

GOSPEL of



11:30 • Gathering of Grace
January 28 • 2024

Mark 5:1-20

**HEALED
RESTORED
FORGIVEN**

**...‘GO HOME TO
YOUR FRIENDS, AND
TELL THEM HOW
MUCH THE LORD
HAS DONE FOR YOU,
AND WHAT MERCY
HE HAS SHOWN
YOU.’ AND HE WENT
AWAY AND BEGAN
TO PROCLAIM IN
THE DECAPOLIS
HOW MUCH JESUS
HAD DONE FOR HIM;
AND EVERYONE
WAS AMAZED.**

MARK 5:19-20

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

***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

Mark 5:1-20

Pew Bible NT pages 39

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Life Unchained

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

Come Healing

Leonard Cohen

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.

Something Good Coming

Tom Petty

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.

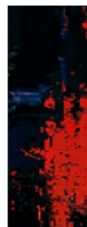
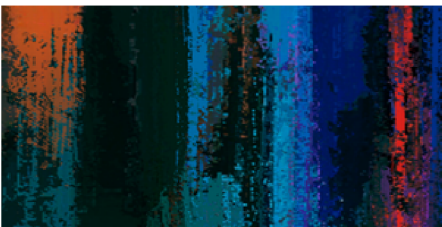
*We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

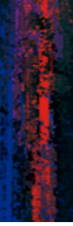
We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
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We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are brothers and sisters, all.

Every rung goes higher and higher.
Every rung goes higher and higher.
Every rung goes higher and higher.
We are brothers, and sisters, all.

Every new rung just, just makes us stronger.
Every new rung just, just makes us stronger.
Every new rung just, just makes us stronger.
We are brothers, and sisters, all.

We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
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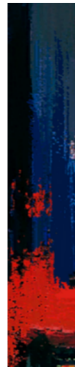
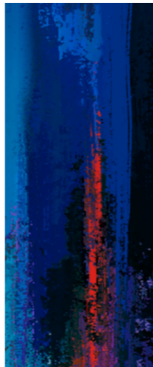




*Blessing

*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. Caroline Lawson Dean

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

Lay Reader: Cindy Epperson

Sound, Light, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey





PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



WELCOME

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

 **PLEASE, LET US KNOW!**

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WEDNESDAY AT PLYMOUTH

February 14 • 2024

Potluck at 5:30
Service at 6:30



**COMMUNITY
CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**CLOTHING
DRIVE**

The Board of Mission and Service is holding a clothing drive for the "Early Childhood Clothing Closet", a program of the Community Children's Center (CCC).

Learn more here!





Acolytes at Plymouth



The primary role of an Acolyte is **bringing the “Light of Christ” into Sunday worship**, symbolizing the **presence of Christ**.

Any child/youth in 3rd - 8th grade or older may serve as an Acolyte.

Next Training: TODAY, 11am in the Plymouth Sanctuary.



More info





DOANE UNIVERSITY

CHORAL CONCERT
AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH
FEBRUARY 9 • 7PM





STUDENT HOSTING

The Plymouth Music and Fine Arts board is recruiting volunteers to host Doane University Choir students in their homes February 9-10. The choir will be performing a 7:00pm concert at Plymouth Friday, February 9. Hosts will need to pick up the students at the church after the performance, provide breakfast and return the students to the church by 7:45am on Saturday, February 10. Students will be placed in groups of 2, so a minimum of 2 beds are needed.



**COME BY THE FEATURED
MINISTRY TABLE TODAY,
OR SIGN UP TO HELP 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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