



Celebration of Worship
February 16, 2025

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10:30 am

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Opening Voluntary

How Firm A Foundation
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

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*Responsive Sentences

Lindsay Miller

One: Leave behind what shrivels your spirit

All: and follow the lush lure of the Life-Giving.

One: Leave behind the hollowness of image

All: and follow the rich depth of Beauty.

One: Leave behind toxic positivity

All: and follow mourning, soulful and honest.

One: Leave behind holding it all together

All: and follow that which breaks your heart open into a field of wildflowers.

One: Dear people, follow the Thread of Love!

All: For God guides us in the Ways of Life.

*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**

Holy Well of Ancient Wisdom, plant us in love that is older than empire, borders, profit margins, and the sad lie that humans are separate from nature. Grasp with us at the root of things. Meet us in the possibility of ordinary days. Tend with us paths of radical hope. Guide us to what is ours to do today. Deepen our spiritual fortitude, that we may organize effectively and live compassionately...

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

Luke 5:1-11

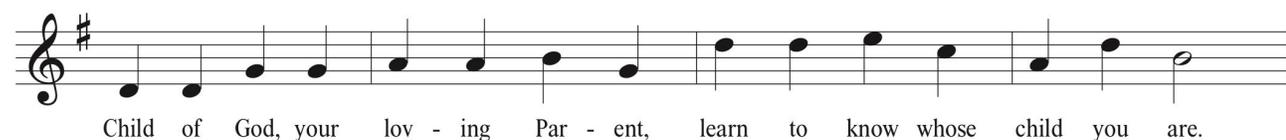
Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

So, they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Welcoming Song *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

STUTT GART

(Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Come Home
Emily Son

Craig Courtney

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His
mercies, mercies for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home.

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy
and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Andy Beck .

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.

What though the tempest 'round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
I hear the music ringing.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth
how can I keep from singing?

Sermon

"The Catch of a Lifetime"

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

Child of God

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

We All Are One in Mission

arr. Mark Sedio

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

Selected prayers and liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.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

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

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Child of God

WORDS & MUSIC: Mark Miller



No mat-ter what peo - ple say, say or think a - bout
No mat-ter what peo - ple say, say or think a - bout
No mat-ter what the world says, says or thinks a - bout
No mat-ter what the church says, de - ci-sions, pro-nounce-ments on



me, I am a child, I am a child of God.
you, you are a child, you are a child of God
me, I am a child, I am a child of God
you, you are a child, you are a child of God



And there is no thing, or no one who can se-pa-rate, they can't



se - pa-rate you from the truth that you're some - one, you are



fam - i - ly, you are meant to be, a child, a



child of God!

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WELCOME TO
A Taste of Ireland
6 pm
Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

TICKETS: \$20

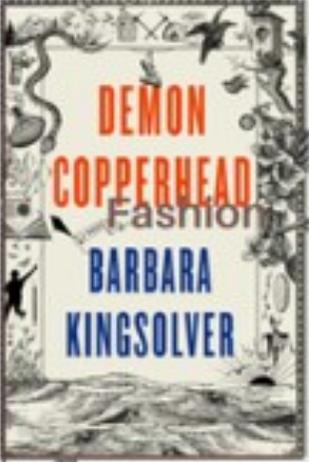
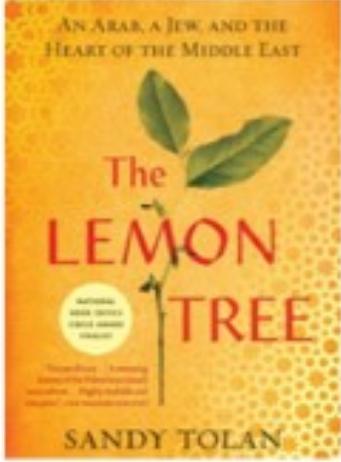
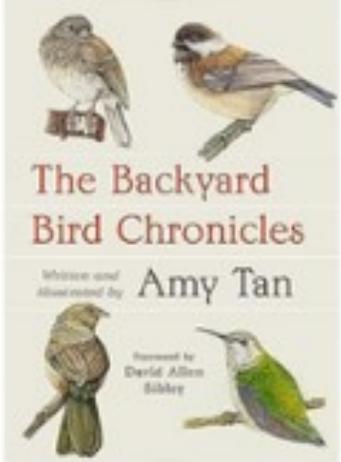


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Plymouth's Fine Art Series News:
The 2025 Spring Event will be 'A Taste of Ireland', back by popular demand, featuring an evening of Irish song, dance, drink, and dining! The originally selected 'Side-by-Side by Sondheim' is being postponed indefinitely due to the circumstances of the collaborators.

Hope you'll join us Sunday, March 16th to usher in St. Patty's Day in style!

Progressive Pilgrim's Book Club Dates—following Wednesday Night Dinners

FEB 26	MAR 26	APR 30	MAY 21
			

Wednesday Night Dinners

February 19th

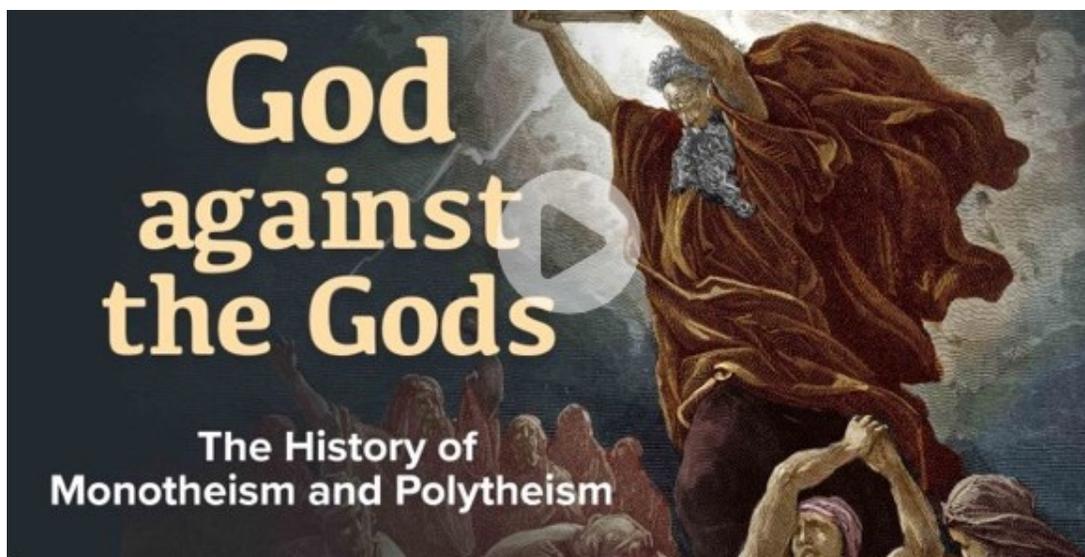
Stay and Play!

Choose from our selection of games or bring your own to share

Menu: TBD



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

If you and/or your child plan to participate we will need a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person by Wednesday, March 5. I cannot secure spots until I have the deposit as the church has lost money in the past from having people drop out and not pay.

Cost of the trip is \$460 per person plus the cost of transportation, hotel for two nights, and meals not covered by Be the Neighbor. Youth can earn credit toward the trip by working the bierock sale in April. Those who worked the bread sale last December have already earned \$100 each toward the final balance. Credits may not be used to pay the down payment. They will be taken off the final balance due

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.

Cost

\$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.





Winter
 Wine & Cheese
 Saturday
 February 22nd



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 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.



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."



Final Day for Diana Carbajal Hallway Gallery

"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."

February—March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 9 AM Great Courses Series 9:00 AM Fine Arts & Mission 10:30 AM Worship Service	17 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk	18 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	19 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 PM Wed Night Dinner—Game Night! 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women’s Coffee	21 8 AM Aerobics	22 5 to 7 pm Winter Wine and Cheese + Silent Auction 
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Join us next Sunday!

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.