



# Gospel of John

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The Way. The Truth. The Life.

John 9:1-41

11:30 Gathering of Grace

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Sunday • February 15 • 2026

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How can we reclaim the  
promise John offers for  
our own time and context?  
What kind of savior are we  
longing to receive? What  
in us and in our world  
cries out for redemption?  
How can we find our way?  
Where do we turn to find  
the truth about ourselves  
and the world around us?  
What brings us life?



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

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Justice Matters

**\*Wings of a Dove**

**On the wings of a snow-white dove  
He sends His pure, sweet love  
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

When troubles surround us, when evils come  
The body grows weak, the spirit grows numb  
When these things beset us, He doesn't forget us  
He sends down His love on the wings of a dove

**On the wings of a snow-white dove  
He sends His pure, sweet love  
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

When Noah had drifted on the flood many days  
He searched for land in various ways  
Troubles, he had some, but wasn't forgotten  
He sent him His love on the wings of a dove

**On the wings of a snow-white dove  
He sends His pure, sweet love  
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

\*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

**John 9:1-41**

*Pew Bible NT pg. 102*

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Double Take**

Call to Offering

Shadow Man

Arthur Dodge

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.**

## What Light

Wilco

## 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.**



## **\*Working on a Dream**

**Out here the nights are long, the days are lonely  
I think of you and I'm working on a dream, I'm working on a dream  
Now the cards I've drawn's a rough hand, darling I straighten the back  
I'm working on a dream, I'm working on a dream**

**I'm working on a dream, though sometimes it feels so far away  
I'm working on a dream, and I know it will be mine someday**

**Rain pourin' down, I swing my hammer  
My hands are rough from working on a dream, working on a dream**

**I'm working on a dream, Though trouble can feel like it's here to stay  
I'm working on a dream, our love will chase trouble away  
I'm working on a dream, Though it can feel so far away  
I'm working on a dream, Our love will make it real someday  
The sun rise up, I climb the ladder, The new day breaks  
I'm working on a dream**

## **\*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.**



The flowers on the chancel are given by Jan Mahlios  
in memory of Marc Mahlios.

# Today's Service Participants

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

**Liturgist:** Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

**Lay Readers:** Caroline Rothnie, Tim O'Brien,  
Chuck Marsh

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

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

**Cameras and Video:** Jeremy Winfrey



# Welcome

## New to Plymouth?

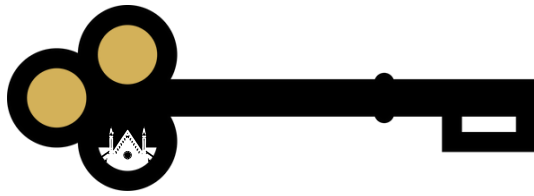
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# LINK

**Sign up for LINK  
THIS SUNDAY at  
the Featured  
Ministry Table!**





# Enter In



## The History of Change at Plymouth Church

**TODAY! • 10:45 - 11:30am**

**The Mayflower Room**

**The History of Change at Plymouth Church** presented by Plymouth Historian Susan McCarthy. Susan will review the significant changes made with the Plymouth Church structure, giving special attention to sanctuary changes. Time will be allotted for questions and comments.

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## Called Congregational Meeting

**February 22, 2026**

A called congregational meeting of Plymouth Congregational Church will be held **February 22, 2026 in the sanctuary at the conclusion of the Combined Worship Service at 9:30.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to "discuss and vote upon the proposed modifications to the chancel" as requested in a petition received by the Moderator and signed by 5% of the members of the congregation.

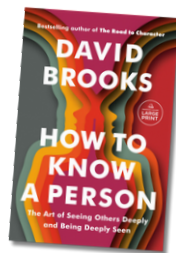
# Lenten Wednesdays at Plymouth Church



## Spiritual Book Club

Facilitated by **Judith Galas**

This Lent the Spiritual Book Club will read David Brooks' *How to Know a Person: the Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*.



The book, which is \$20 in paperback, is widely available. The Raven Bookstore can have it within five days of your order. Judith Galas will facilitate the book discussion. Judith asks that you sign up only if you know that you can make the first meeting and most of the others. Contact her at [judithcgalas@gmail.com](mailto:judithcgalas@gmail.com). It's possible this new beginning will help establish an ongoing spiritual book club at Plymouth.



## Centering Prayer

Facilitated by

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

Prayer seems like a simple practice, but that doesn't mean it's always easy. Practicing together with a good teacher helps. Wednesday evenings during Lent we'll gather to practice and study Centering Prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating, a Trappist monk who brought monastic prayer to the local congregation.

Expect contemplative silence, some video and in-person teaching, and companionship as we learn to pray together. No previous experience or study necessary.

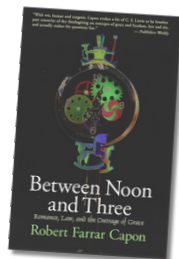




## The Radical Grace of God

Facilitated by **Rev. Michael Brecke**

A Lenten discussion about the radical grace of God, based on Robert Farrar Capon's book "From Noon to Three: Romance, Law, and the Outrage of Grace." Robert Farrar Capon is an Episcopal priest and author. In this book he explores God's radical grace, how we relate to that grace and its relationship to and between "the law and the Gospel." This will be a no holds barred, freewheeling discussion of God's grace and our comfort zones.



## Baptism Class

Facilitated by **Rev. Caroline Dean**

This will be a small group for parents, adults, and older youth seeking baptism. We will have interactive teaching sessions, share resources and explore baptism together. Most of all it will be a great way to connect with other families and members at Plymouth. Childcare is available.

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# Wednesday Nights\*

**February 25-April 1  
6-7pm**



**Sign Up  
Online Here**

**Childcare available.**

**\*We will not meet on March 18, Spring Break week!**

# Kids at Plymouth Wednesdays



**Kidz Camp!** is a place for kids about to go into kindergarten through elementary school to gather for learning and play, singing songs and playing games from **Tall Oaks Church Camp**.



## K-1st Grade and 4th-5th Grade "Our Whole Lives" Courses

**Our Whole Lives** equips children & adults with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture.

Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

**For K-1st Grade OWL**, a parent or caregiver is encouraged to attend with their K-1 student.



**More  
Details &  
Sign Up  
Online Here**



# Sunday Evenings



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Stepping Stone small group will gather at Plymouth on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6pm on the following dates:

**Sunday, February 22** (Students and Parents),  
**Sunday, March 1** (Parents Only) and  
**Sunday, March 8** (Students and Parents)

Save the date for our 8 Grade Stepping Stone Blessing on **Sunday, March 29** in worship.



## 8th Grade Stepping Stone Small Group

Plymouth's Stepping Stone program is a cradle-to-graduation family ministry that transforms faith formation for children, youth and parents. Stepping Stone gatherings encourage and equip parents to be confident and effective faith mentors for their youth. In these groups you will find spiritual practices and transformative conversations with other parents about things that really matter to parents and students at key junctures in your child's development.

These groups are for parents and youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. *There is one meeting with parents only.*

You will also receive extra resources & take-home rituals. Susie Roman will be facilitating the 8th grade Stepping Stone group.

Email Rev. Caroline Dean with any questions:  
[associatepastor@plymouthlawrence.com](mailto:associatepastor@plymouthlawrence.com)

**Sign Up Online Here**





# FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

# NAVIGATING NEW DIRECTIONS

TALL OAKS CONFERENCE CENTER  
LINWOOD, KANSAS

MARCH 6-8 2026

The **First Annual Men's Retreat** will be led by **Pastor Keith Herron** as we explore **Navigating New Directions**, learning to travel in our stories, even as they change.

Life can be seen as a cycle of from dependence to independence to interdependence and circling back again.

We'll explore stories we hold in the library of our own lives, and we'll explore how we change the trajectory of our lives by navigating new directions as we consider the threshold moments of formation, integration, and intimacy as part of a meaningful whole.



**MORE DETAILS  
& REGISTRATION**

# ASH WED NES DAY

Our **Lenten** journey  
begins on Ash  
Wednesday.

Join us at **6pm on  
February 18** for this  
service of worship with  
the imposition of ashes.

**AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH**

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# 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!

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