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please stand in body or spirit when you see ✠

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Richard Elliott

***Call to Worship**

One Come into God's house with glad and grateful hearts!
Many **Come sing praise to God, from whom all blessings flow.**

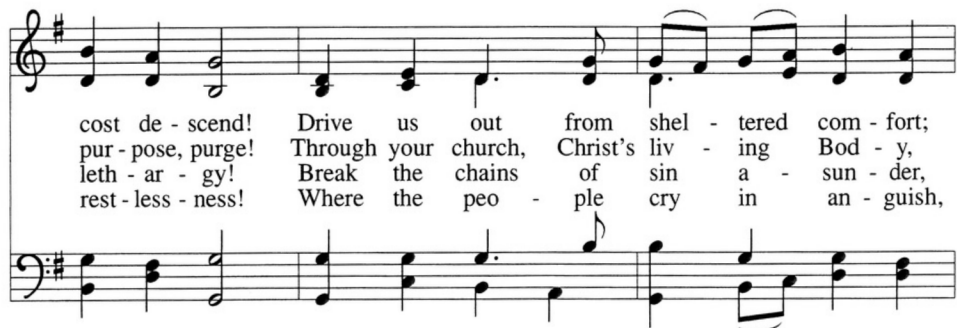
One Lift up your hearts, for God has done mighty things!
Many **All who live and breathe and have their being, praise the Lord!**

All **All glory, laud and honor be unto God most high!**

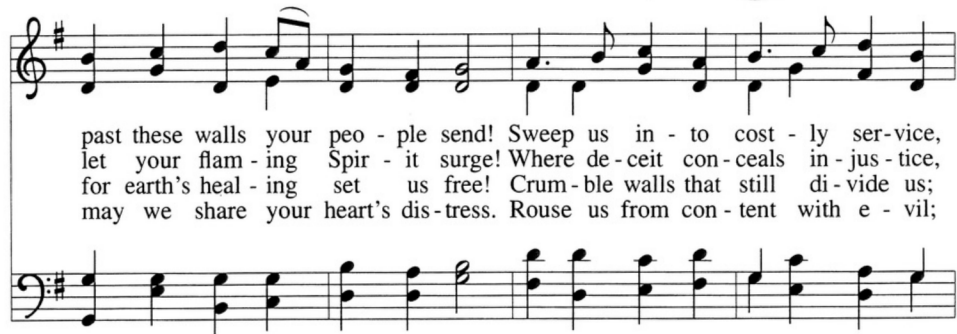
*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



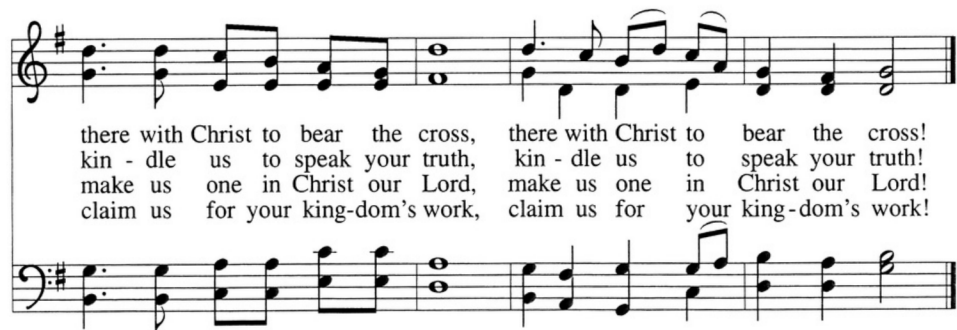
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

***Prayer of Invocation** *(Please, join in reading.)*

O Lord, our God, how precious
is your name in all the earth.
Our hearts rise up, filled with gratitude
for all we receive so freely from you.

Move among us in this hour of worship
that our lives might shine forth your light
in all we say and do and strive to become.
Make a blessing of us, O God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

***Gloria**

Glory to the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Down in My Heart

Cherub Choir

Paul Aiken, director
Merilee Dymacek, accompanist

*Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel in the Mayflower Room and
Nursery is available at this time.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

(NKJ Version)

Pew Bible NT pgs. 28-29 (NRSV)

Acts 2:1-4; 38-39

Pew Bible NT pg. 119

Reader The Word of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Enter in... *to Joy*

Rev. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

Offertory

I'm Gonna Sing

Chancel Choir

Traditional

*Doxology *(Please, join in singing.)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

*Plymouth Covenant *(Please, join in reading.)*

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,
made known or to be made known to us;
to love one another;
to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,
and the realization of our shared humanity.
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.

Mission Moment



Call to Prayer *(When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)*

Leader The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

(Sing again, Calm the Waves...)

Call to Commitment

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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*Benediction

Congregational Response *(People seated and singing.)*

**God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
Amen.**

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

God of Grace
Paul Manz



*The flowers on the chancel are given for
all the love in Plymouth Church*

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Lay Readers: Stevie Roman and Lucy Miller-Coleman

Sound, Light, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



WELCOME

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

 PLEASE, LET US KNOW!

coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies
sundays between services

contemplative practices & meditation

MEETING BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES
ROOM 205N THIS SUNDAY



Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Fridays • 8am
at HyVee**

**3504 Clinton Parkway
Lawrence, KS 66047**

VBS 2024

KINDOM CRAFTERS

Plymouth Congregational, Trinity Lutheran, and First Baptist are partnering together for Vacation Bible School.

This year's curriculum and theme is Kindom Crafters from Chalice Press. We'll have all the VBS classics: music, bible stories, games, crafts, and snacks.

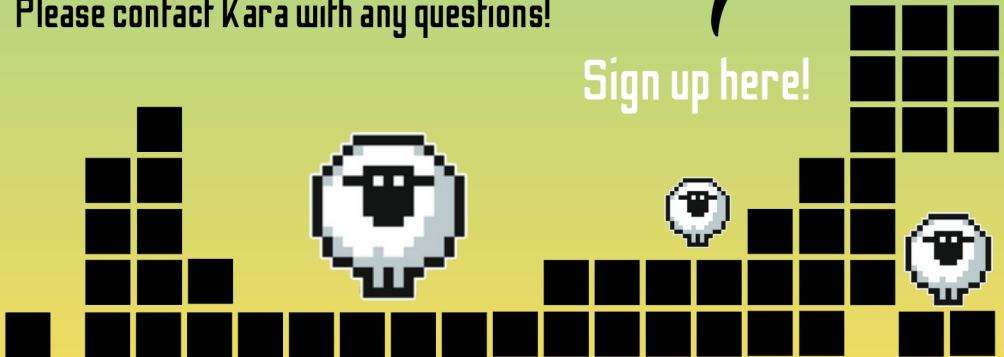
June 10th-13th, 6-7:30pm
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!





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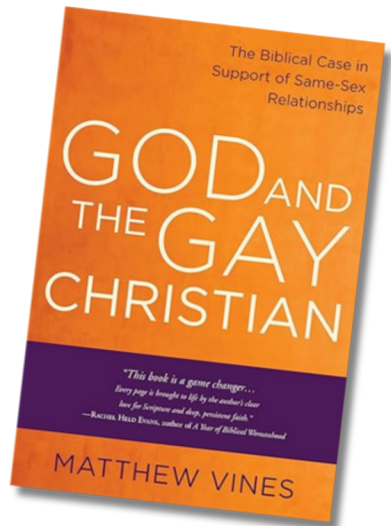
Saturday, June 1st
Parade at 11am
Party in South Park at 12pm

**Learn more and
volunteer online here!**



All Church Book Read for Pride Month

**“God and the Gay Christian:
The Biblical Case in Support
of Same Sex Relationships”
by Matthew Vines**



Fellowship Forum Discussions Between Worship Services

June 2nd – Introduction, Chapters 1–2

June 9th – Chapters 3–4

June 16th – Chapters 5–6

June 23rd – Chapters 7–8

June 30th – Chapters 9–10

Children's Chapel Sunday at Plymouth Church

Today is a Children's Chapel Sunday. Children's Chapel is held every first Sunday of the month. All grades (Pre K-5th) meet in the Mayflower Room. Children's Chapel is focused on teaching children about different ways to worship. Children will then go to choir until 11am.

Rooms for Choir

- **Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade)**
- **Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)**
- **Chapel Choir (6th-8th Grade)**

Room 205 S
Chapel
Chapel

Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am

Nursery services available beginning at 9:15 am in 105 S. A nursing and quiet room is in 104 S.

Worship bags and coloring pages can be found in the Narthex



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