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please stand in body or spirit when you see an \*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Nearer My God to Thee**

**Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee. Even  
though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my  
song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee. Nearer  
my God to thee, nearer to Thee.**

**Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down.  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone. Yet in  
my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my god to thee, nearer to thee.**

**There let the way appear, steps unto Heaven.  
All that thou sendest me, in mercy given.  
Angels to beckon me, nearer my God to Thee.  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.**

**There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;  
Age after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.  
Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

## \*Invocation

## \*Gloria

Glory to the Creator,  
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
as it was from the start,  
so it shall be forever, one God, always here.

## Scripture Reading

**Acts 15:1-18**

*Pew Bible NT pg. 134*

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

## Word Through Music

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Who's In?**

## Call to Offering

## Workin on A World

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## 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.**

## **New Day**

Arthur Dodge

## **People's Prayer**

Respond after each petition with **"Lord, Hear Our Prayers."**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Creator, 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.**

## **\*Fill my Way with Love**

**Let me walk, blessed Lord, in the way Thou hast gone  
Leading straight to the land above;  
Giving cheer everywhere to the sad and the lone  
Fill my way every day with love**

**Fill my way every day with love  
As I walk with the heavenly Dove;  
Let me go all the while with a song and a smile  
Fill my way every day with love**

Keep me close to the side of my Savior and guide  
Let me never in darkness rove;  
Keep my path free from wrath and my soul satisfied  
Fill my way every day with love

Fill my way every day with love  
As I walk with the heavenly Dove;  
Let me go all the while with a song and a smile  
Fill my way every day with love

### \*Blessing

### \*Closing Song

God be with you 'til we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you 'til we meet again.

## Today's Service Participants

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Liturgist:** Rev. Michael Brecke

**Lay Reader:** Cynthia Dunham

**Gathering of Grace Band:** Pam Gibbs,  
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty

**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Gretchen Meyer

**Cameras and Video:** Jeremy Winfrey



**KIDS  
SIGN UP**



**VOLUNTEER  
SIGN UP**



**STEP RIGHT UP**

JOIN US FOR OUR 2025  
**VACATION**  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**

MEALS AT  
5:30 PM

JUNE  
**9-12**  
2025

VBS from  
6:00-7:30pm



Trinity Lutheran Church  
by South Park

1245 New Hampshire St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

# ACT NOW TO SAVE HEAD START!

Head Start is a lifeline—for children, families, and communities. **Cutting it would be catastrophic.**

**“The Trump administration is considering a budget proposal that would **zero out funding for Head Start.**”**

**USA TODAY**  
APRIL 11

**WE CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN.**

**IT'S GO TIME.**

We need Congress to hear from every single Head Start supporter—today.

## Take 2 minutes for 2 Actions:



**Send a message** to your members of Congress urging them to protect Head Start:



**[nhsa.org/take-action](https://nhsa.org/take-action)**



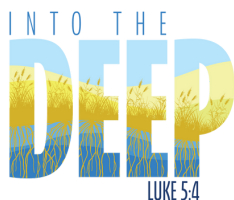
*Are you a current or former Head Start parent, caregiver, or student?*

**Sign** a special letter directly to President Trump:



**[go.nhsa.org/action](https://go.nhsa.org/action)**

Then, spread the word—share these QR codes with families, staff, alumni, and friends. **Every voice counts.**



# United Church of Christ

## General Synod 35

July 11-15, 2025



GS35TEAM



Every two years faithful members of the United Church of Christ gather for General Synod – a time for inspirational worship, fellowship, and learning more about the U.S. and global ministries of our beloved community.

In July 2025, members of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, along with the Missouri Mid-South Conference, will welcome thousands from across the country for the UCC's 35th General Synod in Kansas City, Missouri.

**We have volunteer needs in the areas of hospitality, worship, delegate and staff support, and more!**

We are expecting around 3,000 guests, so this is our chance to showcase our Midwest hospitality.  
**Please consider volunteering!**

**More information, volunteer shifts, and volunteer registration here!**





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MEN'S CHORUS KANSAS CITY

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— WITH —  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1 • 3PM • PLYMOUTH CHURCH

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TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ONLY • \$25



MEN'S CHORUS KANSAS CITY



# Plymouth Church celebrates with **PRIDE 2025** Lawrence, KS • Saturday • June 7

**More details &  
sign up to help!**



Plymouth Congregational UCC Boards, Social Justice Ministry Team and Open and Affirming Ministry Team are excited to partner with Lawrence Pride's Parade and Party in South Park.

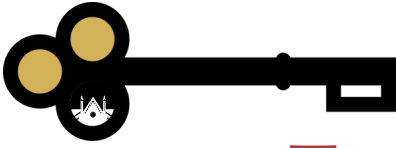
**Plymouth's Youth Service Corps and Mentors** will be volunteering in South Park from 12pm-3pm doing face paint, glitter tattoos, big bubbles, hula hoops, stickers, etc for children, youth and families.

**Plymouth's Fellowship Board** will be giving out free rainbow sherbet south of the the gazebo.

**Plymouth's Membership Board** will be tabling to share the good news about Plymouth Congregational Church with our wider community.

If you are NOT involved in any of these three efforts above OR you want to get more involved, **please let us know!**

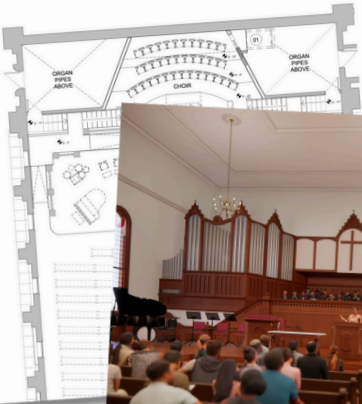
**We need all hands on deck! We appreciate your time and energies as Plymouth Celebrates with Pride!**



# Enter In

at Plymouth Church

You can ask questions, keep up with the project, and see the **latest architectural drawings** on the Enter In website.



# Plymouth Children's Ministry

## Welcome to the Gathering of Grace!

Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families in this service.

Nursery services are available for infants, toddlers and Pre-K children in Room 205 South. We ask you to please bring your children to the nursery by 11:45!

There is also a family room for nursing parents in Room 204 South.

There are worship bags located on the north side of the narthex that are filled for activities and coloring pages for all ages!

If you are interested in learning more about our children's programs, please reach out! [christianed@plymouthlawrence.com](mailto:christianed@plymouthlawrence.com).

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**An Open & Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ**



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