

EASTER SEASON AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

APRIL 27

LUKE 24:13-35

9:30 CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**AND THEY SAID ONE TO
ANOTHER, DID NOT OUR
HEART BURN WITHIN US,
WHILE HE TALKED WITH US
BY THE WAY, AND WHILE
HE OPENED TO US THE
SCRIPTURES?**

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Noël nouvelet (Now the Green Blade Rises)

Michael Bedford

*Call to Worship

Leader Out of the shadows of grief and despair there shines a new light.
Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader We come to the garden with Mary, seeking our teacher's face.
Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader A voice calls our name: Beloved child, precious one.
Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader He is with us always, love stronger than death.
Christ is risen!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

The Day of Resurrection!

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John of Damascus (c. 675-749)
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1862

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.

Alternate tune: ELLACOMBE, 89

*The Day of Resurrection

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

*Prayer of Invocation *(Please, join in reading.)*

O God of the empty tomb, bright light of Easter morning,
we come before you in eager anticipation.
We long to know you, to see you, to trust in the truth of your love.
Open our hearts to your redeeming grace,
love beyond all human measure.
Open our lives, that we might become a living testimony
to all whose lives touch ours.
In the risen Christ we are saved by grace and set free for life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Song of Praise

(tune: HYMN TO JOY)

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding. See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Children's Hymn

(tune: HYMN TO JOY)

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Children's Celebration

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

*Stay with Us



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|------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. Stay with us, | till night has | come: | Our praise to |
| 2. Walk with us, | our spir - its | sigh: | Hear when our |
| 3. Walk with us, | the road will | bend: | Make all our |
| 4. Talk with us, | till we be - hold | | a joy - ful |
| 5. Stay with us, | till day is | done: | No tears nor |



you this day be	sung.	Bless our bread,	o - pen our
wea - ry spir - its	cry,	feel a - gain	our loss, our
weep - ing, wail - ing	end.	Wipe our tears,	for - give our
life you will un - fold:		Heal our eyes	to see the
dark shall dim the	sun.	Cheer the heart,	your grace im -



eyes:	Je - sus,	be	our great	sur - prise.
pain:	Je - sus,	take	us to	your side.
fears:	Je - sus,	lift	the hea -	vy cross.
prize:	Je - sus,	take	us to	the light.
part:	Je - sus,	bring	e - ter -	nal life.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible NT pg. 90

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

Sermon

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

The Rite of Confirmation

Invitation
Baptism
Sharing of Statements of Faith
Questions of the Confirmands
Laying on of Hands
Affirmation of Local Membership
Blessing

*Congregational Response

**We welcome you as members of the church universal
and as partners in the ministry of Plymouth Church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share
in the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.
By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together
in God's wisdom and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

**THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED, AND
HATH APPEARED TO SIMON.
AND THEY TOLD WHAT THINGS
WERE DONE IN THE WAY, AND
HOW HE WAS KNOWN OF THEM
IN BREAKING OF BREAD.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

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.**

Mission Moment

Justice Matters

Call to Prayer *(When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)*

Leader The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!' The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

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Pastoral Prayer

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.**

(Sing again, Come and fill our hearts...)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Edmond Louis Budry, 1884

Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt.

George Frederick Handel, 1748

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)

Where Thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting.
 To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

*Thine Is the Glory

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

*Sabbatical Blessing

*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

Paraphrase on Judas Maccabeus

Alexandre Guilmant



*The flowers on the chancel are given by Margaret Kramar
in memory of Spenser Thomas Good.*

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Lay Reader: Elliott Polson
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale
Acolyte: Bennett Lyon
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Maziar
Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

Dear Plymouth Community,



As I am preparing for my sabbatical this May, June, and July. Our Service and Justice team is working to ensure that mission moments are scheduled, and lay leaders are in place to maintain connections with our mission partners and sustain our direct service work. The Christian Education team is also preparing for upcoming spring and summer programming. During my time away, our Director of Faith Formation Colton Pasquale and will be a valuable resource for the CE Board.

I wanted to share the details of my sabbatical and ensure everyone is informed.

You may be wondering, "What is a sabbatical?" In our tradition, clergy members are granted a sabbatical after a period of service. It is a designated time away from regular duties for rest, study, and personal renewal.

My last day in the office will be Wednesday, April 30, and I will return on Sunday, August 3. If you have any questions about my sabbatical or our spring and summer programming, please feel free to reach out before April 30.

If you happen to see me around town, I'd love to hear about your summer plans. I look forward to reconnecting and catching up on church news when I return in August.

I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity to explore the gifts of sabbath in both my personal and vocational life.

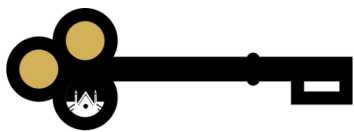
With gratitude,

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Associate Pastor

Plymouth Congregational, Lawrence, KS





Enter In

at Plymouth Church

This spring marks the anniversary of our marvelously successful Enter In capital campaign!

On May 11 we will celebrate the year of progress we've made toward a fully accessible chancel and beautiful new organ. We will recommit ourselves by renewing our vow to finish strong.

You will be receiving recommitment cards in the mail. And they'll be available in worship. **Please come join in the celebration of a successful first year on May 11!**



Welcome

New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!

April 2025 Confirmands at Plymouth Church



Tobias Geiger

“God is the all powerful creator of everything. I think that God is the whole universe personified. God is everything that was, is, and will be. God is all thoughts and emotions. God created and controls everything. Plymouth is the church community that I am a part of. It is a community where everyone is welcome. It is made of kind and trustworthy people. It’s a community that welcomed me as well as my family. I am happy to join it.”



Anna Gerrish

“Faith to me means believing in God even though He cannot be seen. It also means putting my faith into action by what I say and do. Faith is a journey, and I am still learning and developing mine. I am working on incorporating God into my everyday life and living up to my faith. My hope is that I continue this journey by continually praying, coming to worship and serving in our community.”



Rachel Gibbs

“When I think of the word “faith,” it means to trust in something and to believe that if I were to fall, something or somebody would catch me. God is that person for me; to love me unconditionally, guide me, and protect me from harm. I have been coming to Plymouth with my mom since before I was born. There were many Sundays that I sat on my mom’s lap while she played the piano for church. The church community has been instrumental in my formative years, helping to lead me in my faith journey while also giving me a church family of people who love me without reservation.”



Alex Kaufman

"I believe that if Jesus was here today, he would say that we need to come together and end all of the struggling and suffering in the world. For me, Plymouth has been a part of my life for forever. Plymouth is a safe space, and I have hundreds of memories from Plymouth throughout the years. Confirmation has given me a bit more of a structure for learning about Jesus, God, and the Bible. It also gave me a way to set aside more time for thoughtfulness and prayer. For me, Jesus is a way for us to comprehend God in a human context. To me, God is an all knowing, all powerful being who watches over us and helps us in everything that we do."

Sabina Scott

"Everyone sees God in a unique way. To me, God is a powerful force of love, wisdom, and hope that is always present. God is the hope that better times are to come, working through our everyday lives. If I could ask God one question, it would be, "Why is there so much cruelty and indifference in the world?" Jesus is God in a way humans can comprehend, and a messenger spreading God's word. He is a relatable version of God, with human emotions and anxieties. Plymouth is a very welcoming and supportive community of people that care deeply about each other, no matter their differences."





Xander Soderstrom

“Faith is a type of loyalty you can have towards someone, you will follow and they will lead, you help, they guide. I don’t necessarily believe in God but I believe he exists. Plymouth helped me find all of this, and Gandhi vs. Capitalists, of course. Plymouth has definitely helped me find all of my faith beliefs. Finally I’ll talk about Jesus. He’s cool, fun, and nice. He’s a man of many miracles.”



Nolan Stultz

“God will always be here for me. If I could ask God one question, I would ask him “what does heaven look like?” I think God is powerful. If you are hurting Jesus will heal you and make you better. If you need someone to talk to Jesus is there for you. God is a person who always forgives people. God is somebody who never judges. I feel like even if I mess up God will still be here for me. Plymouth is full of people who are here for me, too. I feel like I could ask people anything at church.”





SPRING MAJOR CHORAL WORK

Sunday • May 11 • 2025

Dan Forrest's CREATION honors the 225th anniversary of Haydn's similarly titled masterpiece. This work for chorus and orchestra is less a strict narrative, and more of a celebration of the wonders and beauties of our world, using a variety of ancient texts as thematic commentary.

The Chancel Choir will be singing the Creation Suite from CREATION. In six movements you will experience the mysterious vastness before the dawn of time, the breaking of light, the sanctuary of a garden, the representation of flying creatures, the deep blue sea and its inhabitants, concluding with God's pinnacle of all creation . . . humanity and its capacity to love.

Creation Suite is scored for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, solo violin and cello, harp, percussion, and organ. Each movement creates its own landscape of sound and textures for the theme it portrays. Dan Forrest has been described as having "an undoubted gift for writing beautiful music....that is truly magical" (NY Concert Review). He received his doctorate in composition from the University of Kansas.

Are We There Yet?

Children's and Youth Musical
Sunday, May 18 9:30 am

Are We There Yet? By Tom Long and Allen Pote is a retelling of the story of Moses.

Moses as a baby, God calling him, confronting the Pharaoh to free God's people, the Ten Commandments, and a few surprises. Filled with catchy music and characters, you won't want to miss this Sunday!

Plymouth Plant Sale

May 3

Sign up!

9am to 2pm



How can I help?

1. Donate plants from your own garden that you re-pot at least a week before the sale. Please label them!
2. Donate purchased plants that have a unit price of about \$5 or less.
3. Donate cash.
4. Spread the word, especially on social media!
5. Volunteer to set up the day before the sale on **Friday, May 2** in the Mayflower Room **beginning at about 9am.**
6. Volunteer to assist at the plant sale on **Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 2pm.**

Our plant sale is unique from others because we feature plants dug from local gardens. So we need your plants! Please survey your yard and gardens for possible perennials, annuals, bulbs, vegetables, herbs, ground cover, houseplants or even small berries. Dig and repot your plants at least a week before the sale so they can recover from transplant shock.

Even though we now have plant identification apps, you can help by labelling them with at least their common names. Knowing the color is not necessary. There is no limit to the number of plants you can donate. The more plants, the more sales! All proceeds will support Plymouth missions.

Contact Margaret Kramar with any questions:
kramarmt@hotmail.com
785-318-2035



Dads & Littles

RSVP
Online
here!



**Plymouth Dads & Littles
potluck dinner on Sunday,
April 27th from 4-6pm.**

Please bring your
kiddos and a dish
to share!



YOU ARE INVITED

JUSTICE MATTERS NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:30-8 PM

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
200 McDonald Dr, Lawrence KS 66044

Join us as we assemble hundreds of people to show broad public support around issues of justice. We will hear testimonies on the impact of our issues along with proposed solutions to public officials.

Monday, May 5, 6:30pm
DoubleTree Hotel, 200 McDonald Drive

This is the main Justice Matters assembly of the year!

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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