

**Lent 2**  
**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

**11:30 GATHERIN OF GRACE**

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Sunday • March 1 • 2026

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*I Need Thee Every Hour\*

**I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby.  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee**

**I need Thee every hour in joy or pain.  
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come 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

**John 13:1-17**  
*Pew Bible NT pg. 107*

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Follow the Leader**

Call to Offering

Wash my Feet in the Waves

Chuck Ragan

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.**

## Hard Times

Gillian Welch

## Communion Prayer

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

## Sharing of the Elements

## \*One Day at a Time

I'm only human, part of the plan.  
Lord, help me believe in what I could be, and all that I am.  
Show me the stairway, I have to climb.  
Lord, for my sake, teach me to take, one day at a time.

**One day at a time, sweet Jesus,  
that's all I'm asking of you.  
Give me the strength to do everything that I have to do.  
Yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus,  
and tomorrow may never be mine.  
So help me today, show me the way, one day at a time.**

Do you remember when you walked among men?  
Well, Jesus, you know, if you're looking below,  
it's worse now than then.  
All the pushin' and shovin,' it's crowding my mind.  
So, Lord, for my sake, teach me to take, one day at a time.

### **Chorus**

## \*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. Caroline Lawson Dean  
**Lay Reader:** Bob Starr  
**Gathering of Grace Band:** Pam Gibbs,  
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty  
**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Mark Maziar  
**Cameras and Video:** Aaron Polson



Available online here!



# *Outgrow*

2026

## LENT DEVOTIONAL

**Lenten devotionals have arrived!** Deacons have 100 copies available on a first come first served basis. Stop by the featured ministries table to get yours. *Also available online.*

# Summary & Results from the Called Congregational Meeting on February 22, 2026

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## Jenny O'Brien, Plymouth Moderator

On Sunday, I witnessed something extraordinary. Over 250 Plymouth members gathered in the Sanctuary to vote on proposed modifications to the chancel. For almost two hours, we learned about the two design options, and 14 members asked thoughtful, searching questions. Together, we passed a motion that committed the Project Management Committee to act on the collective wisdom of the congregation.

The results of the ballot vote are:  
Expanded Chancel - 99 votes  
Adapted Chancel - 151 votes

We heard impassioned advocacy from 11 members. We heard expressions of deep tenderness for our church home and its history. And at the same time, we heard loud and clear the imperative to include everyone in our worship, regardless of ability.

My only regret as moderator was that not everyone who wanted to speak had the opportunity. Your voice is valuable! Drop me an email at [\*\*tjbrobrien@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:tjbrobrien@gmail.com).

So...what happens next? The PMC will work diligently with the architects to bring accessibility to the existing chancel. This design work will take about 4-6 weeks. Then, once all plans are in place, Council will authorize construction. Updates will be forthcoming!

**Jenny O'Brien**  
*Plymouth Moderator*





# Blood Drive

## Plymouth Congregational

Tuesday, March 3  
10am - 3pm

Mayflower Room  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
925 Vermont St

### Prepare to donate



Eat well  
and hydrate



Bring a  
photo ID



Feel good and  
symptom free



Must be 17+ or  
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Meet minimum  
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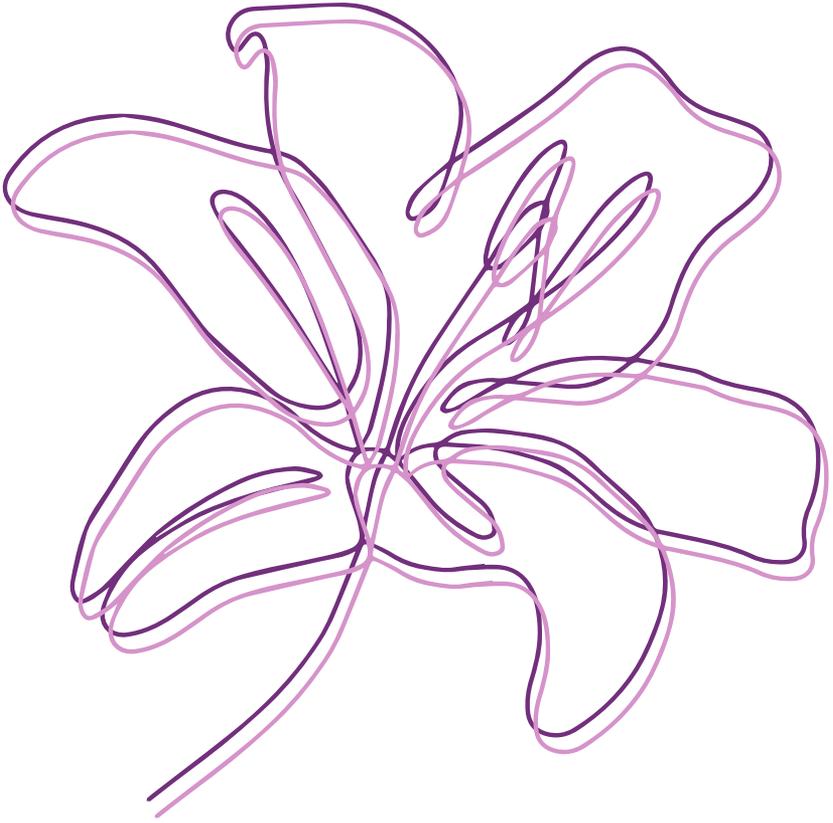
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contact Mari White at (785) 766-6632 or  
[alex72302@gmail.com](mailto:alex72302@gmail.com).



# Welcome

## New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!



# Easter Lilies

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Pastors' Emergency Fund 2026  
at Plymouth Congregational Church



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# HOLY WEEK

## AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

### **Palm Sunday Services**

Sunday, March 29 • 9:30 & 11:30am

Our Holy Week pilgrimage begins.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 2 • 7:30pm

The journey to the cross intensifies.

### **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 3 • 7:30pm

Dramatic presentation of the Passion  
Narrative using still life characters  
and music.

# EASTER SUNDAY

## AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

**Sunday, April 5 • 9:30 & 11:30am**

Our journey culminates in the  
celebration of resurrection life!

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed!

# 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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