

# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**March 23, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

March 23, 2025

10:30 am

## Third Sunday of Lent

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

**Opening Voluntary**

“Rhosymedre” (Lovely)  
Christopher Shaw, Organist

R.V. Williams

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

See the Children Here before Us

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

Cindy Perkins

One: Child God

**All: God in Daycare**

One: God at home with a weary parent

**All: God at the whims of unhealed adults**

One: God at the mercy of violent systems

**All: God hiding under His desk**

One: God, sole survivor of Her family buried under rubble

**All: Child God**

One: God of Vibrant Laughter

**All: God of Holy Vulnerability**

One: God of Open-Hearted Trust

**All: God of Everyday Awe**

One: God in Need of Protection

**All: God of Inherent Worth**

One: We yield to your needs

**All: We relish your wonder. We honor you today & always.**

## \*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

**Child God—We have forsaken you. We have failed to protect you. We—hurt children, now grown up—have built a world too cruel for your glorious tenderness. We are sorry, we are sorry, we are sorry. We demand joyful places for you to play, safe places for your to learn, and loving places for you to belong. Truly, when all of you are free, all of us are free. With the fierceness of a cry and the gentleness of a lullaby—we 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 18:15-17**

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

**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**

“Hear my prayer, O Lord” from *Biblical Songs*  
Wesley Kelley

Antonín Dvořák

Hear my pray’r, O Lord, give ear unto my cry.  
Thou art my refuge and my hope,  
Thou shalt tread down my enemies.  
I will dwell forever in Thy tents  
and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.  
Lord! Thou art indeed my God,  
yea, I will seek Thee early.  
My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee  
in a barren desert where there is no water.  
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands  
in pray’r and adoration; year, my lips shall  
praise Thee all of my life long

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to Offering**

## Anthem

“Nearer, Still Nearer “

*arr. Dan Forrest*

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,  
Draw me, my Savior—so precious Thou art!  
Fold me, oh, fold me close to Thy breast;  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,  
Naught as an off’ring to Jesus, my King;  
Only my sinful, now contrite heart,  
Grant me the cleansing that Thou doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine!  
Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,  
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride,  
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,  
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
Through endless ages ever to be  
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee

## Sermon

“Fate”

Phil Frick

## \*Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr

Johann Krebs

\* Please stand in body, or in spirit.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

**Selected prayers and liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)**

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### **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

# See the Children Here before Us

DEANNA 8.7.8.7 D

G C D G C D

1 See the chil-dren here be-fore us, fresh ex-pres-sions of God's love,  
 2 Price-less gifts be-yond all meas-ure are the chil-dren in our care.  
 3 Now the church has come to-geth-er with a prom-ise we must share:

G C D G C D G

each young life a pre-cious prom-ise, sent from heav-en's realm a-bove.  
 At this hour of ded-i-ca-tion, God, please hear our hum-ble prayer:  
 to be faith-ful to the chil-dren you en-trust-ed to our care.

D7 G Em C D

God, we ask you now to bless them as they learn and grow each day.  
 bless these par-ents on their jour-ney through a vast, un-chart-ed land;  
 Let us see your love re-flect-ed in each small and pre-cious face;

G C D G C D G

Help us teach en-dur-ing les-sons that will guide them on their way.  
 help them fol-low as you lead them with a gen-tle guid-ing hand.  
 help us show them all the won-ders of your end-less love and grace.

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# This Little Light of Mine

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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (civil rights song) Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♪<sup>3</sup>♪

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

V2: Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

V3: Jesus gave it to me

V4: Shine, shine, shine

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## 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*

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## **Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive**

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)*

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

**\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card** by email.







**If you would like to give an Easter Lily in memory of, or celebration of a loved one, sign up forms are available in Fellowship Hall and in the lobby.**

**\$20 each.**

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**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.**



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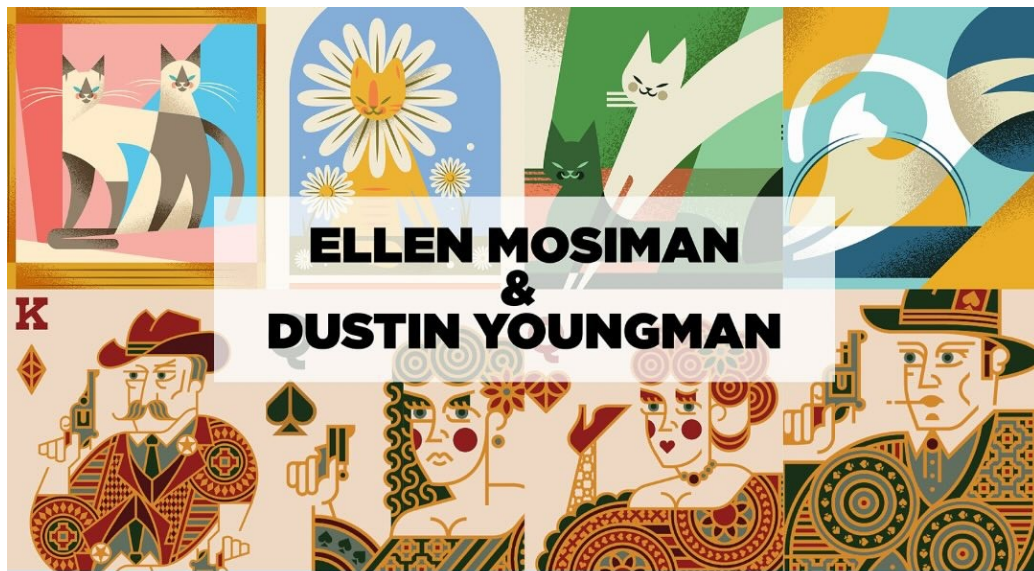
**Great Courses Series begins Sunday, January 19th for 12 weeks.  
Gathering each Sunday at 9 AM in the Turner Room.  
*moderated by Anna Uhlig***

**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**

# 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.”



## MARCH - APRIL HALLWAY ARTISTS

CURIOUS AND CREATIVE COLLECTION OF  
CATS, CANINES AND CARDS IN PRINTS OF  
ALL SIZES, STICKERS AND PLAYING CARDS

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