



Gospel of John

The Way. The Truth. The Life.

John 1:35-51

9:30 Celebration of Worship

Sunday • January 11 • 2026

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 *

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Earth and All Stars
Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship

Leader In the beginning was love, a breath moving over still waters.
People **Love lives and grows here.**

Leader A light shined in the darkness and it shines for all ages.
People **Light and hope shine through us now.**

Leader God calls us "Beloved" and provides a way in the night.
People **Beloved, let us find that way together.**

Leader God promises never to leave us, not now and not ever.
People **Love and light will guide us home.**
All **Come, let us worship God!**

*Earth and All Stars

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

Vs. 1 & 2 Congregation and Choir

Vs. 3 Organ improvisation on the text

Vs. 4 Congregation and Choir

Earth and All Stars

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Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964

David N. Johnson, 1968

A^b Cm B^m A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b Fm D^b

1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets Sing to the
 2. Steel and ma - chines, Loud pound - ing ham - mers Sing to the
 3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes Sing to the
 4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom Sing to the

A^b B^m Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b E^b D^b A^b E^b Cm Fm A^b B^b E^b

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers

Fm Fm D^b Cm B^m Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b E^b

Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

E^b A^b D^b A^b D^b A^b E^b A^b Fm D^b A^b Fm B^m E^b A^b

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

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

God of Love, we long to know the comfort of your companionship.
We would love you with our whole hearts, if we could.
We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us.
Move with us beyond the confines of familiar habits.
Set us free us from the limitations of our language,
and expand our understanding of you.
Teach our hearts to speak your love.
Shine your light through us that we might reflect
your full image among all whose lives touch ours.
In Christ 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.

Children's Hymn

These Treasured Children



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Children's Celebration

Children attending Sunday School go to their designated line up spot after the **Children's Celebration**. Teachers and guides will be holding signs to help you locate where your child should line up!

*I Come to You



1. I come to you, the lost and scat-tered;
 2. I come to you, the dis-re-gard-ed;
 3. I come to you, the false and fail-ing;



I come to you, the smug and strong;
 I come to you, the scarred and shamed;
 I come to you, the wild and worn;



I come to you, the souls un-gath-ered;
 I come to you, the bro-ken-heart-ed;
 I come to you, the wronged and rail-ing;



now come to me, learn you be-long.
 now come to me, and be re-claimed.
 now come to me, and be re-born.



Leave all you've done, I am for-giv-ing;



leave all you've known to come and see;



leave all you've owned, you're just be-gin-ning;



leave all you've been and fol-low me. me.

Scripture Reading

John 1:35-51

Pew Bible NT pg. 92

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

The Way. The Truth. The Life.



Call to Offering

Offertory

Sing Hey for the Carpenter

arr. Ralph Johnson

Chancel Choir

***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**

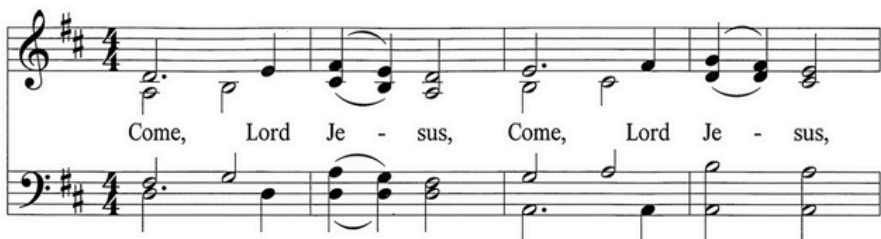
*Plymouth Covenant *(Please, join in reading.)*

**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.**

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

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



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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, Come, Lord Jesus...)

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

409

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

*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

Judy Kettle, organ

March in C Major

Daniel Ficarri

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice 409

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech-oes through the des-ert still,
 2. "Bear the fruit re-pent-ance sows: Lives of jus-tice, truth, and love.
 3. With such preach-ing stark and bold John pro-claimed sal-va-tion near,

Call-ing us to make a choice, Bid-ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth-er claim than those; Set your heart on things a-bove.
 And his time-less warn-ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, Led by faith through ways un-trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con-trol.
 Then will flames the chaff de-vour; Wheat a-lone shall fill God's store."
 Till we come at last like John To be-hold the Lamb of God.

This tune in a lower key, 20

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Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

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Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale

Acolyte: Bennett Lyon

Welcome Team Leader: Ruth DeWitt

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Aaron Polson

Budget Meeting

Immediately following
the 9:30 Service **TODAY.**

10:40–11:30
in the Mayflower Room

Childcare provided in Room 209 S. Please
pick up your child after the completion of
the budget meeting at 11:30am.

SANCTUARY ALLIANCE FELLOWSHIP FORUM

On **Sunday, January 18th**, Sanctuary Alliance will address the current immigration landscape at a local and national level. They will also discuss what to do if you see any suspected ICE activity. This fellowship forum will take place **between services, beginning at 10:40am in the Heritage Room.**

*All are invited to attend this session, particularly anyone wanting to volunteer with **Somos Plymouth Language Program.***



We need another volunteer for our Sunday morning sound and lights team!



Training is provided for this volunteer position involving a commitment of one Sunday a month for both services.

Please contact Bob Newton if you're interested by email at **bnewton@sunflower.com** or by phone at 785-331-5787.



Welcome

New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!



LINK

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

New around here? Discover Plymouth is for you!

We are people on a mission.

We are a Christian community united for the worship of God and the service of all. We live into that mission by organizing for social justice, by celebrating all loving relationships and the rainbow of gender identity, through amazing faith formation programs for families with children and youth, and small group ministries that feed the soul.

Meet Our
Pastors
10:40am
TODAY

Learn More
About Our Mission
Room
201N



TATTOOS ON THE HEART

RETURNING TO OURSELVES

PLYMOUTH WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2026

SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER

ATCHISON, KANSAS

**FULL DETAILS AND
REGISTRATION
ONLINE HERE**



TOGETHER WE WILL EXPLORE PARABLES OF KINSHIP ILLUMINATING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND EACH PERSON'S INHERENT GOODNESS THROUGH SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES, INDIVIDUAL JOURNALING, PRAYER PRACTICES AND THE ARTS.

FATHER GREGORY BOYLE WRITES BEAUTIFULLY ON THESE THEMES IN HIS BOOKS "TATTOOS ON THE HEART" AND "CHERISHED BELONGING."

THERE IS NO REQUIRED READING FOR THE RETREAT; HOWEVER, READING EITHER/OR (OR EVEN A PART OF ONE!) WOULD BE AN INSPIRING WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR RETREAT EXPERIENCE.



My Life As Gift: Telling Your Life Story

If you have ever thought about writing the story of your life, come to an informational meeting **in Room 202N between services either on January 11 or 18.**

Too often the stories of our lives are lost, and the wisdom we have gained is not passed along to younger generations.

The **Memoir Writers Forum** addresses this issue. God gifts us with life and calls us to make a gift of our lives to others!

Many of us doubt that our lives are interesting or significant, *but we all have a story to tell* – a story layered with complexity, contradictions, and memories both gratifying and regretful.

The **Writers Forum** will jump start your writing, helping to instill confidence that you can create a lasting legacy, capturing meaningful memories to pass on to others.

“Writers are the custodians of memory,” wrote noted scholar and author William Zinsser.

“Writing... allows you to come to terms with your life narrative. It also allows you to work through some of life’s hardest knocks – loss, grief, illness, addiction, disappointment, failure – and to find understanding and solace.”

Join us in this journey together!



JUST FOOD CLASSROOM CUPBOARD FOOD DRIVE

The second half of the school year has begun, and Plymouth Church is conducting another food drive during the month of January to provide snacks for schools, ranging from crackers and sunflower seeds to dried fruits and breakfast bars. Throughout the month you may drop food items off in the Just Food Barrel at the North and South entrances to the Church.

A list of the items we are collecting can be found at the Mission table.



**DONATION BARRELS
ARE LOCATED AT THE
NORTH AND SOUTH
ENTRANCES TO THE
CHURCH.**



Sunday School and Children's Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Preschool
- K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-5th Grade

Room 106 S
Room 205 S
Room 210 S
Room 206 S

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

Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade)
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)
- Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade)

Room 205 S
Room 204 S
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.

Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can be found on the bulletin board at the South Entrance.

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