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9:30 • Celebration of Worship
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...NOW

Matthew 25:14-30



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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

***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!**

*This Little Light of Mine

This system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics: "This lit-tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine —". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

This system of musical notation continues the piece with the same treble and bass staves. The lyrics are: "This lit-tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine. —". The musical structure remains consistent with the first system.

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This system of musical notation concludes the piece with the same treble and bass staves. The lyrics are: "— let it shine, — let it shine. —". The piece ends with a double bar line.

Vs. 2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Vs. 3 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

***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.

The Butterfly Song

Brian Howard

Cherub Choir
Paul Aiken, director

Children's Celebration

Children are invited to attend Sunday School and Nursery at this time.

***Sermon Hymn**

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30
Pew Bible NT pages 28-29

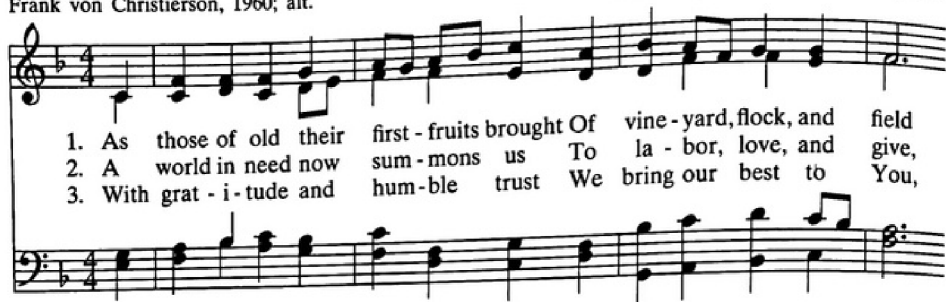
Reader The Word of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God!**

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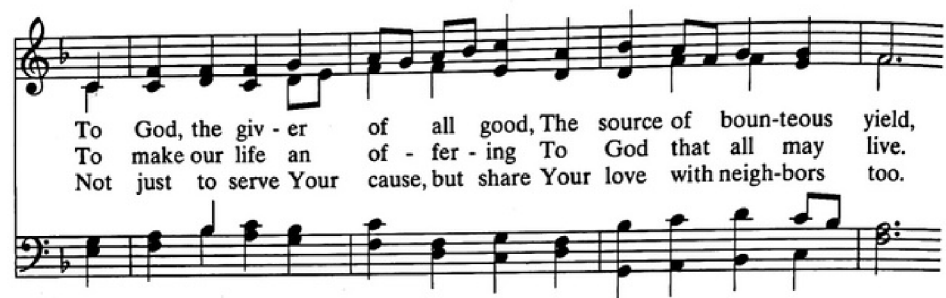
FOREST GREEN CMD

English folk melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

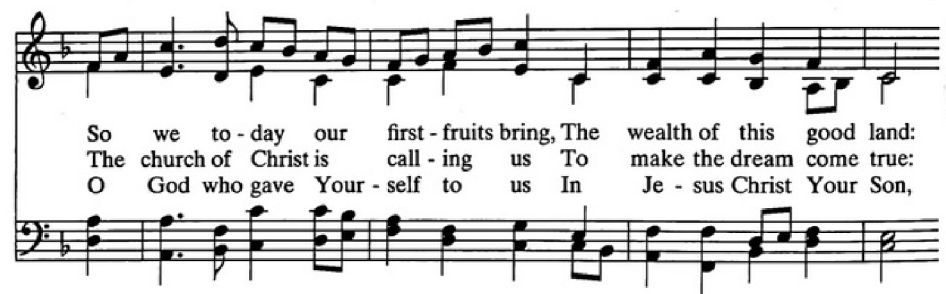
Frank von Christierson, 1960; alt.



1. As those of old their first-fruits brought Of vine-yard, flock, and field
2. A world in need now sum-mons us To la-bor, love, and give,
3. With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust We bring our best to You,



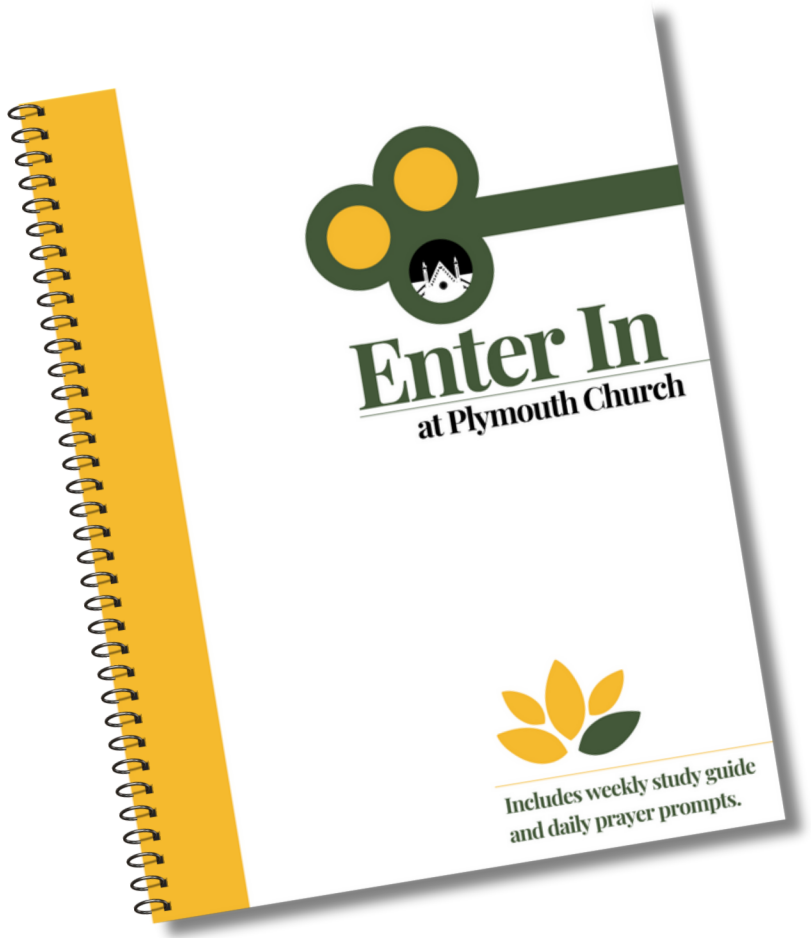
To God, the giv-er of all good, The source of boun-teous yield,
To make our life an of-fer-ing To God that all may live.
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neigh-bors too.



So we to-day our first-fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us To make the dream come true:
O God who gave Your-self to us In Je-sus Christ Your Son,



Of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.
A world re-deemed by Christ-like love, All life in Christ made new.
Help us to give our-selves each day Un-til life's work is done.



Sermon

Enter in...*Now*

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Tree of Life

Chancel Choir

John Rutter

***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

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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."

The first system of musical notation is in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes in bold text corresponding to the bolded lyrics.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody from the first system. It also consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody concludes with a final cadence.

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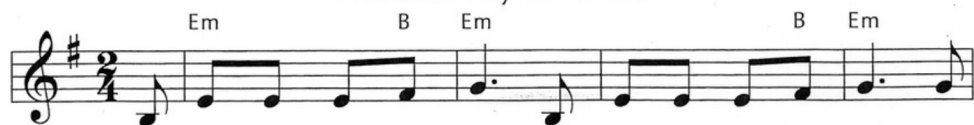
Pastoral Prayer

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...)

* The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - rio lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

*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

Capital campaigns are hard work! For the next few weeks, our postludes will relate to the focus of each Sundays' topic-but they might surprise, entertain, or even bring a little levity to the task before us!



Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Liturgist: Rev. Heather Coates
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Kara Horrix
Lay Readers: David Treviño and Sarah Whitten
Sound, Light, and Radio: Phil Cauthon
Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

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Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Fridays • 8am
at HyVee**

**3504 Clinton Parkway
Lawrence, KS 66047**



Enter In

Fellowship Forum Series

Sundays April 14, 21, 28, and May 5
10:40-11:20 in the Heritage Room

Beginning with Plymouth's 2024 Capital Campaign's Vision Sunday on April 14, a special four-week series has been developed for Fellowship Forum meeting between worship services in the Heritage Room. Our focus for this forum will be on the campaign theme, **Enter In**. Based on the key scripture passage, Matthew 25:14-23, Jesus' parable of the talents, this series will examine our spiritual journey to enter into our opportunity, our now, our potential and our true source of joy.

Rev. Fred Kandler, the Spiritual Life Director for the 2024 Capital Campaign, will guide these Fellowship Forum conversations that are coordinated with worship and sermon themes for these Sundays.



NEW MEMBERS
orientation class today
Sunday, April 21 • 1-3pm
Pizza Lunch at 12:30pm



*Chancel Choir Spring
Major Choral Work*

The Gift of Life

Six Canticles of Creation

John Rutter

Sunday, May 5

The six movements of this beautiful choral work reflect different facets of the miracles of creation and life. It is a celebration of the living earth and its creation. According to John Rutter, the composer, “it offers a kaleidoscope of moods from contemplative and prayerful to majestic and inspirational.”

The Gift of Life is accompanied by piano, organ, harp, timpani, and percussion.

Please support the choir and the gift of music that they share each Sunday. What a great Sunday to invite guests to experience worship at Plymouth!

Children's Musical

Sunday, May 12

Once Upon a Parable



The Carol and Chapel Children's Choirs are busy rehearsing for their musical "Once Upon a Parable."

Jesus was the consummate storyteller. The parables he told taught, puzzled, amused, and even irritated.

As the children learn the lessons of these stories they understand how relevant they are even today. You'll meet Mary, Martha, some Pharisees, a Prodigal Child, Zaccheus and more.



Justice Matters Action Assembly

Sunday, April 28th • 3-4:30pm
at the Lied Center

Join us to learn about Ending Chronic Homelessness and Supporting the Elder Care Workforce in Douglas County



Visit the **Enter In** website for information on the capital campaign, how you can join the effort, daily prayer, and even **Enter In** background screens for your phone!



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

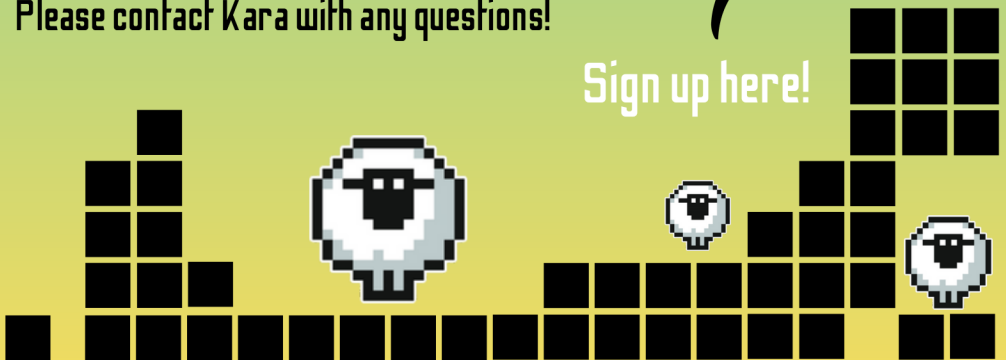
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!



Sunday School & Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Pre K-Kindergarten Room 106 S
- 1st-3rd Grade Room 210 S
- 4th-5th Grade Room 207 S

Nursery is in Room 105 S • A nursing/quiet room is in 104 S

Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade) Room 205 S
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade) Chapel
- Chapel Choir (6th-8th Grade) Chapel

Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am

Worship Bags and Coloring Pages can be found in the Narthex. Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Celebration (approximately at 9:45am) and go to Children's Choir afterwards from 10:30-11am.

**A parent or someone from your approved list of people
must check your child out.**



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