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!

*Presented by the Wichita Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists*

A TRIO OF KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS:

the harpsichord, organ, and piano

Bridget Hille, piano

Ken Rodgers, harpsichord and organ

Christopher Shaw, organ

Burton Tidwell, organ

Anne Yap, piano

Saturday, April 20th, 2024, 3:00 PM

Plymouth Congregational Church

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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."

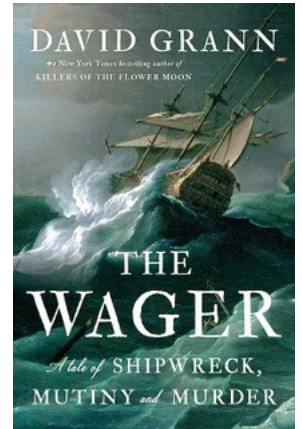
Ways to Give

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
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
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 21st.
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.