



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Opening Voluntary “Thou True Vine that Heals the Nations” arr. Raymond Haan
Will Wiebe-Friesen, Guest Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** “Bring Many Names” Page 6

***Responsive Sentences** Chris Miller

One: Gather us in, Mother Hen God!

All: Protect us under your wings!

One: Foxes and hawks prey on our vulnerability,

All: cruel systems squeeze life from us.

One: Sunlight, rest, open-air, peace—

All: these are our dreams!

One: Huddle us together as we organize.

All: Hold us close as we make plans beyond the ways of oppression.

One: Keep a watchful eye on us Mothering, Protecting God.

All: Your children long to be free.

One: Your chicks long for safety.

All: Protect us under your wings!

*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

Jesus, Spirit-of-Living-Love, you were loyal to your mission until your death—teaching, healing, sending evil away, and welcoming the marginalized to your table. May your steadfastness in your work inspire us. Accompany us in spiritual discernment about what our work is for this season. Protect us from resignation, overwhelm, and perfectionism. Root us in the radical ways of the holy. Teach us how 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

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
(Let the children come forward.)



Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -
in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

I Need Thee Every Hour
Ellen Sudarshan

arr. Nathan Owens

I need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

I need thee every hour,
In joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is in vain.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour,
Most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

I need thee every hour,
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their power
When thou art nigh.

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

The Narrow Way
Scott Hay, guest conductor

K. Lee Scott

Be near me, Lord, wherever I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct what ever I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbor pride,
Lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness, let me see
I have my power, my all in thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray;
Incline my nature to obey;
What you abhor, oh, let me flee,
And only love what pleases thee.

Be near me, Lord, wherever I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct whatever I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.

Sermon

“Six Herods and a Hen”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

“Mothering God You Gave Me Birth”

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

“Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten”

J.S. Bach

* 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
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Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE 4.5.10.6.5.5.4

(Em7)
(G2)(G)
(Em)
(A2)(A7)
(D)
Eb
Fm7
Ab2 Ab
Fm
Bb2 Bb7
Eb

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e -
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning
 3 Warm fa - ther God, bless - ing ev - 'ry child, feel - ing
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful

(Em7)
(D/F#)
(Em)
(Asus)
(A7)
(D)
(Em7)
Fm7
Eb/G
Fm
Bbsus Bb7
Eb
Fm7

brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, hol - i - ness in
 all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

(G2)
(G)
(Em)
(A2)(A7)
(D)
(Em)
(D)
Ab2
Ab
Fm
Bb2 Bb7
Eb
Fm
Eb

glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho -
 qua - tion gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and Ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho -

(A)
(G)
1-5
(Asus)(A)
6
Bb
Ab
(D/F#)
(Em)
(D/F#)
(Em)
(A)
(D)
Eb/G
Fm
Eb/G
Fm
Bb
Eb

san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na, great, liv - ing God!

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

An Organ Recital & Hymn Festival

**Saturday
April 5th 7:30 pm**

**Bethel College
North Newton**

Organist Christopher Shaw will present an organ recital/hymn festival to remember Shirley Sprunger King. King taught at Bethel College for twenty years and was organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Shaw will be joined by Lorraine Miller (flute) and Don Kehrberg (oboe), both former members of the Deknatel Consort with King. In addition to organ pieces and hymns, there will be remembrances of Shirley. The event will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 7:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, KS.

An Organ Recital & Hymn Festival



*Remembering Shirley Sprunger King:
a teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend*

Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, March 30th 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

202 S Clifton in Fellowship Hall

Save lives and empower your health! In March, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations. See rcblood.org/March for details.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767).

Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.

Don't forget to save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. More

info: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a

\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.





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! contact Dr. Robu.



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.”

**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



Everyone is welcome!

WED DINNERS @ 5:30

MARCH 19TH

LENTEN SPEAKERS SERIES

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER

Robyn Chadwick

**Multi-Agency Center for addressing
issues of homelessness**



**Fajita and Taco Bar + Shrimp Ceviche
Cilantro Lime Rice + Black Beans
Dessert**

\$10/pp \$5/Kids no family pays over \$30

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.



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 BIRTHDAYS

MAR 1 SHELLEY CLOSSON
 MAR 3 PRESTON BRAMMER
 MAR 3 CAROL ABLAH
 MAR 3 BOB BAYER
 MAR 7 SHERI MAYES
 MAR 12 OLIVE YAGER
 MAR 14 LILY REED
 MAR 18 ANNE KINDEL
 MAR 19 CHRIS MILLER
 MAR 19 MARY HUNT
 MAR 22 TAYLOR MILLER
 MAR 29 ANNIE POULOS
 MAR 30 JENNIFER LOVETT
 MAR 31 PAULA STEPHENS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30 AM WORSHIP 2-6 SHELTER DINNER	3 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	4 5:30 PM CABINET SPINNING BOOTS	5 AEROBICS 9:30 AM PRESENT DAY CLUB 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND ASH WEDNESDAY	6 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	7 AEROBICS 10 AM MUSIC THEATER GUILD	8
9 9 AM FINE ARTS 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 GROWTH STEERING	10 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	11 SPINNING BOOTS	12 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	13 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE 6 PM AUBURN WINE TASTING	14 AEROBICS	15
16 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD 10:30 AM WORSHIP BIEROCKS ORDERS START	17 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	18 SPINNING BOOTS INVESTMENT CLUB	19 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER	20 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	21 AEROBICS	22
23 10:30 WORSHIP	24 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	25 5:30 PM TRUSTEES SPINNING BOOTS	26 AEROBICS 5:30 PM WED DINNER AND BOOK CLUB	27 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	28 AEROBICS	29
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