

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
April 28, 2024

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10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary

Alleluia No. 1
Christopher Shaw, organ

Aaron David Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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*Responsive Sentences

Psalm 22 :25-28 DNRSV

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear God.

All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

All: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, present and mindful in all our beginnings, be present and mindful of us all the days of our lives. In our youthful exuberance, remind us of your ways. In our ageing forgetfulness be present and mindful as you encourage us to pray each day ... *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

Luke 24:36-48 NRS

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

Hope
Ted Dvorak

Jason Robert Brown

I come to sing a song about hope. I'm not inspired much right now,
but even so, I came out here to sing a song. So here I go.
I guess I think that if I tinker long enough, one might appear. And look! It's here. One
verse is done. The work's begun.

I come to sing a song about hope. In spite of everything ridiculous and sad, Though
I'm beyond belief depressed, confused and mad, Well – I got dressed. I underestimated
how much that would take. I didn't break. Until right now. I sing of hope And don't
know how.

So maybe I can substitute "strength," Because I'm strong. I'm strong enough. I got
through lots of things I didn't think I could, And so did you. I know that's true.

And so we sing a song about hope. Though I can't guarantee there's something real
behind it, I have to try to show my friends I can find it,
And so today – When life is crazy and impossible to bear – It must be there. Fear nev-
er wins. That's what I hope. See? I said "hope."
The work begins.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Through Love to Light

Elaine Hagenberg

Through love to light!
Oh wonderful the way
That leads from darkness
to the perfect day!
From darkness and
from sorrow of the night
To morning that comes singing o'er the sea.
Through love to light!
Through light, O God, to thee,
Who art the love of love,
the eternal light of light!

Sermon

“Christus Victor”

Dr. Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Epilogue

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Festival March on “Maccabaeus”
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Aaron David Miller

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

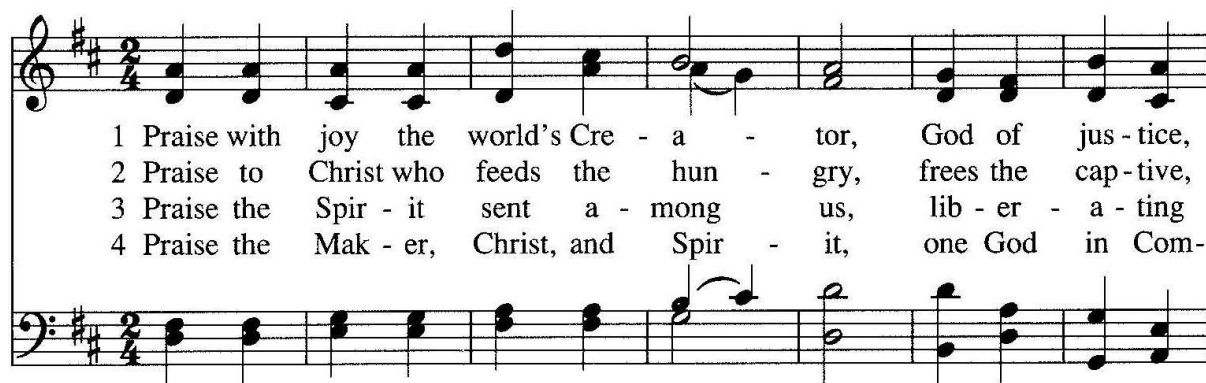
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Communion Table Flowers Kate Brammer

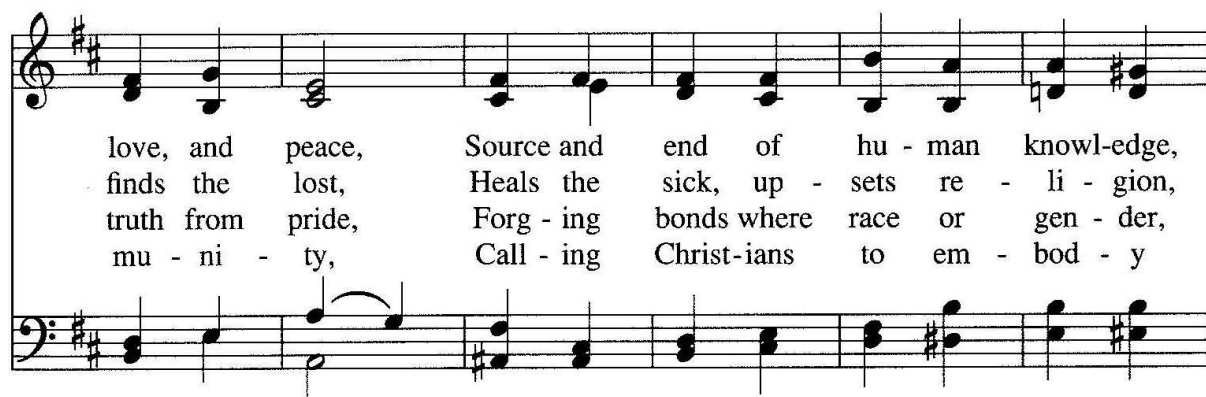
Plymouth Staff

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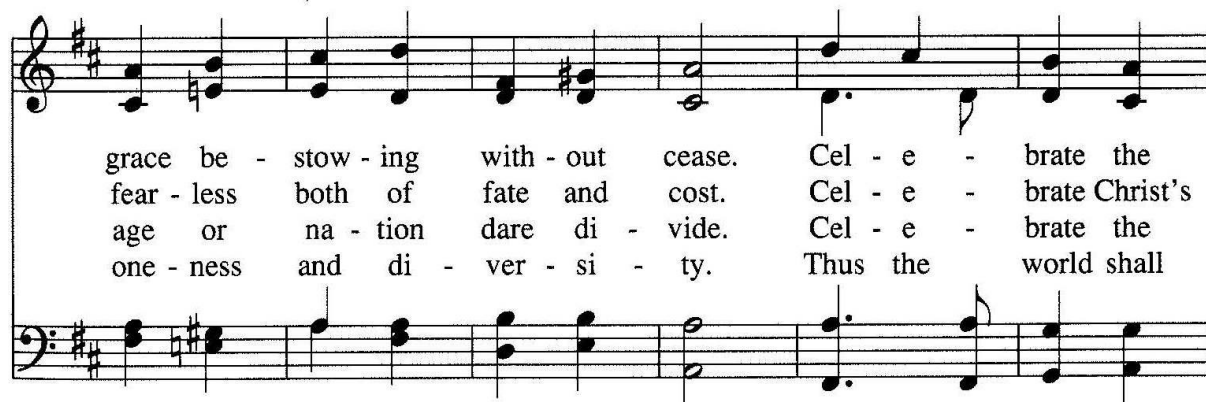
Praise with Joy the World's Creator



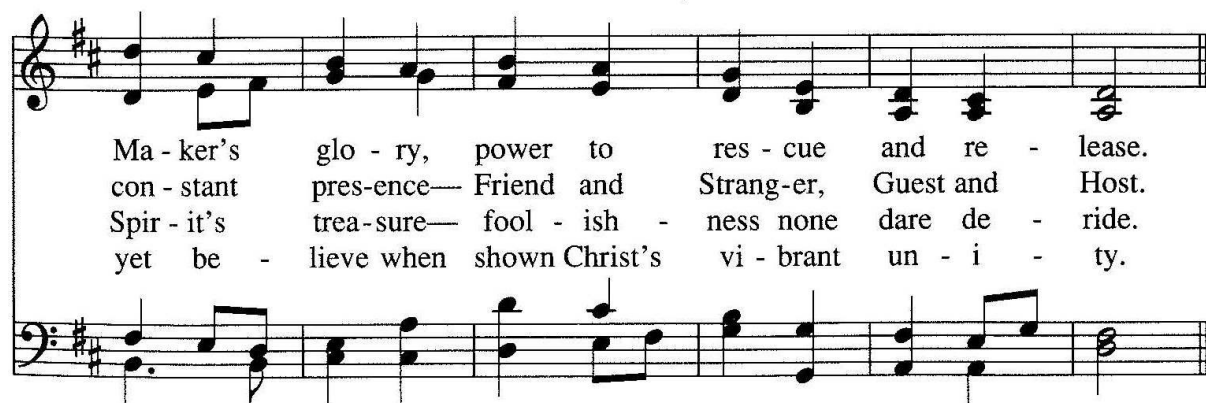
1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -



love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
truth from pride, For - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

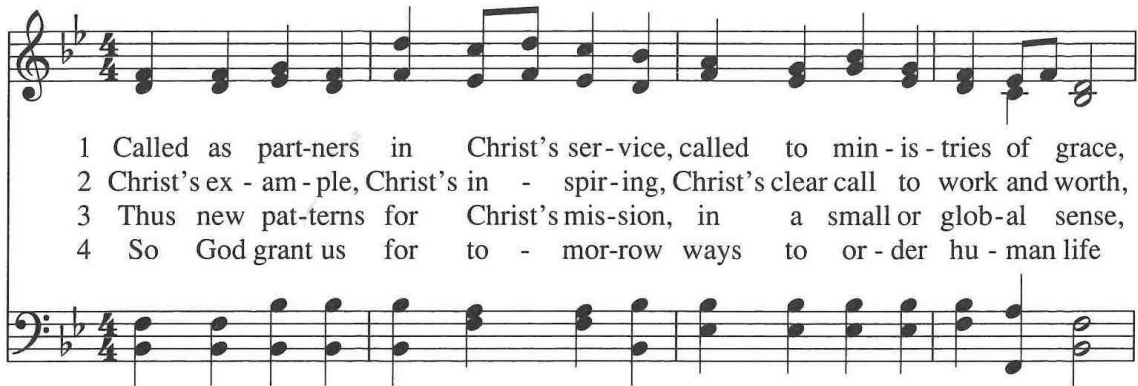


grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

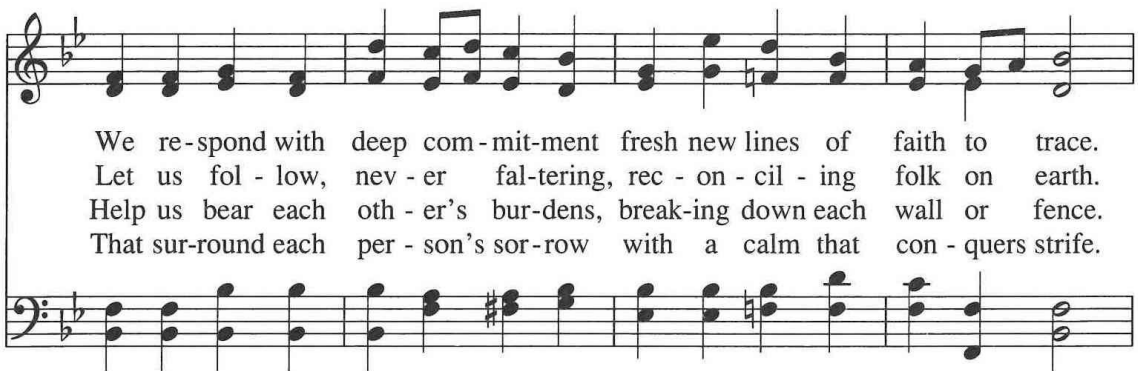


Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

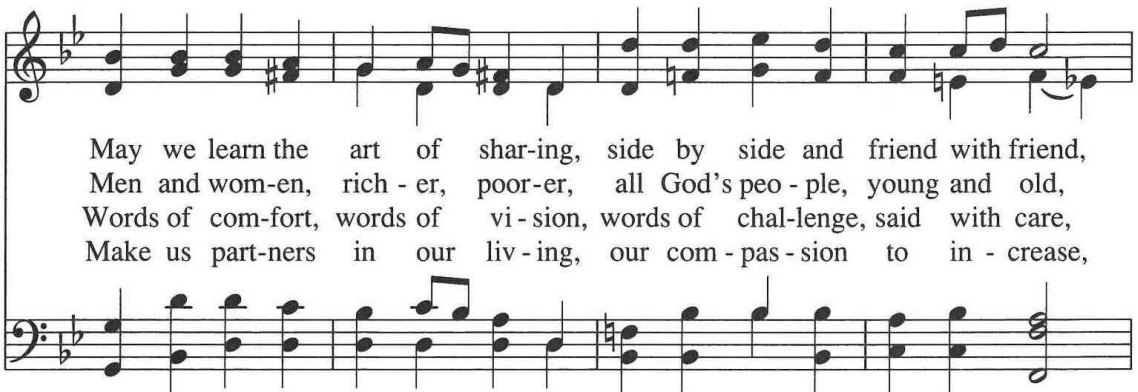
Called as Partners in Christ's Service



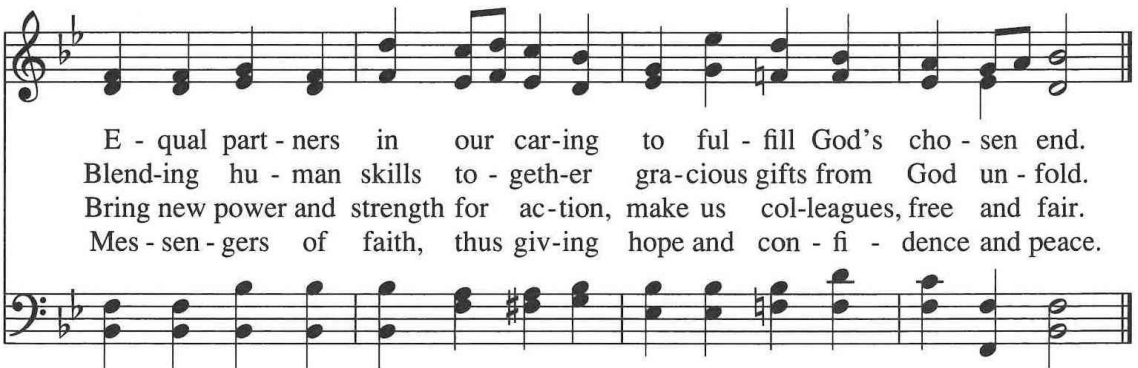
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Graduation Sunday: May 19th

Help us celebrate your 2024 Graduates. Please send information to Dr. Robu at krobu@plymouth-church.net or to the office at office@plymouth-church.net. Last day to submit information is Tuesday, May 14th.

Message from the Deacons Committee

The Deacons provide flowers for the communion table every Sunday and would like to share this opportunity with the congregation. If anyone would like to provide flowers for a Sunday to celebrate an event or honor a loved one please notify K.D. in the office or Kate Brammer. (chair of the Deacons) at least one week prior to said Sunday. Thank you. Kate Brammer

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!

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!



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MAY 5, 2024 FOLLOWING CHURCH

RSVP BY MAY 2ND
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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING GUESTS!

TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FOOD & MARGARITAS

Free Will Donation

THERE WILL BE A FUN ACTIVITY FOR THE KIDS

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."



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.

April/May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Bierock Sale 7am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship	29 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	30 5:30pm Trustee	1 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Church Office Closed	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30 Cinco de Mayo Brunch	6 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	7 5:30pm Cabinet	8 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 10:30am Sunday Worship	13 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	14 5:30pm Growth Steering	15 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	16 5:45pm CE	17	18

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 5th.
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.