



Plymouth Congregational Church  
Corner of Lawrence Ave. and Second Street

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***Celebration of Worship***  
**May 18, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

May 18, 2025

10:30 am

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Opening Voluntary\*\*\*** Intermezzo-Adagio-Chorale on “The Church’s One Foundation”  
- arr. Robert Hobby

## Welcome and Announcements

## Introit

## \*Opening Hymn

*What is This Place*

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## \*Responsive Reading

Elaine Neel

One: Beloveds, the Holy One gathers us together with purpose:

**All: To dream of futures yet imagined.**

One: To bolster our courage before powers and principalities.

**All: To nurture our love for one another.**

One: God’s blessing is upon us as we come to wrestle:

**All: with meaning and justice,**

One: with questions of love,

**All: with the calling upon our lives.**

**The Spirit is moving! Let us worship together.**

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



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**Holy One, as we honor the intentions of this day, we pause to remember that we do so in the presence of our ancestors. Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, we welcome the memories of our honorable ancestors of the faith, our given and chosen family, within and beyond the church. We pause to remember those who made us – their struggle and love and offerings – and to welcome them, not as distant relatives but as those still present who hold us accountable to past and future. May their witness challenge us as we heed God's call to push farther, love deeper, and build together a future worthy of generations to come. All this we ask as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught...**

**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**

Ephesians 4:11-16

Elaine Neel

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Welcoming Song      *These Treasured Children*      PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

(Let the children come forward.)



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## A Moment with Our Children

Jeanne Thompson

### Solo

*He Shall Feed His Flock*  
Clifton Vogt

John Ness Beck

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom,  
and gently shall lead those that are with young.

He shall gather the lambs in His arm,  
and carry them close to His heart;  
and gently so gently, so gently shall lead those with  
young.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom,  
and gently shall lead those that are with young.

## Prayer Concerns

Jane Gilchrist

## Pastoral Prayer

Jane Gilchrist

## Invitation to Offering

Joe Henderson

## Anthem

*Still I Sing Alleluia*  
Scott Hay, guest conductor

arr. Kyle Pederson

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind,  
with Spirit below and beside me;  
with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,  
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,  
when my shadows and demons surround me;  
when questions I spin echo answerless within,  
even then, even then, "Alleluia."

Alleluia, Still I sing Alleluia,  
Open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;  
hear all prayers that we offer to you, Lord;  
breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,  
that our lips may confess, "Alleluia."

## Message

Jane Gilchrist, Bev Douthett, Anna Uhlig

## \*Closing Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary\*\*\* Toccata on "The Church's One Foundation"

arr. Robert Hobby

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

Select liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com) and [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).

\*\*\*All part of a larger work: The Church's One Foundation: Suite on Aurelia - Robert A. Hobby, MorningStar 2004

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# What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG 9.8.9.8.9.6.6

C F C G F C

1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

G C F C G

earth its floor, walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed. Names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

F C G C F G

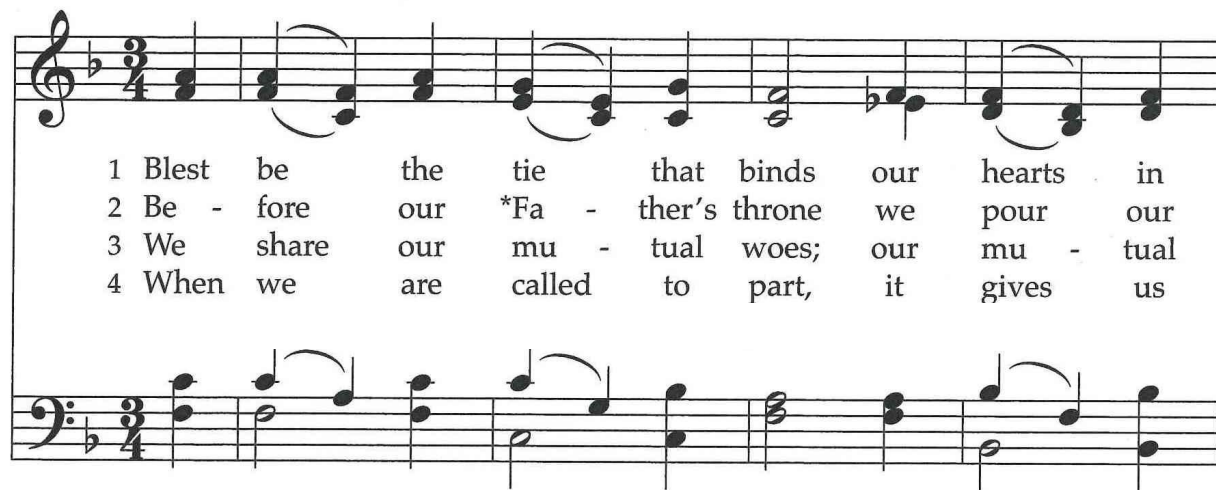
win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that  
 sent from the past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
 we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

C G C D7 G F G C

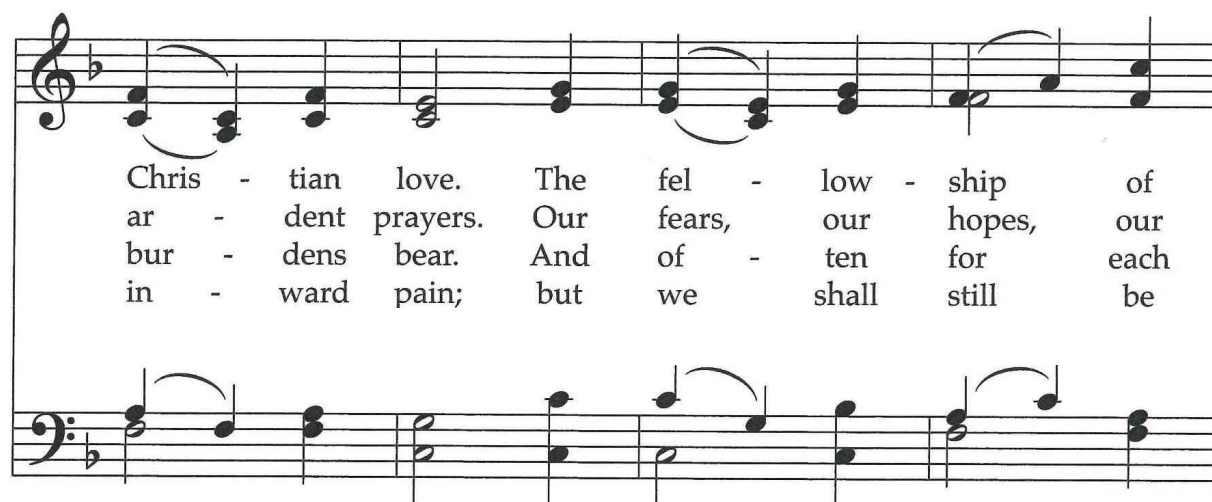
lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing Word.  
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.



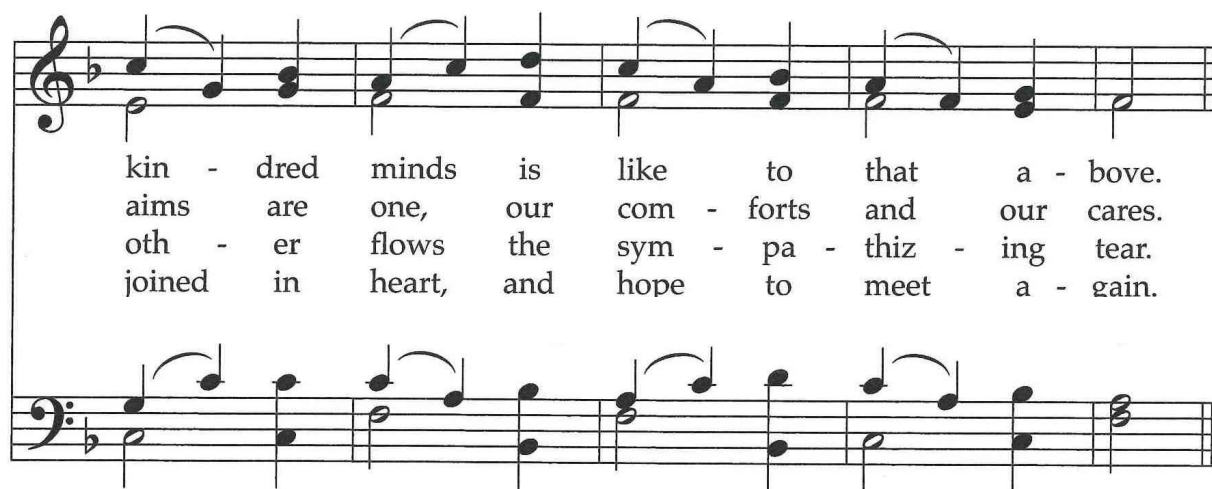
# Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.



Happy 140th Birthday to Us!

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, an 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 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, greater than \$69,000, to over 32 organizations in 2024 including the Wichita Children’s Home, Humankind Ministries, Wichita Pride, The Pando Initiative, ICT Food Rescue, Senior Services, Habitat for Humanity, Grace Med, Church on the Street, Kidscope and Shower Up Wichita.
- 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.



## NEW Hallway Artist!

Veronica Dowty started her journey as an artist when she was a young girl. Her Mom believed in supporting the arts and gave her encouragement and many opportunities to grow as an artist in their homeschool community. After earning a BFA in Art Education K-12 at WSU, she taught art to Middle and High School students for 10 years. Though she loved sharing her artistic passions with students, it became time for her to step out of teaching. Veronica decided she needed to go back to being a student and joined the Wichita Fine Art Atelier. In the summer of 2024 Veronica began competing in plein air painting events. In September of 2024 she had the honor of winning first place at the Kansas State Fair plein air competition. Currently 2 of her paintings are on display at Art House 310 with the Kansas Art Guild. She will have 2 pieces at Somewhere Works with the Wichita Fine Art Atelier this month. Veronica's expertise ranges from acrylic, oil, and watercolor painting, to ink drawing, sculpting, and clay miniatures. For her personal artwork she loves portraiture and the connection of people with food. Plein air painting keeps her sane as getting outdoors can be difficult for a studio artist. She aspires to become a portrait artist.

# Veronica Dowty



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### **Plymouth Staff**

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Senior Minister  
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music  
Christopher Shaw, Organist  
Julie Martin, Administrative Assistant  
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher  
Robert Safley, Youth Group Leader  
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer  
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

## How Philanthropy is Changing Lives at Club Parkinson's

As I was reflecting on your "Mission Possible Sunday", something about it stayed with me. I appreciate the way your church not only chooses to learn about a nonprofit entity, but that you are also willing to help step in with a financial gift. That kind of purposeful giving made me want to explore the heart of philanthropy a little more deeply. When we hear the word philanthropy, we often picture large donations from wealthy individuals. But at its core, philanthropy is much simpler, and more profound. It means "love of humanity." True philanthropy is any act that improves the well-being of others, no matter how big or small. It begins with a heart that wants to make a difference.

As followers of Christ, we are called to serve, uplift, and care for one another, not just in words but through our deeds. That is the very spirit behind Club Parkinson's, a locally founded nonprofit that exists to walk alongside individuals and families affected by Parkinson's disease.

Club Parkinson's mission is to bridge the gap between a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease and improving quality of life. Wichita is a historically underserved community for those with Parkinson's. With a team of certified physical, occupational and speech therapists, we provide a unique place where individuals living with Parkinson's disease come not just for exercise or education,, but for hope, support and community. Through our fitness classes, support groups, and educational series, Club Parkinson's helps people maintain their independence and find strength in one another. The Club is rooted in compassion and connection.

As the fastest growing brain disease, Parkinson's is expected to double globally by 2030, and we are committed to redefining what it means to LIVE with Parkinson's. Much of the good happening at Club Parkinson's is made possible by the generosity of others. Volunteers give their time, medical professionals share their expertise, and donors help ensure our operations.

If you feel called to be part of this mission, there are many ways to help. Whether it's donating, praying for our members, or simply learning and sharing information about Parkinson's, your involvement can be a blessing to someone battling a difficult journey.

Dr. John Brammer, one of your fellow church members, shared with me that what he loves most about Club Parkinson's is "the comradery between the members. It's a place you want to go to because everyone is dedicated to participating in the program while having a good time. I feel challenged to push myself, and my quality of life truly improved because of Club Parkinson's. My wife, Nancy, found strength in the caregiver's group through the support of others who truly understood. The shared experiences and knowledge helped her feel better equipped to handle her caregiving journey."

Dr. Paul Uhlig, another voice of wisdom in your congregation, once described Club Parkinson's as "healing through community health", a phrase I personally love, because it captures something that feels so true.

If you would like to learn more, please call to schedule a tour 316-708-6318. Or visit our website at [ClubParkinsons.org](http://ClubParkinsons.org) and Club Parkinson's on Facebook. Thank you for the opportunity to share our mission

~ Connie Urbanek, Executive Director | Co-Founder



**THE OFFICIAL CALL  
OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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71st ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE**



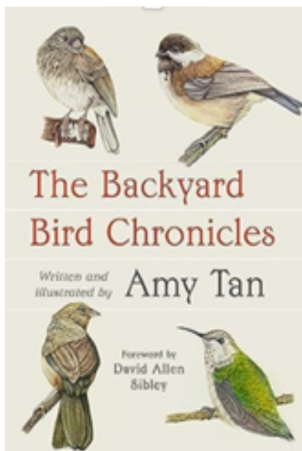
All member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches are notified and eagerly invited to attend the 71st Annual Meeting and Conference June 21-24, 2025, in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme of this year's conference is "Come and See" (John 1:46).

Scan this QR code to learn more about in-person and virtual attendance at the conference in St. Louis.

## **WED DINNER @ 5:30 MAY 21ST**

**Come for dinner -  
stay for Book Club!**

Chicken Cordon Bleu + Whipped Potato Casserole + Roasted  
Veggies + Salad + Rolls + Dessert



**\$10/pp    \$5/Kids    no family pays more than \$30**

## **Jamie Herian Display Case Artist**

Jamie J. Herian was born in South Korea. She graduated from University with a Ballet and Modern Dance degree and learned other disciplines of arts from her sisters who studied singing, painting and sculpture.

She worked for 10 years as a TV reporter/MC at MBC Broadcasting Stations in Korea, and at the same time, was a stage actress and performed various musicals and plays at the local theater. She also worked as a beauty consultant for LG Cosmetics Group (2001) and as a movie manager for CJCGV (Cinema/2004) until she moved to the United States.

Jamie immigrated to the United States in 2005. Her mother worked as a Korean Culinary instructor for 35 years and greatly influenced Jamie as she also has a deep affection for cooking. She loves to serve people food in the dishes she makes.

MAY 3 MICHAEL SAFLEY  
MAY 4 MARY SHORT  
MAY 7 RICH SMOLA  
MAY 8 TERESA YOUNG  
MAY 11 ALAN ROSKAM  
MAY 15 MARY THOMAS

MAY 16 TIM ROBU  
MAY 18 DORIS UHLIG  
MAY 19 JUDY FRICK  
MAY 20 ANNA UHLIG  
MAY 21 CINDY PERKINS  
MAY 22 CLAIRE WATSON  
MAY 31 NANCY ROSKAM

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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27 9 AM FINE ARTS 9:15 AM CE BOARD 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM DEACONS	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29 SPINNING BOOTS 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	30 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER Book Club	1 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	2 AEROBICS 10 AM MUSIC THEATER GUILD 2 PM BRAD BLONIGEN SERVICE	3
4 10:30 AM WORSHIP May Day Brunch	5 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	6 SPINNING BOOTS 5:30 PM CABINET	7 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER	8 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	9 AEROBICS	10
11 9:15 AM GROWTH STEERING 10:30 WORSHIP Graduation Sunday	12 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	13 SPINNING BOOTS	14 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER	15 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	16 AEROBICS	17
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