

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

LUKE 24:1-12

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

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OF LUKE

11:30 GATHERING OF GRACE

**WOMEN
DOWN
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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Easter Offering

*Here Comes the Sun

**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

ittle darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
**Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say - it's all right**

*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.**

Children's Celebration

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible NT pg. 90

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

Word Through Music

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Risen Indeed!

Call to Offering

Let it Be

Lennon/McCartney

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.**

The Word

Lennon/McCartney

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.**

***All You Need is Love**

Love Love Love
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There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say but you can learn to play the game
It's easy

There's nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time
It's easy

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love love love
Love is all you need

There's nothing you can know that isn't known
Nothing you can see that isn't shown
Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be
It's easy

All you need is love...

*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

Lay Reader: Angie Brownrabbit

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

Children's Celebration: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Maziar

Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey

Plymouth Easter Giving 2025

As we look forward to the hope of eternal life that Easter brings, we hold our mission partners and the needs of this congregation in our hearts.

Lent is a time of community and reflection, giving us an opportunity to walk together to deepen and renew our faith. Perhaps you have joined a Lenten Covenant Group, or you are making a commitment during Lent to focus on personal wellness, putting ministry into action with one of our mission partners or giving to a special cause.

In the spirit of new life and resurrection, the Service and Justice Board is asking for your help in supporting two worthy organizations with a special Easter offering: The 2025 United Church of Christ (UCC) Disaster Relief Fund and the Plymouth Language Program (PLP).

Funds collected on Palm Sunday (April 13) and Easter (April 20) will be given to these organizations.

Ways to Give



- Give online.
- Use the yellow offering envelope in the pews during Palm Sunday and Easter.
- Stop by the church office from 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday.

Checks may be made out to “Plymouth Congregational Church” with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

UCC Disaster Relief Fund

Our church is part of a broader community, and as we have seen in the news, starting on January 7 wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County. The fires destroyed the Altadena UCC Community Church, as well as thousands of homes and businesses. All told, nearly 30,000 acres of property were consumed by the blaze, and 180,000 people have been displaced.

UCC’s disaster response and recovery is supported by the global HOPE team (Humanitarian Opportunities, Partnerships and Empowerment), which is assisting Southern California and Nevada Conference staff, churches and others affected by the wildfires.

Your gift will help support the rebuilding of our sister UCC church and the broader community in LA County. Please give what you can to help the church and the community recover from these devastating fires.

Plymouth Language Program

The Plymouth Language Program offers free English and low-cost Spanish language instruction to adults within Douglas County, with the mission of promoting multicultural education, respect and understanding. Over the last three years, more than 175 students were enrolled in the Plymouth Language Program annually.

This vital English as a Second Language (ESL) program serves students from many countries and walks of life, including university students, service workers and families of immigrants. Spanish classes enable adult learners to learn a new language and cultural traditions. Language gives us the ability to understand and communicate, which strengthens common values and contributes to a more diverse and vibrant community. Your support says, “We see you and you are important!”



FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

What: It is time again for Plymouth to host families at Family Promise.

When: Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday) - Saturday, April 26

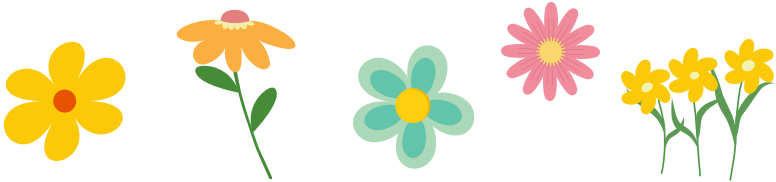
Where: The Family Promise house at 200 Mt. Hope Ct.

Who: Though this could change, there are currently 4 families staying at Mt. Hope (14 people total- 7 adults and 7 kids aged 1-10).

How to Help: We will need many volunteers to make dinners, serve as evening hosts, and donate needed supplies.



MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP!



Welcome

New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!



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.

STEP RIGHT UP

TRINITY

2025

SAVE THE DATES!

JUNE 9 - 12 6-7:30 PM

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

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:
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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!

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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