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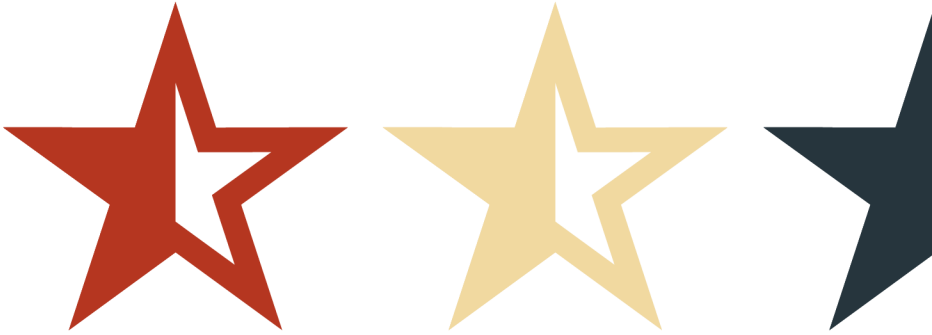
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**THE GOSPEL  
OF LUKE**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**9:30 • JANUARY 12 • 2025**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



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## GREETINGS

## PLYMOUTH CHIMES

## PRELUDE

*In dulci jubilo*  
*Johann Michael Bach*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader In a world obsessed with power and privilege,  
People **We gather to follow the teacher who walked with outcasts.**

Leader When systems of domination claim our allegiance,  
People **We choose the way of the servant who washed feet.**

Leader Through the streets and shelters, in prisons and parks,  
All **The kingdom of God is breaking in!**

# On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry 10

WINCHESTER NEW LM

Charles Coffin, 1736

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

*Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make  
 3. We hail You as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our  
 4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -  
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther


for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## \*ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

10

*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Please, join in reading.)*



God of the margins,  
Your love subverts the powers of this world.  
Where there are walls, help us build tables;  
Where there is excess, teach us to share.  
Make us apprentices of your way,  
That we might practice the politics of Jesus:  
Living simply, loving radically,  
Until the whole world knows  
That your community of peace is here.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
Who leads our holy rebellion of love. Amen

### \*GLORIA

Glory to the Creator,  
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S HYMN

**How Happy Is Each Child of God vs. 1 & 3**

239

*(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!

### \*WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE

409

*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*



## How Happy Is Each Child of God

WINCHESTER OLD CM

Dwyn M. Mounger, 1986

Este's Psalms, 1592

1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!  
 2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;  
 3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bowe!  
 4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;

You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.  
 Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!  
 The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.  
 May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

This tune with descant, 58

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 3:1-22**  
Pew Bible NT pg. 60

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

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

### Jesus for President

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

**Come to the Water**

Jack Schrader

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.**

## CALL TO PRAYER (When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)

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

Come, Lord Je - sus, Come, Lord Je - sus,

Come, Lord Je - sus; come and be born in our hearts.

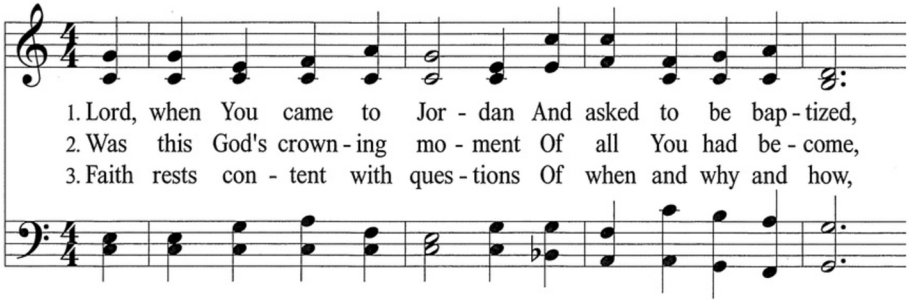
## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

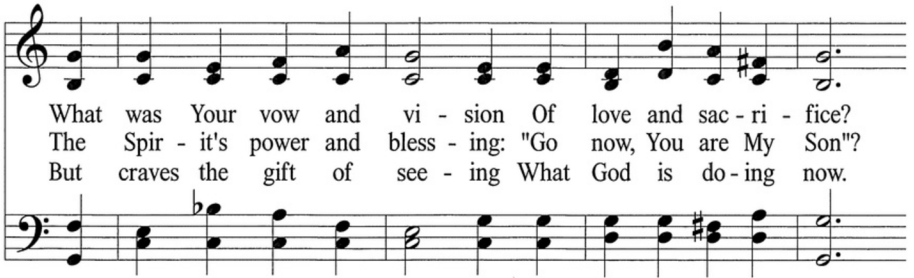
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.

*(Sing again, Come, Lord Jesus...)*

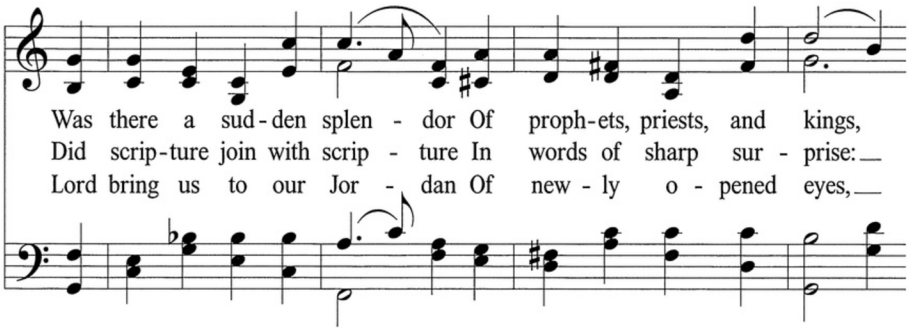
## \*LORD, WHEN YOU CAME TO JORDAN



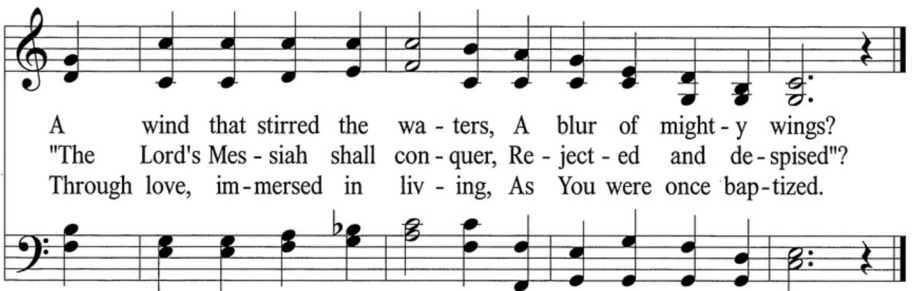
1. Lord, when You came to Jor - dan And asked to be bap - tized,  
2. Was this God's crown - ing mo - ment Of all You had be - come,  
3. Faith rests con - tent with ques - tions Of when and why and how,



What was Your vow and vi - sion Of love and sac - ri - fice?  
The Spir - it's power and bless - ing: "Go now, You are My Son"?  
But craves the gift of see - ing What God is do - ing now.



Was there a sud - den splen - dor Of proph - ets, priests, and kings,  
Did scrip - ture join with scrip - ture In words of sharp sur - prise:—  
Lord bring us to our Jor - dan Of new - ly o - pened eyes,—



A wind that stirred the wa - ters, A blur of might - y wings?  
"The Lord's Mes - siah shall con - quer, Re - ject - ed and de - spised"?  
Through love, im - mersed in liv - ing, As You were once bap - tized.

## \*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

**Gloria**  
*Michael Bedford*

## ★ TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS ★

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Liturgist:** Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

**Minister of Music & Fine Arts:** Kim Manz

**Children's Celebration:** Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

**Lay Readers:** Lyle and Wendy Seger

**Sound, Lights, and Radio:** Mark Gleeson

**Cameras and Video:** Gretchen Meyer



# WELCOME

## NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

### PLEASE, LET US KNOW!





# Plymouth Budget Meeting

## Today at 10:30 in the Mayflower Room

Childcare provided in Room 209 S. Please pick up your child after the completion of the budget meeting at 11:30am.



# LINK

Sign up for LINK  
THIS SUNDAY  
at the Featured  
Ministry Table!

If you would like to be a part of this church mission by providing food or serving, we would love to have your help. We need casseroles & other food items, servers, and dishwashers

The fellowship is a bonus!



# JANUARY 19-25 AT THE NEW FAMILY PROMISE LOCATION!



The first opportunity for Plymouth to host families for Family Promise at the new permanent location at 200 Mt. Hope Court!

More information and sign up to provide dinner and/or serving as evening hosts here!



## coffee hour



MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies  
sundays between services



# Young Adult Covenant Group

first & third Sundays  
10:45-11:20am • room 203 North



interested?



New around here?

# Discover Plymouth

is for you!

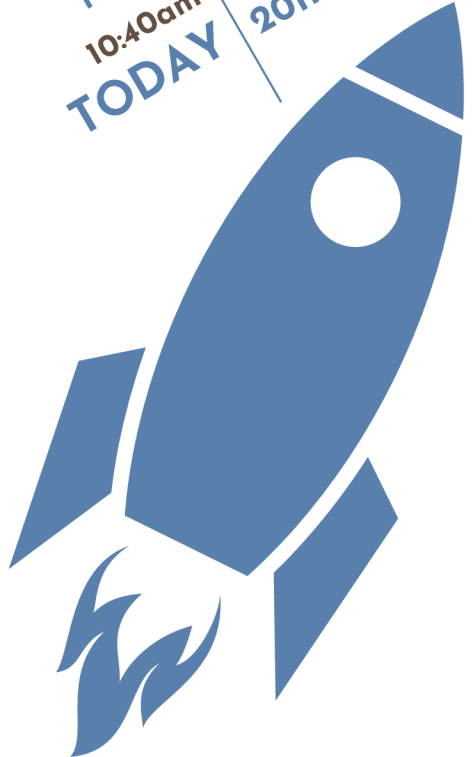
We are  
people on  
a mission.

We are a Christian community united for the worship of God and the service of all.

We live into that mission by organizing for social justice, by celebrating all loving relationships and the rainbow of gender identity, through amazing faith formation programs for families with children and youth, and small group ministries that feed the soul.

Meet Our Pastors  
10:40am  
**TODAY**

Learn More  
About Our Mission  
**Room  
201N**





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# PRESIDENT

# STUDY SERIES



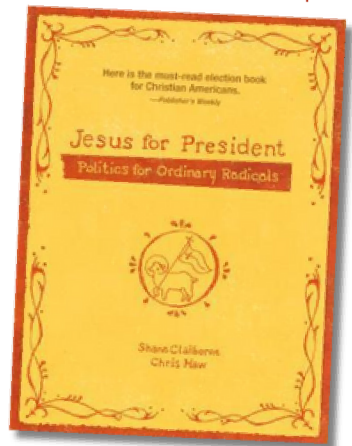
Shane Claiborne's 2008 book, **Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals**, will be one of the conversation partners for our study series. If you want a deep dive, several copies of Claiborne's book will be available in the church office on a first come basis.

The Gospel of Luke posits a strange idea. What if Herod and Caesar and Joe Biden and Donald Trump were all just amateurs pretending to run the show? As we sit at Luke's feet this winter, we'll test out the hypothesis that Jesus Christ is actually President.

In addition to the eight-week sermon series, we'll gather for a five-week Sunday morning study series.

**Join the conversation between services in the Heritage Room January 26th, February 2, 16, 23, and March 2.**

We'll also chew on articles and podcasts by theologians and political analysts as fresh as this morning's news. **Sign up here to get on the email list for those.**



★ J4P!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR



## Rooms for Sunday School

- Pre K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-5th Grade

Room 106 S  
Room 210 S  
Room 204 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  
Room 204 S  
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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