

EASTER SUNDAY

AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

11:30 Gathering of Grace
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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Easter Offering

*Here Comes the Sun

George Harrison

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

*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 20:1-18
Pew Bible NT pg. 114

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Risen Indeed!

Call to Offering

Let it Be

Lennon/McCartney

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.**

Beacuse He Lives

Bill & Gloria Gaither

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

*All You Need is Love

Lennon/McCartney

Love Love Love
Love Love Love
Love Love Love
Love Love Love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say but you can learn to play the game
It's easy

There's nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time
It's easy

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love love love
Love is all you need

There's nothing you can know that isn't known
Nothing you can see that isn't shown
Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be
It's easy

All you need is love...

*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 and
Rev. Michael Brecke

Lay Reader: Annamarie Hill

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

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



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2026 EASTER OFFERING AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Dear Plymouth Members and Friends,

As we prepare for Holy Week, we are reminded that our faith calls us not only to reflection, but to action—to love our neighbors, to seek justice, and to care for one another in tangible ways. Palm Sunday and Easter invite us into a story of hope and renewal, and they also offer us an opportunity to live out that hope in our community.

This year, the Service and Justice Board invites you to participate in a special Easter offering to support two organizations doing vital work close to home: **Somos Lawrence** and **Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA)**.

Somos Lawrence works alongside immigrant and Latino neighbors in our community, offering support, advocacy, and connection so that all people can feel welcomed and valued. Their work builds stronger relationships and helps create a more inclusive Lawrence for everyone. We also partner with Somos Lawrence in our work with the Somos Plymouth Language Program.

KIFA (“Kansas Interfaith Action”) brings people of faith together across traditions to advocate for justice, protect civil rights, and ensure that compassion guides public life. Their work empowers faith communities like ours to speak out and stand up for dignity and fairness across Kansas.

We invite you to give generously on Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (April 5). Your gift will be shared between these two organizations, extending Plymouth’s care beyond our walls and into the lives of our neighbors.

However you are able to give, know that your generosity matters. Together, we can be part of the healing, justice, and hope that these sacred days call us to embody.



Somos Lawrence continues to respond to a growing need within our local community, as more families turn to the Somos (Ballard) pantry for support each week. For many, this pantry is not just a place to receive food and supplies—it is a place of welcome, trust, and connection.

Funds from this Easter offering will help ensure that essential items, especially toiletries, remain consistently available for the coming year. These everyday necessities—often overlooked but deeply needed—allow individuals and families to care for themselves with dignity. Your gift will directly support the Friday pantry services dedicated to Somos families, helping create a reliable and compassionate space where people can access what they need without barriers.

In a time when many in our community are living with real fear and vulnerability, Somos Lawrence offers both practical support and a sense of belonging. Supporting this work is one way we live out our commitment to care for our neighbors, recognizing that small acts of giving can carry profound meaning.



KIFA brings people of faith together to speak out for dignity, justice, and the well-being of all our neighbors. At this moment, KIFA is working to respond to proposed legislation that would have serious consequences for immigrant communities—measures that could expand protections for ICE agents and limit access to essential resources like

local food banks. Funds from this Easter offering will help sustain KIFA's advocacy, education, and organizing efforts so that faith voices continue to be present, informed, and engaged in these critical conversations.

At the same time, KIFA is helping coordinate and support Pride Day celebrations across Kansas this summer. These gatherings are more than events—they are visible expressions of belonging, affirmation, and hope for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. By helping to send participants to support these celebrations, KIFA ensures that communities of faith are part of creating spaces where all people are welcomed and valued. Your gift strengthens this ongoing work of justice, inclusion, and faithful public witness.

WAYS TO GIVE →

There are three ways you can give to KIFA and Somos Lawrence:

- Use the yellow offering envelope in the pews on Easter Sunday.
- Make a gift online.
- Stop by the church office from 9am - 3pm Monday through Thursday to drop off your check.

Checks can be made out to “Plymouth Congregational Church” with “Easter Offering” in the memo line. Contact Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean with any questions.

Sincerely,
Plymouth Congregational Church’s Board of Service and Justice



GIVE ONLINE





CHILI COOK OFF

THE BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS TRIP TEAM WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 10 AT 6PM AT PLYMOUTH IN THE MAYFLOWER ROOM

We need Chili Cooks! You must fill out the form to participate as a cook in the Chili Cook Off competition. Sign up by **April 6**.

If you are not able to cook, save the date to attend the Chili Cook Off and support our youth service-learning trip. May the best Chili Cook win!

This year our high school youth and mentors are raising funds for a trip to Bentonville, Arkansas • July 5-10 • **Focusing on Economic Justice**

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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