### PLYMOUTH CHURCH



11:30 Gathering of Grace Sunday, June 22 + 2025

### from the Athanasian Creed

...Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is **one Christ**, who suffered for our salvation...



please stand in body or spirit when you see an

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Mission Moment**

**Family Promise** 

### \*Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me. And that Thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt. Fightings and fears within without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive. Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve. Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### \*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 3:1-21

Pew Bible NT pg. 93

Reader The Word of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God!

### **Word Through Music**

Sermon

Rev. Michael Brecke

Credo: Christ Who Redeems

### Call to Offering

I Shall Believe

Sheryl Crow

### **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.

### When will I be Changed?

Josh Ritter

### 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.

### \*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.

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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.

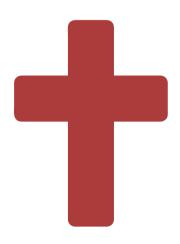
### \*Blessing

### \*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. Michael Brecke
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller Coleman
Lay Reader: Belinda Hunt
Gathering of Grace Band: Pam Gibbs,
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson
Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey







# Plymouth Art Classes 20

**25** 

# coming **soon!**

### **Beginning Knitting Class**

with Chris Collister and Jack Brewer

Meets at Plymouth Church

Thursdays at 2pm • June 26 through July 31 (6 weeks)

ages 14 - adult (maximum of 6 people)

Participants should bring size 8 or 9 knitting needles, if they own them. Otherwise they will be provided. Yarn will be provided.

### The Writing Workshop - "Short-short Prose"

with Kirsten Bosnak

Initial Meeting: July 12 from 2:30-4pm 3-4 meetings of about 90 minutes

Participants will discuss the remaining meeting dates and times.

ages 16 - adult • 6-25 participants

This class will explore the chameleon genre of short-short prose that can show up as nonfiction, fiction, poetry or something else. Participants will write some of their own prose.

## Make Your Own Loom - Weaving Class

with Carol Leffler

Meets at Plymouth Church ages 12-adult • 3-6 participants
Wednesday, July 16 • 1-3pm & Friday, July 18 • 1-3pm
Participants will learn the basics of weaving, how to make a simple loom, and will weave a small project — coasters, hot pads, small purse, wall hanging.





### full list of classes and **online** registration here!



### **Beautiful Bugs - Clay Class**

with 7an Gaumnitz

### Saturday, July 12 • 1-3pm at Jan's studio

1.5-2 hours

1st - 5th grade

3-8 participants

This class will create bugs out of clay and glaze them.

Cost: \$10



with Jan Gaumnitz

Tuesday, July 15 • 1-3pm at Jan's studio

6th-12th grade

1.5-2 hours

3-8 participants

This class will explore poured painting medium and also create mixed media art.

Cost: \$10



with 7an Gaumnitz

Tuesday, July 29 • 2-4pm at Jan's studio

Adult

1.5-2 hours

This class will create cylinders in clay and glaze them.

Cost: \$10











the man legend

# Dietrich Bonhoeffer

4 weeks starting June 22

at 10:45am

in the heritage room with Rev. Michael Brecke

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and major force in the church during the time of Nazi Germany. He was a founder of the Confessing Church, an alternative to the state churches of the day. He functioned as a spy and participated in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Ultimately, he was hung in a Nazi prison just as the war was ending.

Bonhoeffer was an accomplished pianist, a lover of Jazz, a friend of Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and more.

Let's take a walk together, in another time, when resistance to government oppression was part of the daily drama of life in the church.



### United Church of Christ General Synod 35 July 11-15, 2025



# GS35TEAM



Every two years faithful members of the United Church of Christ gather for General Synod – a time for inspirational worship, fellowship, and learning more about the U.S. and global ministries of our beloved community.

In July 2025, members of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, along with the Missouri Mid-South Conference, will welcome thousands from across the country for the UCC's 35th General Synod in Kansas City, Missouri.

We have volunteer needs in the areas of hospitality, worship, delegate and staff support, and more!

We are expecting around 3,000 guests, so this is our chance to showcase our Midwest hospitality. **Please consider volunteering!** 

More information, volunteer shifts, and volunteer registration 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! **christianed@plymouthlawrence.com.** 

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