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May 19 • 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Enter In Capital Campaign

*Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

***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

Matthew 25:14-30

(NKJ Version)

Pew Bible NT pgs. 28-29 (NRSV)

Acts 2:1-4; 38-39

Pew Bible NT pg. 119

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

Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.**’

Acts 2:38-29

Word Through Music

Sermon

Enter in... *to Joy*

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Call to Offering

I Hear Them All

David Rawlings

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.**

Let My Reach Exceed My Grasp

Arthur Dodge

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.

Call to Commitment

***Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
It runs to heaven and runs right back.

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

*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.



*The flowers on the chancel are given for
all the love in Plymouth Church*

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 Readers: Matt and Sonny Del Vecchio
Sound, Light, and Radio: Bob Newton
Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



WELCOME

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?



PLEASE, LET US KNOW!

coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies
sundays between services

contemplative practices & meditation

MEETING BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES
ROOM 205N THIS SUNDAY



Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Fridays • 8am
at HyVee**

**3504 Clinton Parkway
Lawrence, KS 66047**

VBS 2024

KINDOM CRAFTERS

Plymouth Congregational, Trinity Lutheran, and First Baptist are partnering together for Vacation Bible School.

This year's curriculum and theme is Kindom Crafters from Chalice Press. We'll have all the VBS classics: music, bible stories, games, crafts, and snacks.

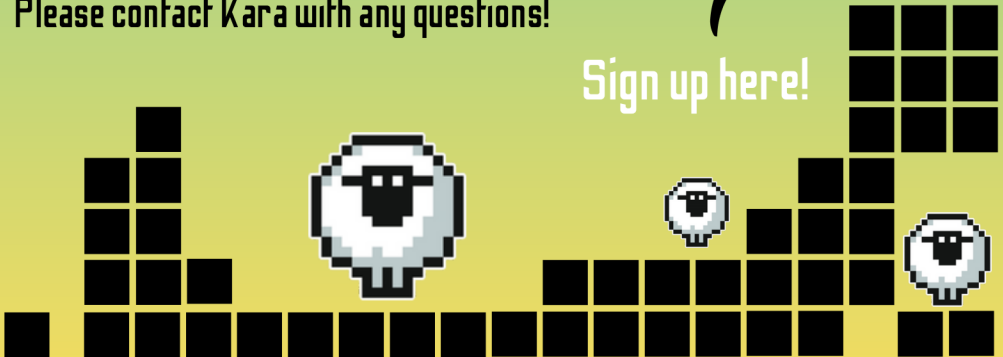
June 10th-13th, 6-7:30pm
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!





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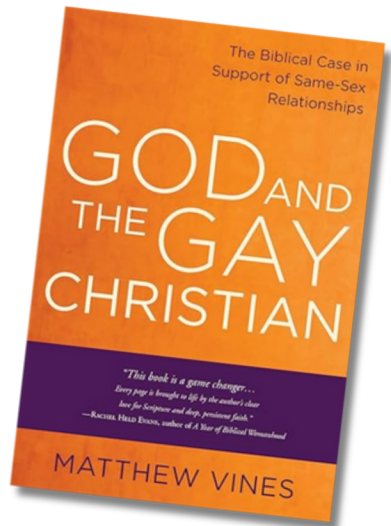
Saturday, June 1st
Parade at 11am
Party in South Park at 12pm

**Learn more and
volunteer online here!**



All Church Book Read for Pride Month

**“God and the Gay Christian:
The Biblical Case in Support
of Same Sex Relationships”
by Matthew Vines**



Fellowship Forum Discussions Between Worship Services

June 2nd – Introduction, Chapters 1–2

June 9th – Chapters 3–4

June 16th – Chapters 5–6

June 23rd – Chapters 7–8

June 30th – Chapters 9–10

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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