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## 9:30 CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

please stand in body or spirit when you see an \*

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

**Prelude to the Te Deum**  
*Marc Charpentier*

### \*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!**

### \*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

# Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883



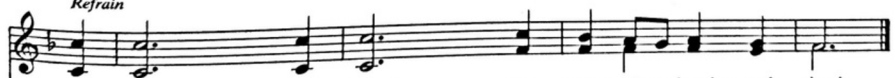
1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant - ing as ye go;
3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.  
 The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.



*Refrain*



Re - joi - ce! re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Re - joi - ce! re - joi - ce!

Alternate tune: VINEYARD HAVEN, 146

## \*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!

**\*I've Got Peace Like a River** 368  
*(Found in your pew hymnal.)*

## 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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!

## Scripture Reading

**Luke 15:1-10**  
Pew Bible NT pg. 78

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

## Sermon

Rev. Michael Vollbrecht

## Call to Offering

## Offertory

**Let Us with a Gladsome Mind**

*Alan Ridout*

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.**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray." The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some lyrics underlined in the original image to indicate where to join in singing.

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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...)*



# \*I Can See Clearly Now

♩

1. I can see clear - ly now the rain \_\_\_ has gone.  
 2 I think I can make \_\_\_ it now the pain \_\_\_ has gone.  
 3. I can see clear - ly now the rain \_\_\_ has gone.

I can see all \_\_\_ ob - sta - cles in my way. \_\_\_  
 All of the bad \_\_\_ feel - ings have dis - ap - peared.  
 I can see all \_\_\_ ob - sta - cles in my way. \_\_\_

Gone are the dark \_\_\_ clouds that had  
 Here is the rain - bow I've \_\_\_ been pray -  
 Gone are the dark \_\_\_ clouds that had

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

— me blind. It's gon-na be a bright, \_\_\_ bright  
 - ing for. \_\_\_  
 — me blind.

— sun-shi - ny day. \_\_\_ It's gon-na be a bright,

— bright \_\_\_ sun-shi - ny day. \_\_\_

2. Look all a-round, \_\_\_ there's no-thing but blue skies.

— Look straight a-head, — no-thing but blue skies.

— Ah — ah — ooh —

*D.S.  $\text{S}$  for verse 3 then to Coda*  $\text{C}$  CODA

— It's gon-na be a bright,

— bright — sun-shi-ny day —

It's gon-na be a bright, — bright sun-shi-ny day.

**\*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**

# TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

**Preaching:** Rev. Michael Vollbrecht  
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## coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

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fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies  
sundays between services



**Welcome**  
New to Plymouth?  
Please, let us know!



# Easter Lilies

Pastors' Emergency Fund 2025  
at Plymouth Congregational Church



Online  
Order  
Form



# CHILI COOK OFF CALL FOR COOKS!

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 1st.**

If you are not able to cook, save the date to attend the Chili Cook Off and support our youth service-learning trip. May the best Chili Cook win!

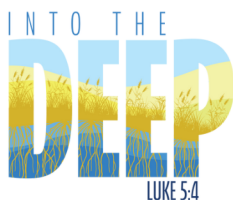
Our high school youth and mentors are raising funds to partner again this year with "**Be The Neighbor.**" We are focusing on "**Race and Reconciliation**" in Tulsa, OK July 6th-12th.



Chili Sign Up

More info on  
Tulsa Trip





# 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!**



# 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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