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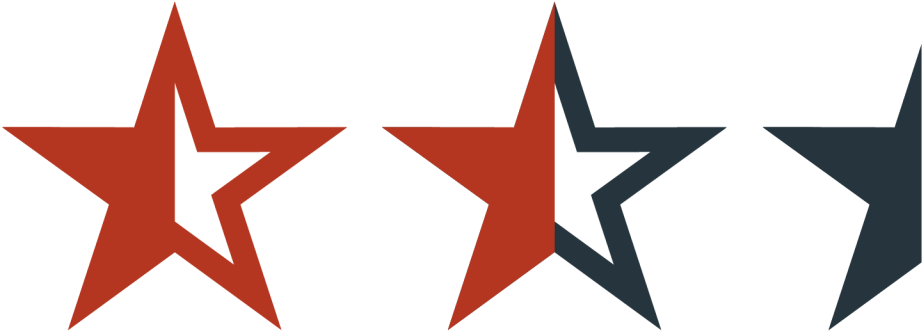
PRESIDENT

**THE GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

GATHERING OF GRACE

11:30 • FEBRUARY 23 • 2025

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***WINGS OF A DOVE**

**On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure, sweet love
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

When troubles surround us, when evils come
The body grows weak, the spirit grows numb
When these things beset us, He doesn't forget us
He sends down His love on the wings of a dove

**On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure, sweet love
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

When Noah had drifted on the flood many days
He searched for land in various ways
Troubles, he had some, but wasn't forgotten
He sent him His love on the wings of a dove

**On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure, sweet love
A sign from above on the wings of a dove**

***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

Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible NT pg. 66

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

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

SERMON

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

CALL TO OFFERING

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.**

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL

Graham Nash

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.**

*DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside - Ain't gonna study war no more.

**I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more.
Study war no more.**

Gonna put on my long white robe.
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna put on my long white robe.
Down by the riverside - Gonna study war no more

Chorus

Gonna put on my starry crown
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Gonna put on my starry crown
Down by the riverside - Gonna study war no more

Chorus

*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. Caroline Lawson Dean

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

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

Lay Reader: Judy Prather

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Gleeson

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer



WELCOME

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

PLEASE, LET US KNOW!

coffee hour



MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies
sundays between services



Register now!
bit.ly/KIFADay2025

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March 2025



Advocacy Day

On March 10th **Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA)** will gather people of faith to advocate in Topeka for public education, economic justice, LGBTQ+ rights, climate care, public health, voting rights & immigrant rights! Showing up is more important than ever.

Now is the time for us talk to legislators, rally around our shared values, and build community amongst people of faith across Kansas. **Register for KIFA Day on March 10 from 8:30am-3:30pm at the State Capitol.** And bring a friend or two!

Wondering what the day will be like? Looking for more information? Check out the **KIFA Day FAQ's** here.



You can also contact Mandy Todd, Director of Engagement & Development for KIFA with any questions at mtodd@kansasinterfaithaction.org



LENTEN COVENANT COMMUNITIES OF

THIS LENT, WE'RE TURNING TOWARD ONE ANOTHER WITH INTENTION, BLESSING, AND DEEPENING THE BONDS BETWEEN US.

Groups will gather on Wednesday evenings through the season of Lent (March and April) to share life and build friendship.

Covenant Groups will meet weekly.

Childcare and rooms for gathering will be available at Plymouth on the following Wednesday evenings:

March 12th 6pm-7pm

March 19th

(No session because of Spring Break)

March 26th 6pm-7pm

April 2nd 6pm-7pm

April 9th 6pm-7pm

April 16th 6pm-7pm

March 5th from 6pm-7pm

Ash Wednesday worship service.

Lenten Covenant Groups may choose to attend together.

Childcare will be provided during worship.

LENTEN COVENANT GROUPS AT PLYMOUTH ARE COMMUNITIES OF 8-12 PEOPLE WHO MEET WEEKLY DURING LENT.

Our program is built on an intentional journey, and low-pressure conversations with the goal of deepening our faith and our relationships.

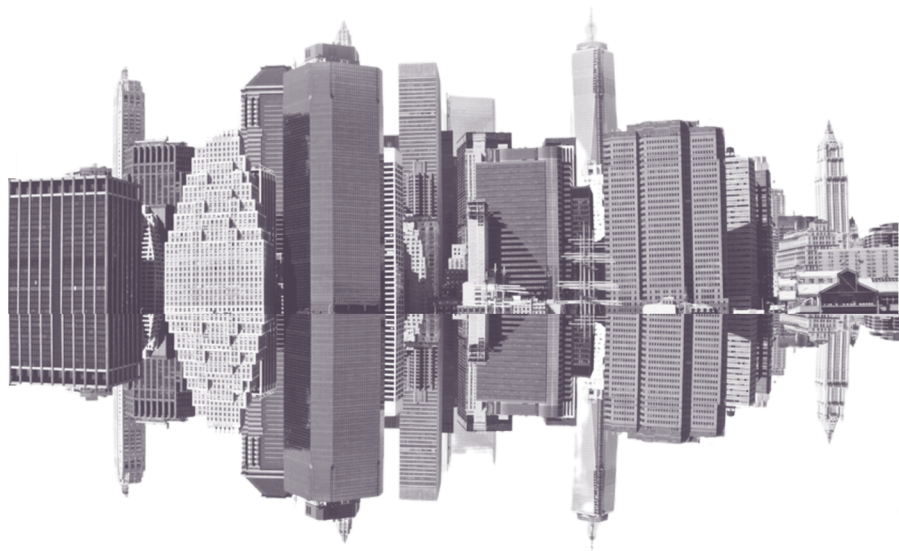
There is no prep work to attend a session. Simply show up to your group. *Childcare is available.*

The curriculum focuses on the "**Essential Practices of the Christian Faith.**"

In group time, we will consider challenges to those practices and engage in exercises that promote group connection.

GROUPS BLESSING

Sign up for all
groups here.



LGBTQ+ FAMILIES: COMMUNITIES OF BLESSING

Facilitated by trained lay leaders.

Join a circle of friendship, solidarity and prayer.

We will share spiritual resources and sacred friendship for these chaotic times. There will be no prep work to attend each session. Resources for community care and support will be shared via email.

Childcare is available.



LENTEN STEPPING STONE GATHERINGS

PARENTING ISN'T EASY!
THESE SMALL GROUP
CIRCLES ARE MEANT TO
SURROUND FAMILIES
WITH COMMUNITY AND
SPIRITUAL SUPPORT.

This Lent we are offering Stepping Stone Circles for **Preschool, Kindergarten, and 8th Grade students, parents and their families.**

Plymouth's Stepping Stone gatherings cultivate community among families with children at key junctures in their child's development.

You'll find simple spiritual practices and good conversation about things that really matter to parents and kids. You'll also foster deep, meaningful relationships with other parents and other families within our church community.

Each group will meet for 4 weeks starting in March or early April either on Wednesday evenings (5:30-7pm) or Sunday evenings (4:30-6pm) at Plymouth Church.

Childcare is available on-site.



Preschool
Sign Up



Kindergarten
Sign Up



8th Grade
Sign Up

ASH WEDNESDAY

AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

LUKE 9:51-62

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS ON
ASH WEDNESDAY.

JOIN US AT **6PM ON MARCH 5** FOR THIS
SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH THE
IMPOSITION OF ASHES.

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! christianed@plymouthlawrence.com.

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