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***Celebration of Worship***  
**March 30, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

March 30, 2025

10:30 am

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

**Opening Voluntary**

Adagio, from Sonata No.1  
Christopher Shaw, Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Could it be that God Is Singing”

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

Cindy Perkins

One: The Love that Never Ceases sings with us songs of Liberation.

**All: Where righteousness flows, God is the current.**

One: Where cries for justice ring out, God is the belltower.

**All: Where healing blooms, God is the sunlight.**

One: Come, let us worship God,

**All: our Encourager and our Advocate.**

**\*Response of Praise**

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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## Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Unfailing Love, you do not desire us to punish ourselves over our wrongdoings. You desire for us to look squarely at our harmful actions, to make amends, and to do better. Guilt can guide us to where relational repairs need to be made, but shame -- a disconnection from our inherent belovedness -- is not what you ask. Guide us in the art of repair, steady us with your compassion, be with us as 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.**

### 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

Jeanne Thompson

### Solo

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*  
Aubrie Culver

arr. Howard Helve

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, let there be pardon;  
where there is doubt, let there be faith;  
where there is anguish, let there be hope;  
where there is darkness, let there be light;  
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Savior, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal  
life.  
Amen.

## Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

### Anthem

*I Believe*  
Jennifer King, solo

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun.  
I believe in the sun  
even when it's not shining.

I believe in love.  
I believe in love  
even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God.  
I believe in God  
even when God is silent.

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
*Selah*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
*Selah*

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

## Scripture Reading continued

Psalm 32

You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

*Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**Sermon**

“God’s Grace”

Dr. Robu

**\*Closing Hymn**

“How Blest Those Whose Transgressions”

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**\*Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

Postlude on “Aberystwyth” (Jesus, Lover of my Soul)

arr. Ashley Grote

\* 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

# Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -  
 2 Have you car - ried heav - y si - lence, have you let old sor - rows  
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur - pris - ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing  
 win, or pro - claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not  
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sist - ance to in -

E/B E B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a  
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was  
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly  
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -  
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

E/B C#m E/B E

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!  
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.  
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

# How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

(Psalm 32)

1 How blest, those whose trans-gres-sions have free - ly been for-given;  
 2 While I kept guilt - y si-lence, my strength was spent with grief.  
 3 So let the god - ly seek you, when trou-bling times are near;

whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.  
 Your hand was heav - y on me; my life found no re - lief.  
 no storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.

Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im-pute their sin:  
 But when I made con - fes - sion and hid no sin from you,  
 In you, O Lord, I hide me; you save me from all ill.

whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.  
 when I re - vealed my fail - ings, you gave me life a - new.  
 And songs of your sal - va - tion my heart with rap-ture fill.

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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.



Candy donations needed :-)

Thanks for helping us fill eggs with candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Now through Palm Sunday, we are collecting candy [individually wrapped]. Please drop off at the church office. And, thank you!

## SAVE THE DATES.....

**APRIL 5**  
**SATURDAY**

**Spring Clean-Up Day**

9-Noon

Bring gloves, rakes, large trash bags, etc.

**APRIL 6**  
**SUNDAY**

**Youth Sunday**

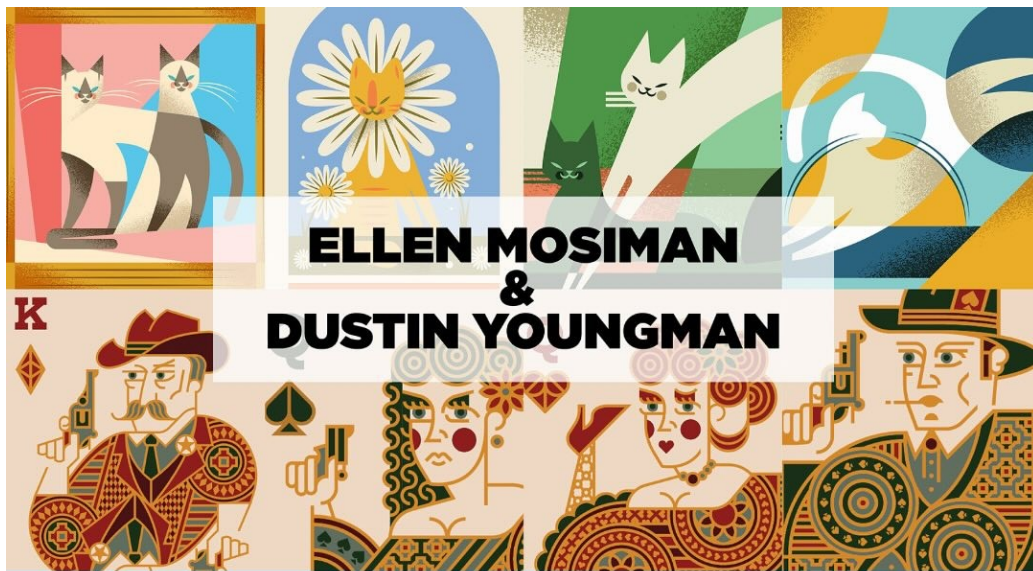
PCC children and youth will lead the service :-)

# Jennifer Walterscheid



**MARCH - APRIL  
DISPLAY CASE ARTIST**

“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.”



**ELLEN MOSIMAN**

**&**

**DUSTIN YOUNGMAN**

**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

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APR 1 BEV DOUTHETT  
 APR 3 CORINNE DEPEW  
 APR 3 DIANE FAST  
 APR 9 DYLAN NICHOLS  
 APR 9 SCARLET WATSON

APR 11 DAWES WATSON  
 APR 14 JOE YAGER  
 APR 18 STEVE THOMAS  
 APR 19 LAURA HADLEY

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 SPINNING BOOTS <b>5:30 PM CABINET</b>	2 AEROBICS <b>5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER</b>	3 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	4 AEROBICS <b>10 AM MUSIC THEATER GUILD</b>	5 <b>SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 9-12</b>
6 <b>10:30 AM WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY</b>	7 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING PEO GROUP - COMMONS	8 SPINNING BOOTS	9 AEROBICS <b>5:30 PM WED DINNER AND LENTEN SPEAKER</b>	10 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	11 AEROBICS	12
13 <b>9:15 AM GROWTH STEERING 10:30 WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY</b>	14 INVESTMENT CLUB AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	15 SPINNING BOOTS	16 AEROBICS <b>NO WED NIGHT DINNER</b>	17 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE <b>SEDER DINNER</b>	18 AEROBICS <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7 PM</b>	19
20 <b>9 AM MISSIONS 9:00 AM MISSIONS 10:30 WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY</b>	21 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	22 <b>5:30 PM TRUSTEES</b> SPINNING BOOTS	23 AEROBICS <b>5:30 PM WED DINNER AND GAME NIGHT!</b>	24 PLYMOUTH PROJECTS WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	25 AEROBICS	26
27 <b>9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 AM DEACONS</b>	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29 SPINNING BOOTS	30 AEROBICS <b>5:30 PM WED DINNER AND BOOK CLUB</b>			