



Word & Note

The Divine Arts of Knowledge and Exultation

Welcome to our special guests
Sarah McCammon
And
Mark Miller

Celebration of Worship
February 2, 2025

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10:30 am

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Robu

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Let's Walk Together

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*Responsive Sentences

From *Enfleshed*

One: Community of faith, let us gather our courage.

All: In God's company, we can do hard things.

One: Brave things.

All: Beautiful things. Risky and transformative things.

One: God is with those journeying toward freedom.

All: For the sake of collective life.

One: For the sake of disrupting evil.

All: For the sake of the human soul.

One: God calls us and God accompanies us.

All: Let us worship and be encouraged.

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

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 Solidarity, at times we tremble before the trouble that surrounds us. The powerful steal life with so little remorse. We cry, we pray, we worry. When fear ensnares us, come by our side. Shore us up in your strength and your care. That we may not hand over our power to evil, but press on in love as did 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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1b-2

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.”

And Isaiah 43:19

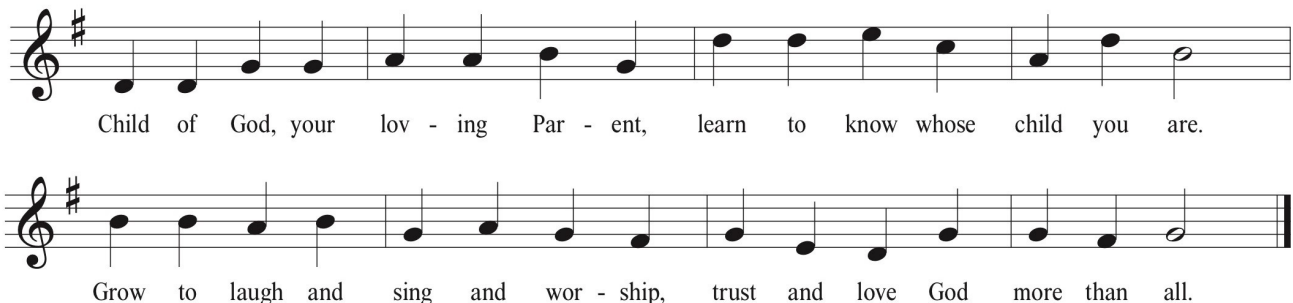
“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.”

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

God is Able
Mark Miller, solo

Mark Miller

When you've fallen in despair
There's a sadness you can't bear
Just remember there's a god who cares
Don't be afraid, God is able.

Do addictions bind you tight
Do you lack the strength to fight?
God will surely set you free
Why be afraid? God is able

Words, M Miller inspired by prayer of Rev Dr Martin
Luther King, Jr.

Refrain:
Hallelujah! say amen
O hallelujah! shout again
Hallelujah! o praise the lord
God is able, surely God is able.

Are you mourning a loved one's loss?
Grief and pain your constant cross
All your burdens god will bear
Don't despair, God is able.

Is life's twilight coming near,
Is it death that you fear?

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Love Will Rise Again

Mark A. Miller

I won't give up on you. Don't give up on me.
I won't give up on all that seems so out of reach.
I believe in love. I believe in you.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will
see this through.

As the sun rises, so will love.
Voices are rising, so will love.

We will never give up. We will overcome.
We will remember all the good we thought was
gone.

We believe in love. We believe in truth.
We'll hold each other to the light, and we will
see this through.

Given the chance our love will rise.
Given the chance our love will rise

I believe in forgiveness, and I won't stop giving.
I'll sing of all the things that make our lives worth
living.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through
the pain.
We'll hold each other through the night, and love
will rise!

We will sing Hallelujah! We will shout for joy!
We'll sing of all that fear and hate cannot de-
stroy.
We will sing through loss. We will sing through
the pain.
We'll hold each other through our tears, and love
will rise again!

Message

“New Life in the Wilderness”

Sarah McCammon

***Closing Hymn**

Christ Has Broken Down the Walls

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on Lift Every Voice

Mark A. Miller

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

Selected liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

Plymouth
Congregational Church

Join us for the

Winter Wine & Cheese

February 22, 2025 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

**Winter
Wine & Cheese
Saturday
February 22nd**

5:00 to 7:00 PM \$25 Ticket



Plan to join us for our *Winter Wine & Cheese* event on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 5:00-7:00pm. This event will include a wine tasting with remarks by a guest wine specialist and small plates that go along with each wine. We will also have a silent auction, music and lots of FUN. Tickets are just \$25 and may be purchased online through this [link](#) or through the church office. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community. Please feel free to invite guests. All auction items will be donated by the congregation. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Holly Yager at holly.yager@gmail.com.

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

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Let's Walk Together

WELCOME 8.6.8.6.7.7 with refrain

E A/E B A

1 Let's walk to-gether - er for a while, and ask where
2 Let's talk to-gether - er of a time when we will
3 Let's dream to-gether - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E

we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,
share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D

and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of
the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B^{sus} B

heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,
ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,

Let's Walk Together

continued

Refrain

B/D# E A B

sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -

B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

F#m A E (☺) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(☺) Last time

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BROKEN WALLS 7.7.7.7

D A/C# D Bm7 Em7

1 Christ has bro - ken down the wall, Christ has bro - ken down the
 2 We're ac - cept - ed as we are, we're ac - cept - ed as we
 3 Cast a - side your doubts and fears, cast a - side your doubts and
 4 We will tear down the walls! We will tear down ev - 'ry

A sus B7 Em7 D/F# Bm E

wall.
 are.
 fears.
 wall!

Let us join our hearts as one,
 Through God's love all is rec - on - ciled,
 Peace and love, free - ly of - fered here;
 God has called us, one and all;

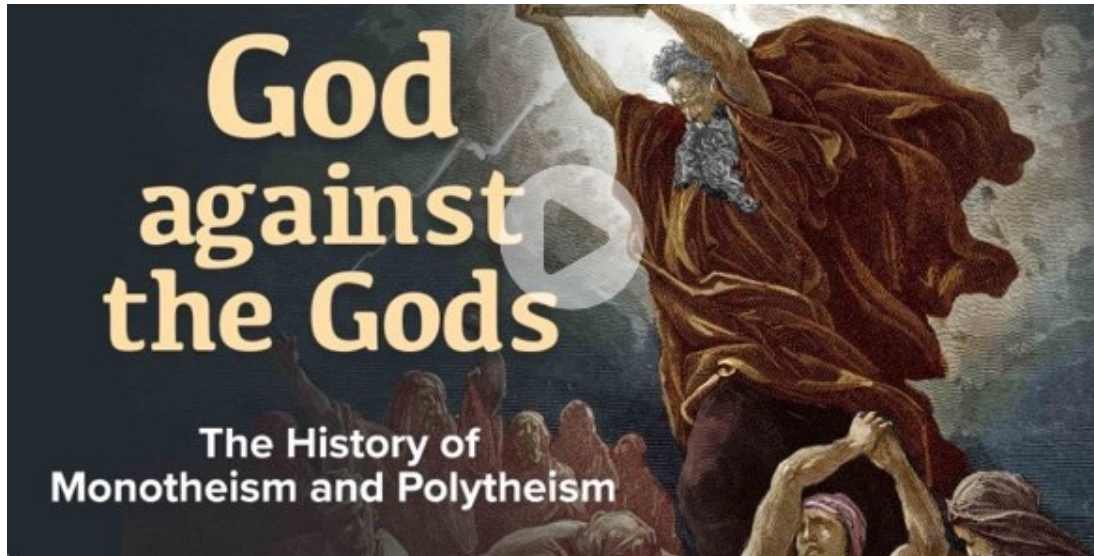
Em7 G 1-3 G2 4 G/D D

Christ has bro - ken down the wall!
 we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
 cast a - side your doubts and fears.
 Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

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Join Us!

Great Courses Series begins Sunday, January 19th for 12 weeks.



Gathering each Sunday at 9 AM in the Turner Room.

moderated by Anna Uhlig

Course Overview

Robert Garland, Ph.D. Professor, Colgate University

Religion is foundational to what it means to be human. Our quest for meaning is as ancient as our very existence, stretching back to a time when Neanderthal burials and Paleolithic figurines suggest our ancestors recognized a power that transcended visible reality. From ancient civilizations to the 21st century, belief in a higher power seems to be a universal human instinct. It tells us much about where we came from—and who we are today.

What's fascinating is that this universal instinct has led some cultures to believe in one God while others worship a pantheon of higher beings. This divide between God and the gods raises unique questions in humanity's search for existential meaning, such as:

- What is the role of a higher power in human affairs?
- How do we reach out to a deity (or deities), and which deity do we contact?
- Do good and evil exist in human morality, or are they products of religious doctrine?
- What happens when we die? Is there an afterlife?



Intergenerational 2025 Service-Learning Trip Black Mountain, North Carolina

Ages

Middle School Students, High School Students, College Students, Adults

Dates

Leave Wichita Saturday, July 19. Stop for the night around the halfway point. Arrive in Black Mountain, NC on July 20. Work days are July 21-24. Leave for Wichita July 25. Stop for the night. Arrive home in Wichita Saturday, July 26.

Cost

\$460 per person **plus** transportation, hotel for 2 nights, and meals not covered by Be the Neighbor. Youth may earn credit toward their trip by working youth fundraisers.

Black Mountain, North Carolina sits just outside of Asheville in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. In the fall of 2024 Hurricane Helene devastated this beautiful part of western North Carolina. It is not common for hurricanes to hit mountain towns with such intense force. On this trip you and your group will participate in disaster recovery while learning about disaster preparedness and environmental justice to help prevent future destruction.

You will stay in cabins at the beautiful Christmount Camp and Conference Center and your work will include hands on projects working for environmental care and disaster recovery efforts both at Christmount and within the greater community. Each day will also include activities and speakers who will teach about disaster preparedness and environmental care. More info at betheneighbor.org

Senior (age 55+) Service-Learning Trip With Re-Member on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Ages

The week is geared toward those 55+ but is open to ages 18+.

Dates

September 13 – 19, 2025.

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\$800 per person plus transportation. [All inclusive except transportation]



Responding to immediate needs, Re-member provides resources that improve the quality of life for members of the Oglala Lakota Nation, and creates meaningful opportunities to build understanding for their volunteers. Volunteers can expect to build wheelchair ramps, bunk beds, and outhouses as well as learn from tribal members who share their wisdom, music, art, and teachings.

[Trip dates are filling up.](#)

[Please let Dr. Robu know asap if you are interested in going on either trip.](#)



Hallway Artist - Diana Carbajal


"I am an artist who draws animals as a representation of the people in my life. I create whimsical and humorous illustrations reflecting important people in my life. I create illustrations that capture the essence and emotions of my friends, and family, using animals that symbolize their traits, values, and stories. My goal is to inspire the viewers, and to invite them to join me in exploring the wonders and mysteries of my animal world. I hope to share my personal connections and experiences with the viewers, and to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the people personified as animals in my life."



Display Case Artist - Teresa Calvert

"My goal is to make pottery that is functional, colorful, and used by people in their daily lives. My love of clay began in earnest in 1994 when I began taking class in the back room of the local supplier's retail location. When the supplier quit offering classes, I went to The Center for the Arts, now Mark Arts, for classes. In 2000 my time for pottery diminished so much that I gave up classes. In 2015, when I retired, I returned to clay. Soon, taking classes once a week was not enough so I invested in a home studio, giving me the opportunity to work in clay daily."

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9 AM Great Courses Series 10:30 AM Worship Service with Word & Note guests: MCCammon and Miller YMTW	3 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk	4 5:30 PM Cabinet Meeting 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	5 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 PM Wed Night Dinner 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's Coffee	7 8 AM Aerobics	8
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Join us next Sunday! Dr. Robu will reflect on Luke 4:14-20

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.