

# *Plymouth*

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



Resistance Part Two: Community

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***Celebration of Worship***  
**February 15, 2026**

# Celebration of Worship

February 15, 2026

10:30 am

## Transfiguration Sunday

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

### Opening

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Christopher Shaw, organ

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

*Joyful Is the Dark*  
Joyful is the dark depth of love divine,  
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,  
holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.  
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

Wren and Clemens

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*Could It Be That God Is Singing*

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### \*Responsive Reading

Michael Aumack

One: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—

**All: who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos,**

One: and blessed our becoming.

**All: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—**

One: the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,

**All: for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.**

One: Let us praise the God of Transformation—

**All: They are creative in Their Way-Making Love!**

### \*Response of Praise

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG



A - rise, your light is come! The spir - it's call o - bey; show  
forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.

## **\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Soothe that within us that desires numbing-out and awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive. Guide us in living into the words of the prayer that Jesus taught ...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, they 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 Readings**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The Living God spoke to Moses saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the women and men of Israel and say to them: You all shall be holy, for I the Eternal your God am holy.

When you all reap the harvest of your land, it shall not be completed to the very edges of your field for harvesting, and the gleanings of your harvest shall not be gathered. Your vineyard you shall not scrape bare, and the fallen grapes of your vineyard you shall not gather; you shall leave them for those oppressed through poverty and for the alien who resides (in your land): I am the Holy One your God.

None of you shall steal: none of you shall deceive, and none of you shall lie to a compatriot. And none of you shall swear by my Name to a lie, and so profane the Name of your God: I am the God whose name is holy.

You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal, and you shall not keep overnight for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not mock the deaf and you shall not put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the living God.

You shall not render justice unjust; you shall not elevate the poor or honor the great; you shall judge your compatriot rightly. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Holy God.

You shall not hate in your heart your compatriot. Rebuke – yes rebuke! – your compatriot, and do not incur guilt on their account. You shall not take vengeance or nurture anger against any of your people; you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the most high God.

## Romans 12:1-13

I urge you therefore, sisters and brothers, because of the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your thoughtful worship. So do not be conformed to this world, rather be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may determine what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and mature.

I say by the grace given to me to each person among you not to think more highly than you ought to think, but to think soundly; God has assigned each one a measure of faith. For as in one body we have many parts yet not all the parts have the same function, thus, we who are many are one body in Christ, and accordingly, we are members of one another. We have gifts that according to the grace given to us differ: if prophecy, then in proportion to faith; if ministry, then in ministering; if as the one teaching, then in teaching; if as the one exhorting, then in exhortation; if as the one giving, then in generosity; if as the one leading, then in commitment; if as the one showing compassion, then in cheerfulness.

Let love be without pretense; despite that which is evil, cling fast to what is good. Love one another as children raised together; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not hesitate in diligence, be afire in the Spirit, serve Christ. In hope rejoice, in suffering be patient, in prayer persevere. To the needs of the saints contribute; extend hospitality.

## **Welcoming Song**      *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*      KINGDOM (Let the children come forward.)



Child of bless-ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a-tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from  
God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

## **A Moment with Our Children**

Lindsay Miller

## **Solo**

*Love In Any Language*  
Jennifer King, soloist

John Mays & Jon Mohr

Je t'aime, Te amo, Ya ti-bya lyu blyu,  
Ani o hev ot cha, I love you

The sounds are all as different as the lands from which they came  
And though the words are all unique our hearts are still the same

*Chorus:* Love in any language, straight from the heart  
Pulls us all together, never apart  
And once we learn to speak it, all the world will hear  
Love in any language, fluently spoken here

We teach the young our differences yet look how we're the same  
We love to laugh, to dream our dreams, we know the sting of pain

From Leningrad to Lexington the farmer loves their land  
And parents all get misty-eyed to give their children's hand

Oh, maybe when we realize how much there is to share  
We'll find too much in common to pretend it isn't there. *Chorus*

Tho' the rhetoric of government may keep us worlds apart  
There's no misinterpreting the language of the heart. *Chorus*

## **Prayer Concerns**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Prayer Response**

## **Invitation to Offering**

## **Anthem**

*Make You Feel My Love*  
Taylin Travnichek, soloist

arr. Anna Lapwood

When the rain is blowing in your face, and the whole world is on your case  
I could offer a warm embrace, to make you feel my love

When evening shadows and the stars appear, and there is no one there to dry your tears  
I could hold you for a million years, to make you feel my love

I know you haven't made your mind up yet, but I would never do you wrong  
I've known it from the moment that we met, no doubt in my mind where you belong

I'd go hungry, I'd go black and blue. I'd go crawling down the avenue.  
And oh, there's nothing that I wouldn't do, to make you feel my love

The storms are raging on the rolling sea, and on the highway of regret  
The winds of change are blowing wild and free, you ain't seen nothing like me yet

I could make you happy, make your dreams come true, nothing that I wouldn't do  
Go to the ends of the earth for you, to make you feel my love.

## **Sermon**

“Resistance Part Two: Community”

Dr. Robu

## **\*Hymn of Departure**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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## **\*Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Test Drive*

arr. Anna Lapwood

## **\*Please stand in body, or in spirit**

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# Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -  
 2 Have you car-ried heav-y si - lence, have you let old sor-rows  
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur-pris-ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing  
 win, or pro - claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not  
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sist - ance to in -

E/B E B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a  
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was  
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly  
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -  
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!  
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.  
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A7) (D) (Bm)  
Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Cm

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant— let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we are trav - lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such

(Em) (A) (G) (D) (G) (A7) (Bm)  
Fm Bb Ab Eb Ab Bb7 Cm

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road. We are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 har - mon - y, born of all we've known to - geth - er

(Em) (G) (A7) (D)  
Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

let you be my ser - vant too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 of Christ's love and a - gon - y.



Join us for the  
**Winter Wine & Cheese**  
 February 21st, 2026 5pm-7pm  
 Wine Tasting,  
 Dinner, Silent  
 Auction, Music &  
**FUN!**

ADMIT ONE \$25.00

\* Proceeds will be used to promote  
 Plymouth Congregational Church in the community



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# BIEROCKS SALE!

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING**

**ORDER BY WED/FEB 25**  
**PICK UP SUN/MAR 1**



**SOLD IN  
 BAGS  
 OF 6  
 FOR \$20**

*submit order form in envelope or drop off in office*

Order forms in the  
 North Lobby & on  
 FSH Bulletin  
 Board

WELCOME TO  
**A Taste of Ireland**  
 6 pm  
 Sunday, March 15, 2025

An evening of Irish food, beverages, and music.  
 Featuring the group, Mead's Ghost.



**TICKETS: \$20**  
 plymouth-church.net 202 North Clifton Wichita, KS



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# New Hallway Art on display now through February!



Becka Jahelka is a watercolor batik painter and printmaker. Becka draws inspiration for her landscapes from the prairies of her home state of Kansas, the mountains of her summer home, and occasionally from travel destinations. She also delves into abstract compositions in her use of various printmaking techniques.

SpunkyHouse has been Brightening Spaces and Lifting Spirits since 2012 through the use of colorful, fun, and vintage fabrics used to make goods and sustainable living items for the kitchen, home, and beyond. Every item is sewn and handmade locally in Wichita by Owner-Maker, Heather, whose late mother (a lover of baking and cooking) was the inspiration behind this small business. Heather learned to sew at age 11-12 and has been surrounded by family sewists her whole life. Her nana, Mary Loveland,

Family Promise of Greater Wichita walks alongside local families with children as they overcome homelessness and housing insecurity. Through the support of local churches, volunteers, and a dedicated staff team, families find more than just shelter - they find community, coaching, and lasting hope.

From supportive shelter to rental assistance, from educational classes to long-term coaching, Family Promise equips parents and children with what they need to move from crisis to stability - and eventually, to thriving.



## **Plymouth Staff**

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# WED @ 5:30

# BOOK CLUB DATES

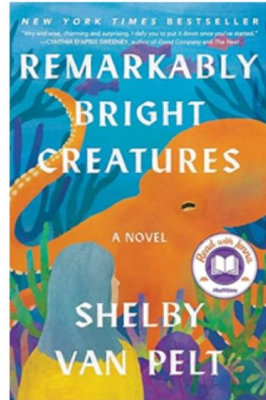
FOLLOWING WED NIGHT DINNER

## Progressive Pilgrims' Book Club

FEB 25



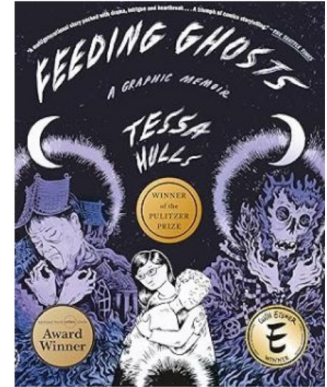
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MAY 27



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Plymouth Congregational Church 202 N Clifton in College Hill

Ellie Anderson  
 Cathie Yager  
 Katy Brammer  
 Karen English

Feb 6  
 Feb 8  
 Feb 13  
 Feb 13

Ethan Anderson  
 Rowan Young  
 Curtis LaGree  
 Ingrid Gill

Feb 19  
 Feb 19  
 Feb 24  
 Feb 25

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 WORSHIP New Member Sunday ANNUAL MEETING	2 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	3 5:30 PM CABINET	4 AEROBICS WED DINNER 2 <sup>ND</sup> LIGHT SHELTER SPEAKER CHOIR REHEARSAL	5 AEROBICS	6 AEROBICS WORD & NOTE 7PM	7 WORD & NOTE 10 am - NOON - 7 PM
8 NO ADULT STUDY 10:30 AM WORSHIP DR. GAFNEY + OPUS 76 QUARTET	9 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	10 AEROBICS	11 AEROBICS WED DINNER YOUTH PROGRAM CHOIR REHEARSAL	12 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	13 AEROBICS	14 2 <sup>ND</sup> LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH PREP & SERVE
15 9 AM ADULT STUDY 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD	16 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	17 INVESTMENT CLUB	18 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES CHOIR REHEARSAL	19 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	20 AEROBICS	21 WINTER WINE TASTING
22 9 AM ADULT STUDY 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS	23 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	24 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	25 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BOOK CLUB CHOIR REHEARSAL	26 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	27 AEROBICS	28 AEROBICS