

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

**9:30 CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

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**Sunday • March 1 • 2026**

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

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Middle School Handbell Choir

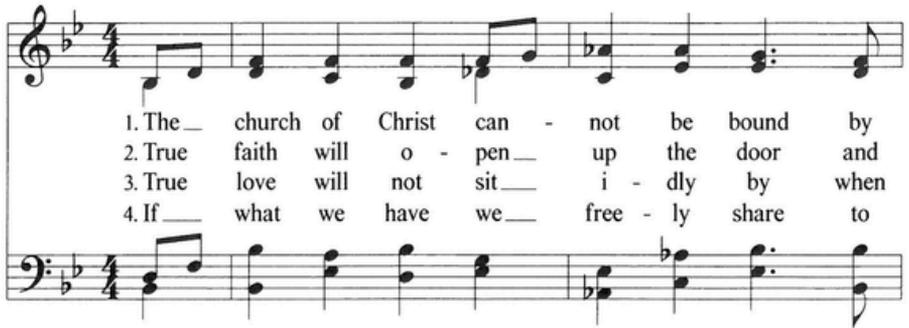
**Come, Lift Your Hearts on High**

Michael Ryan

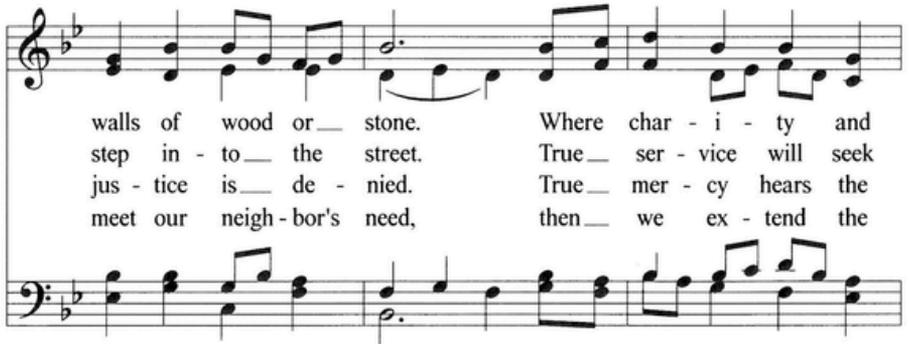
\*Call to Worship

- Leader Claim us, O God, from complacency,  
which is not even aware that it is sinning;
- People From the pride, which cannot admit that it is wrong;**
- Leader From the self-will,  
which can see nothing but its own way;
- People From the self-righteousness,  
which can see no flaw within itself;**
- Leader From the evasion, which always puts the blame  
on someone or something else;
- People From the heart so hardened that it cannot repent.**
- All Claim us, O God, so that we may be redeemed  
by your grace.**

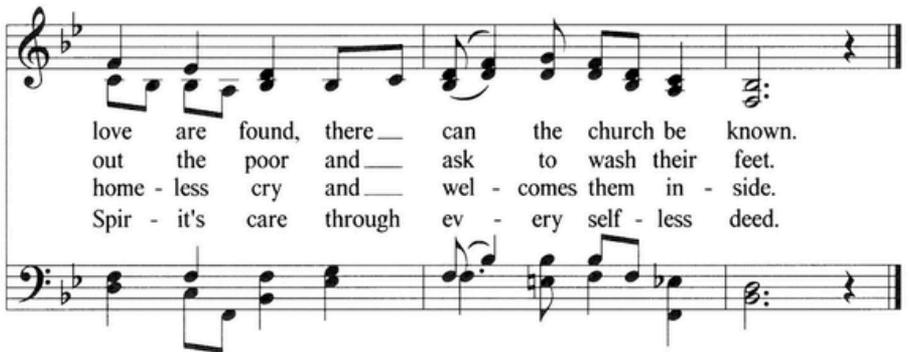
# \*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and  
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when  
4. If what we have we free - ly share to



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the



love are found, there can the church be known.  
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.

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## \*Prayer of Confession *(Please, join in reading.)*

**God of love, we come before you with hearts broken and weary.  
We confess that we have nurtured despair  
and given it safe harbor to grow within us.  
We have indulged in disdain for our enemies and neighbors.  
We have not loved you with our whole hearts.  
Grant that being truly repentant,  
We may be truly forgiven.  
May your grace cover the distance  
between us and all you have promised,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Assurance of God's Love

## \*Song of Response

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days vs. 1 & 3** 81  
*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

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

## 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!**

## 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN CM

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 156

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - tory win,  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

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Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.  
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

# \*Jesu, Jesu

## Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
These are the ones we would love, these are the ones we would  
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, thank - ful and hum - ble and

feet, Je - sus, our broth - er, a hum - ble man. —  
race; neigh - bors are near — and far — a - way. —  
serve; all these are neigh - bors, your child - ren too. —  
true; this is the way we would live — with you. —

**Sermon**  
**Follow the Leader**

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**  
**Ubi Caritas**

Philip Stopford

*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.**

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Invitation

## Communion Prayer

Leader God is with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up to God.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader Let us pray...

## Sanctus *(Please, join in singing.)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san-na in the  
high - est. Blest is the one who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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## 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.

## Words of Institution

## Sharing of the Elements

## Communion Music

**Ave Verum** • W.A. Mozart  
*Chancel Choir*

**Let Us Break Bread Together** • Anna Laura Page  
*Middle School Handbell Choir*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Leader** Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving together.  
**People** **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table. Now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## \*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

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Henry Percy Smith, 1874

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## \*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

### Son of God, Eternal Savior

Michael Burkhardt

## Today's Service Participants

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean  
**Minister of Music & Fine Arts:** Kim Manz  
**Lay Reader:** Jim Hanni  
**Acolyte:** Lorelei Reuman  
**Welcome Team Leaders:** Ron and Su Johnson  
**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Mark Maziar  
**Cameras and Video:** Aaron Polson



# Welcome

## New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!



Available online here!

A close-up photograph of a hyacinth plant. The plant has several green stems with clusters of small blue flowers at the top. The bulbous roots are visible, showing a network of white roots extending into dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

# *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

## Be a year-round hero.



Learn how to earn a premium **weekender bag** as thanks.



## 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 16 with parental consent form



Meet minimum weight requirements

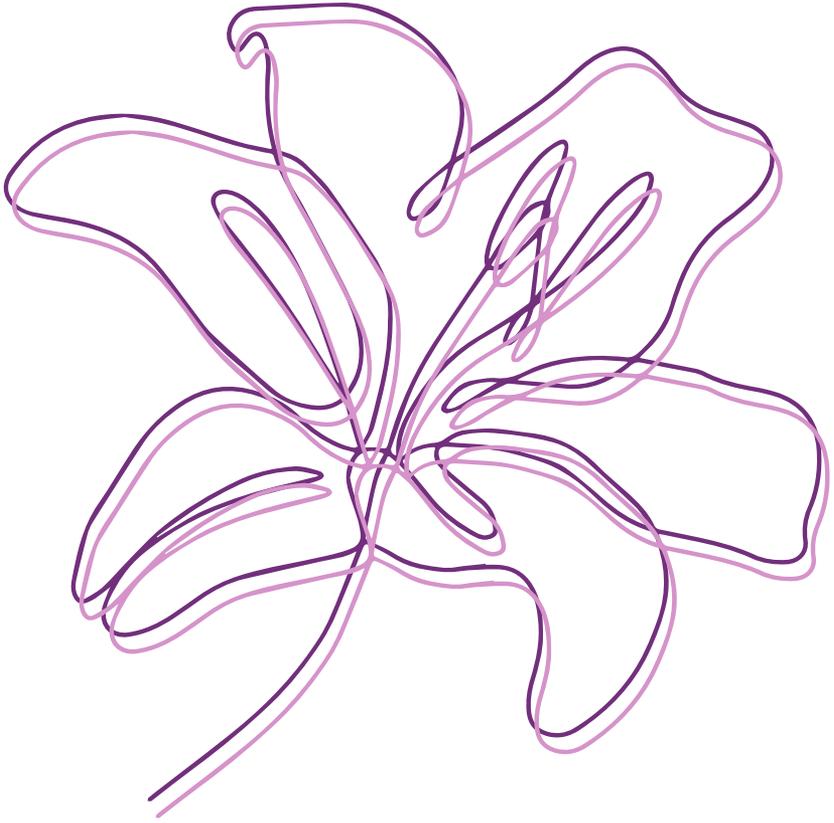
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# Easter Lilies

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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!

# 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  
Chapel  
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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