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LUKE 16:19-31

LENT 4 MARCH 30

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Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Middle School Handbell Choir

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Jason Krug

***Call to Worship**

Leader In a divided world, we gather as a peculiar people,
seeking the beloved community together.

**People We come to practice resurrection in places of death
and despair.**

Leader The ancient path before us winds through
unfamiliar territory.

**People This is where true conversion begins—where our lives
turn upside down and our hearts break wide open.**

**All Let our hearts break open, overflowing with praise
and gratitude. Come, let us worship God!**

***My Song is Love Unknown**

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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My Song Is Love Unknown

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LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4

Samuel Crossman, 1664

John Ireland, 1918

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love
 2. Christ came from heav - en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing, Re -
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -

to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be. O who am
 peo - ple scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my
 sound - ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -
 mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay. Yet stead - fast
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my

I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
 He To suf - fer - ing goes, That He His foes From thence might free.
 Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

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

God of the lonely and the lost, we confess our lives are caught up in powers that crush and divide. So often we choose comfort over costly discipleship, security over solidarity, and isolation over genuine community.

During this season of repentance, disturb our routines and disrupt our certainties. Teach us to see your light shining through broken places, and to find your kingdom taking root in the most unlikely soil.

In the strength of your love we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader Friends, the good news is this: God's kingdom operates by different principles. There is enough. You are enough. The seeds of a new world are already sprouting among us. Even now.

People **In grace that turns the world upside down we find our hope and our calling. Thanks be to God.**

*Song of Response

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days vs. 1 & 3 81
(Found in your pew hymnal.)

Children's Hymn

Seek Ye First vs. 1 333
(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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!

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ST. FLAVIAN CM

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Day's Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - tory win,
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,

LENT

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.
 O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.
 Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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Descant

D F#m G D G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

D Em A7 D F#m

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righteous - ness, And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

G D G D A7 D

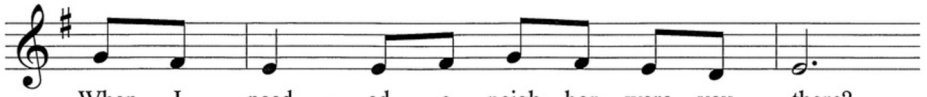
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*When I Needed a Neighbor



1. When I need - ed a neigh - bor, were you there, were you there?
2. I was hun - gry and thirst - y, were you there, were you there?
3. I was cold, I was nak - ed, were you there, were you there?
4. When I need - ed a shel - ter, were you there, were you there?
5. When I need - ed a heal - er, were you there, were you there?



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And the creed and the co - lor and the name won't mat - ter, were you there?

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Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Pew Bible NT pg. 79

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

Sermon

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Call to Offering

Offertory

Poor Man Lazrus

arr. Jester Hairston

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

*Choir Commissioning

*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

Chili Cook Off

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 in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray.". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and notes.

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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, Stay with me...)

*Bless Now, O God the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

*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

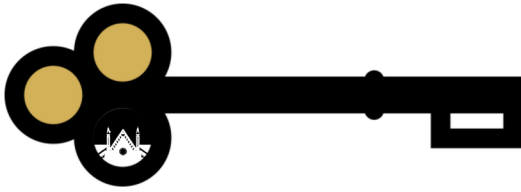
Middle School Handbell Choir

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Ron Mallory

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: Caroline Lawson Dean
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale
Lay Reader: Mike Maude
Acolytes: Eleanor Wood and Harrison Wood
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Maziar
Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



Enter In

at Plymouth Church

Project Update

The Project Management Committee invites you to join us for an update on our sanctuary renovation project **TODAY at 10:40am in the Mayflower Room.**

PMC members, along with architects Steve Clark and Jane Huesemann, will present a design concept for congregants' review, followed by a time for questions and comments. This important meeting may set the stage for the next steps in the renovation process. We encourage you to attend and be a part of this significant time of presentation and discussion.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you!

Terry Schmidt
Chair, Project Management Committee

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

The Tulsa Service-Learning Trip team will be hosting our **Annual Chili Cook Off** fundraiser on April 4th 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 1.

Put April 4 on your calendar for the Chili Cook Off and support our youth service-learning trip. May the best Chili Cook win!

If you cannot come to the Chili Cook Off but you still want to donate you can put "Chili Cook Off" in the memo line of a check or on the online giving page.

Our high school youth and mentors are raising funds to partner again this year with "Be The Neighbor." We are focusing on "Race and Reconciliation" in Tulsa, OK July 6th-12th.



More info on
Tulsa Trip



Chili Sign Up



LIBS
STEP RIGHT UP **2025**
SAVE THE DATES!
JUNE 9 - 12 **6-7:30 PM**
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

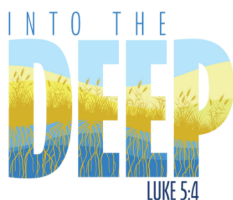
fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies
 sundays between services



Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!



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!





MAY 3

PLYMOUTH

PLANT SALE

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.
6. Volunteer to assist at the plant sale on **Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 2pm.**

The plant sale is a unique tradition featuring plants supplied by friends and neighbors that will thrive locally. We will also feature native plants for pollinators. However, all plants are welcome: perennials, annuals, flowers, bedding plants, vegetables, herbs, ground cover and houseplants. Please contribute to the inventory however you can! **All proceeds will support Plymouth missions.**

Contact Margaret Kramar with any questions:
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785-318-2035





Easter Lilies

Pastors' Emergency Fund 2025
at Plymouth Congregational Church



Online
Order
Form



HOLY WEEK AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 13 • 9:30 & 11:30am

Our Holy Week pilgrimage begins.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 17 • 7:30pm

The journey to the cross intensifies.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18 • 7:30pm

Dramatic presentation of the Passion Narrative using still life characters and music.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 20 • 9:30 & 11:30am

Our journey culminates in the celebration of resurrection life!

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rooms for Sunday School

- **Preschool** Room 106 S
- **K-1st Grade** Room 205 S
- **2nd-3rd Grade** Room 210 S
- **4th-5th Grade** 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)** Room 205 S
 - **Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)** Chapel
 - **Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade)** 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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