



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* arr. James Biery
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible Ronald McDonald House Charities Susan Smythe

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)* (page 6)

***Responsive Sentences** From Enfleshed.com

One: God is an invitation. A lure. A chance to do things differently.

All: Always before us, God is the possibility of collective change.

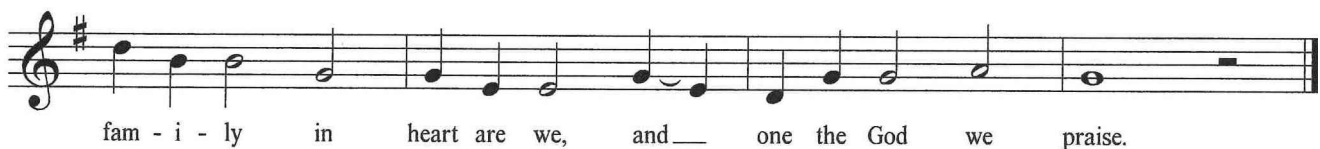
One: Though everyday ordinary patterns of living disguise evil and cover over sins of power,

All: God makes known what is hidden, calls us to courage, makes us capable of radical solidarity.

One: We are not left powerless. Every day there are openings.

All: Every day a chance to choose what is right. Every day a chance to re-pattern the world.

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



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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Beloved One, as we pray the prayer that you taught, deepen our capacity to practice love as substantial as yours...*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

Zechariah 8:1-8

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts." The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a children's song.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Ah, Holy Jesus
Lyle Valentine

arr. Richard Walter's

text:

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee,
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I can not pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray thee.
Think on my pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Gather at the River
Scott Hay, guest conductor

Susan LaBarr

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful , the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river,
that flows by the throne of God.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

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| Sermon | “Disability in the Church: Are All Welcome?” | Dr. Robu |
| *Hymn of Departure | <i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i> | (page 8) |
| *Benediction | | |
| Closing Voluntary | <i>Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain</i> Christopher Shaw, organ | arr. Wilbur Held |

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

Select liturgy taken and/or adapted from Enfleshed.com

North Entry Greeter Nancy Roskam

Communion Table Flowers Nancy Roskam

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

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine, and wheat: a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and streng - then,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Refrain

(Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Em) Gm

all are wel - come, all are wel - come,

(D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

all are wel - come in this place.

Summoned by the God Who Made US

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,
 2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, robed in ho-li-ness and light,
 3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.
 4 Bring the hopes of ev'-ry na-tion; bring the art of ev'-ry race.
 5 Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

A7 D A D G A7 D

gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
 ev-'ry per-son in God's im-age, ev-'ry per-son, God's de-light.
 Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.
 Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.
 shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain A7 D G D A7 D G D

Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

A7 D A D G A7 D

sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

Mission Possible Sunday

Ronald McDonald House Charities Wichita supports families with sick or injured children under the age of 21 and also serves out-of-town, high-risk pregnant women who have to be close to the critical care they need. Their facility is located near Wesley Children's Hospital and can accommodate 20 families per night for a total of 80 adults and children. A 24/7 awake staff is available to care for the families. There is also a Ronald McDonald Family Room adjacent to Wesley Hospital's pediatric care facilities.

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 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!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 21 Mission Possible Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship | 22 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers | 23 | 24 9am Justice Together 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 25 | 26 4pm Bierock baking | 27 10am Bierock Baking |
| 28 Bierock Sale 7am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship | 29 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons | 30 5:30pm Trustee | 1 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10:30am Sunday Worship | 6 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers | 7 5:30pm Cabinet | 8 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal | 9 | 10 | 11 |

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, April 28th.
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.