



Celebration of Worship
March 2, 2025

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10:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on LANCASHIRE
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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*Responsive Sentences

Cindy Perkins

One: Come and follow Christ to the places where the heavens and earth meet.

All: The Holy is so near.

One: When we are weary or afraid,

All: when we question the path ahead,

One: Christ reveals the Sacred with us.

All: We never go alone.

One: As close as our own breath,

All: God is here.

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

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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

Mysterious One, as we draw near to the season of Lent, you fill us where we are empty, preparing us for the journey. Lingering in your presence, we are nourished by the remembrance of those who came before us. We are encouraged by our present companions on the journey. We are inspired by your promises of what's to come. As we gather, may we hear your voice among us, whispering words of assurance and calling us to courage. Thanks be to you, O God, and to the one who prayed...

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

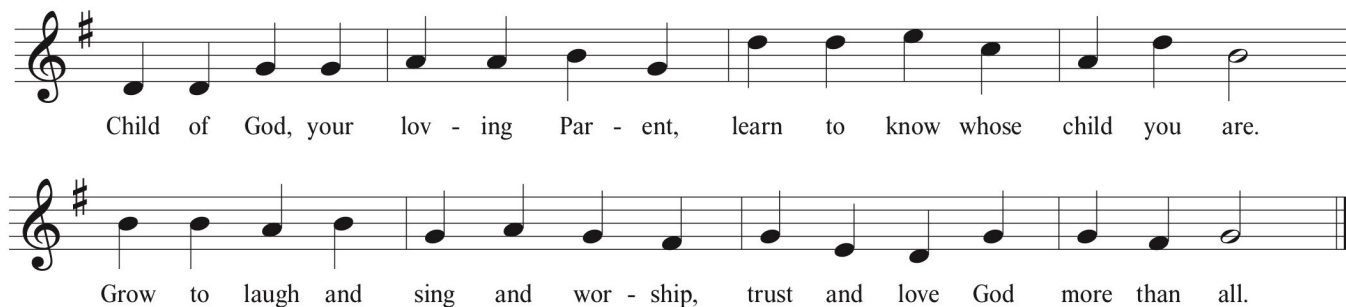
Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

STUTT GART



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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Diane Fast, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Mark Miller .

O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years and years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening quickly gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Under the shadows of Your throne
still may we ever dwell secure.
Sufficient is Your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

O time, like an ever-flowing stream,
soon bears us, everyone, away.
We fly forgotten as a dream,
but God remembers, so do we,
Your love live on!

O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years and years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
Pray be our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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Sermon

“God in the Valley”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

Spirit Open My Heart

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

arr. Michael Helman

* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

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Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME 7.8.6.8 with refrain

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D) (G) (A)
 Refrain Bb/C F Bb/F F Bb C

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv - ing. As you love, may I love, in re -
 ceiv - ing and in giv - ing; Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 F Bb C Dm

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C F Bb/F F

(G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)
 Bb/C F Bb/F F

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my
 3 May I weep with those who weep, share the

(G) (A) (D) (G) (A)
 B \flat C F B \flat C

heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, — word, and
 joy of friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

(Bm) (G) (D/F#) (Em7)
 Dm B \flat F/A Gm7

To refrain

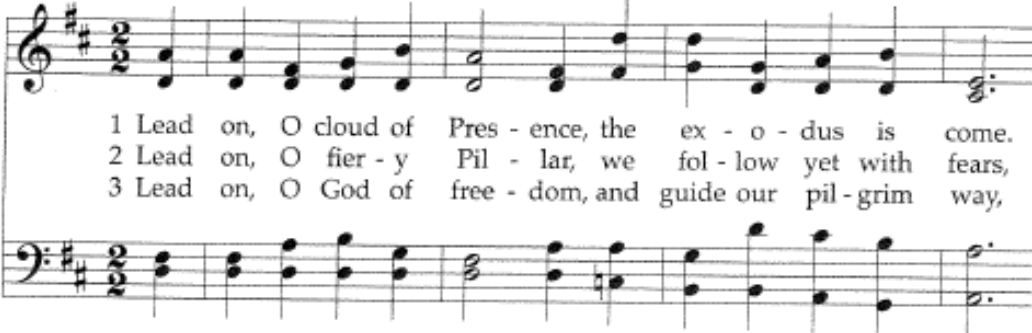
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

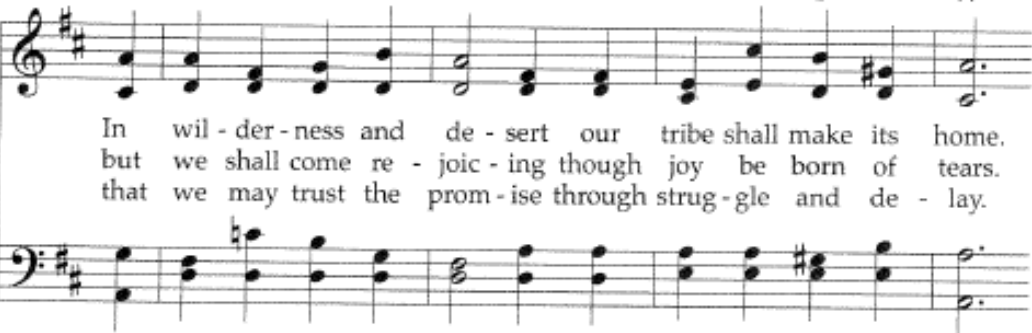
LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6 D

D G D G A



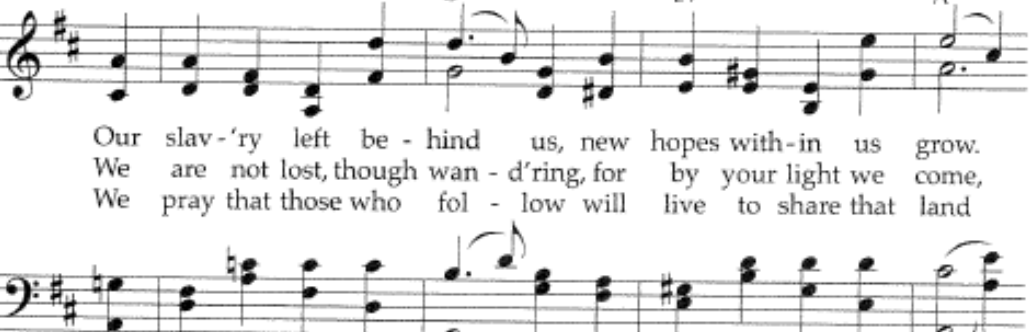
1 Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come.
 2 Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
 3 Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide our pil - grim way,

D G D A E A



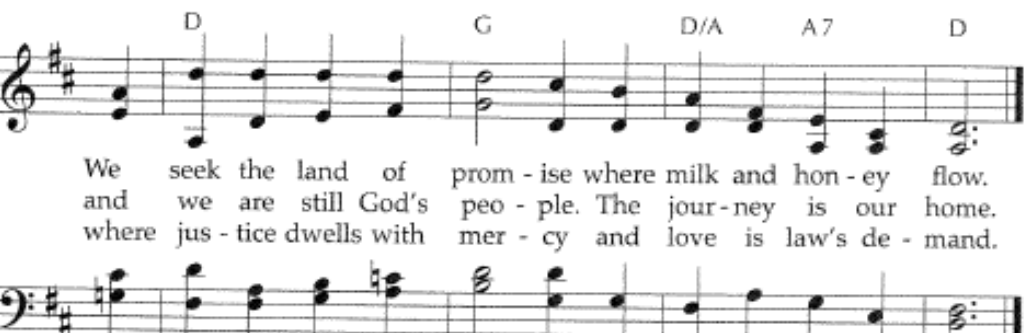
In wil - der - ness and de - sert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears.
 that we may trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

D7 C E7 A



Our slav - 'ry left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for by your light we come,
 We pray that those who fol - low will live to share that land

D G D/A A7 D



We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

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Plymouth Fine Arts Series

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

Plymouth Congregational Church
plymouth-church.net 202 North Clifton Wichita, KS

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!

New Member Sunday - March 30th

Thinking about becoming a member? Benefits include an opportunity to serve on boards and committees, and the right to vote during church meetings. We'd love to have you join the Plymouth family! Please contact Dr. Robu.



March Wine Tasting Event hosted by Auburn Spirits—visit their website for info

Shaken Stirred

CASE IN POINT WINE TASTING

Monthly Wine Tastings with Auburn at
Plymouth Congregational Church

📅 13 March '25 🕒 6:30pm to 8:30pm

📍 202 N Clifton Ave, Wichita, KS 67208

Join us for an evening of food, friends, and of course, wine!
Reserve your ticket on our website for March's pairing
\$60 Per Person
www.auburnwineandspirits.com

Jennifer Walterscheid



“Enameling is magical. Applying powdered glass to a metal then firing in a kiln for just a few minutes resulting in the joining of the metal and glass. Colors change from dull powder to glossy and vibrant. From the first time I fired an enamel piece I was hooked. Enameling became my passion, the thing I think about all the time. I consider myself a painter but with metal, glass, and fire instead of paint and canvas. The enamel designs are an expression of my thoughts and emotions, a result of my curiosity leading me down different paths. My work is diverse and ever changing as my exploration of the medium continues. I love to enamel on vintage copper vessels, create jewelry from botanicals that I cast in sterling silver, and imagine magical creatures made from silver wire and glass fired together. Enameling on a three-dimensional surface is an exciting challenge requiring patience and methodical precision.”

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.

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.

Great Courses Series begins Sunday, January 19th for 12 weeks. Gathering each Sunday at 9 AM in the Turner Room.

moderated by Anna Uhlig

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.

Wednesday Night Dinners March 5th, **Ash Wednesday**

A brief service will be held in the Chapel following dinner
Our Lenten Speakers Series begins on March 12th



WED DINNER @ 5:30
LENTEN SPEAKERS SERIES
Join us for dinner - stay for Lenten Speaker
Dinner \$10 / pp \$5 / kids

MARCH 12 Ryan Baty County Commissioner Government's role in homelessness	MARCH 19 Robyn Chadwick Multi-Agency Center for addressing issues of homelessness
APRIL 2 Dawn Shepler Humankind Ministries Hurdles faced by the shelter	APRIL 9 Louis Goseland Justice Together How we can help address problems of the homeless

202 North Clifton RSVP by Wed. Noon - each week
office@plymouth-church.net 316.684.0221

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9 AM Great Courses</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>2 PM Food prep for shelter dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 AM Aerobics</p> <p>2pm Prairie Wind Folk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Spinning Boots</p> <p>6:30 pm Cabinet</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 AM Aerobics</p> <p>5:30 PM Wed Night Dinner—<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i></p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 am Lunch & Walk!</p> <p>12:30 pm Plymouth Projects</p> <p>1:30 pm Women's Coffee</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 AM Aerobics</p>	<p>8</p>
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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.