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at Plymouth Church

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April 21 • 2024

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Enter In Capital Campaign

*Help Me

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness to see
There's a light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace**

His words shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Chorus

*Passing of the Peace

*Prayer of 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.

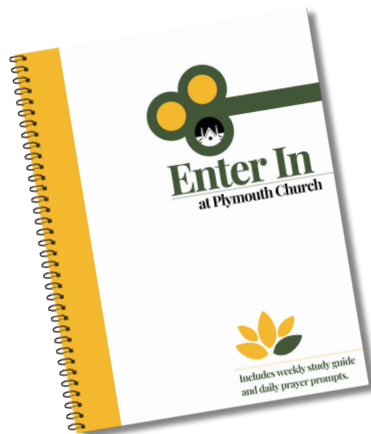
Scripture Reading

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!**

Word Through Music



Sermon

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Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

Your Own Hero

Steve Forbert

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.

Behind that Locked Door

George Harrison

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.

***Try a Little Kindness**

If you see your brother standing by the road
With a heavy load, from the seeds he sowed
And if you see your sister fallen by the way
Just stop and say it's all going to be okay

**You've got to try a little kindness
Show a little kindness
Just shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of the narrow minded people
On their narrow minded streets**

Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show everyday
Will help someone along their way

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***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. Heather Coates

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

Lay Readers: Angie Brownrabbit and Bella Brownrabbit

Sound, Light, and Radio: Phil Cauthon

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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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 Kandeler, 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.

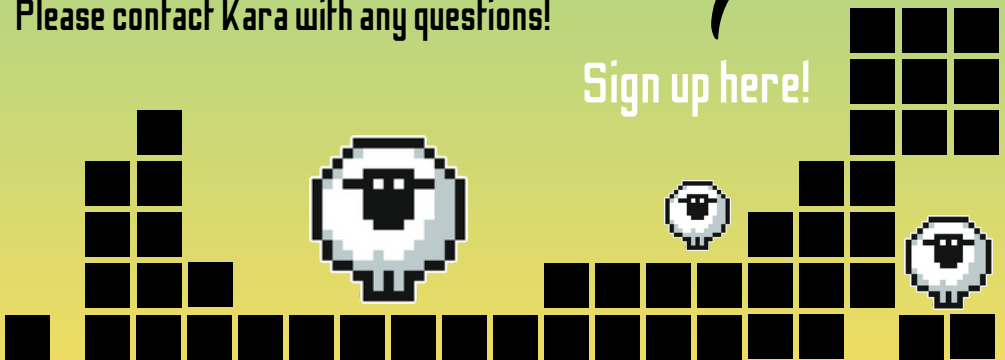
June 10th-13th, 6-7:30pm
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!



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 to Kara Holcombe, Director of Faith Formation at christianed@plymouthlawrence.com.



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