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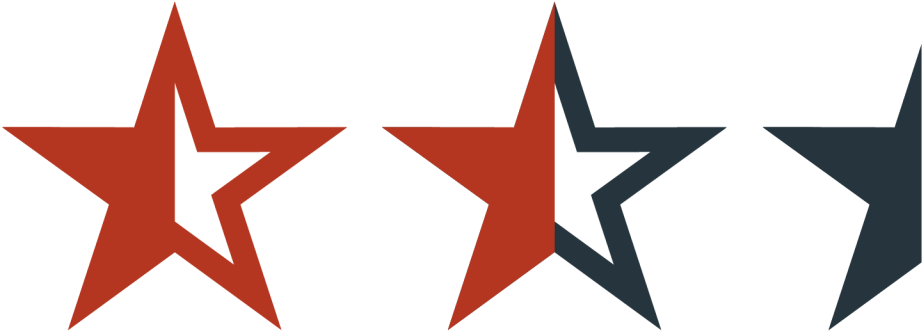
PRESIDENT

**THE GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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GREETINGS

PLYMOUTH CHIMES

PRELUDE

Gigue on Stuttgart
David Schelat

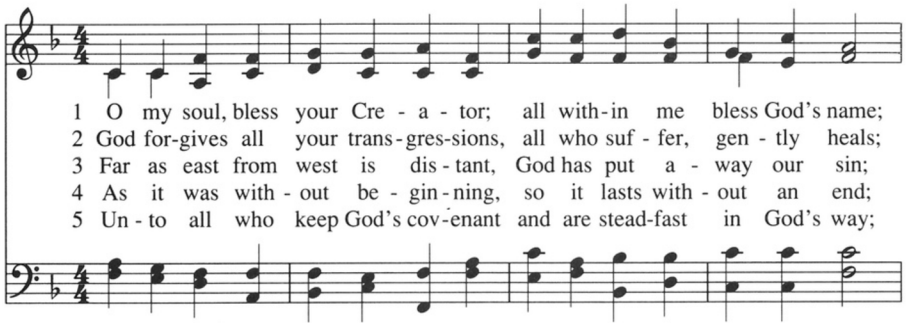
*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

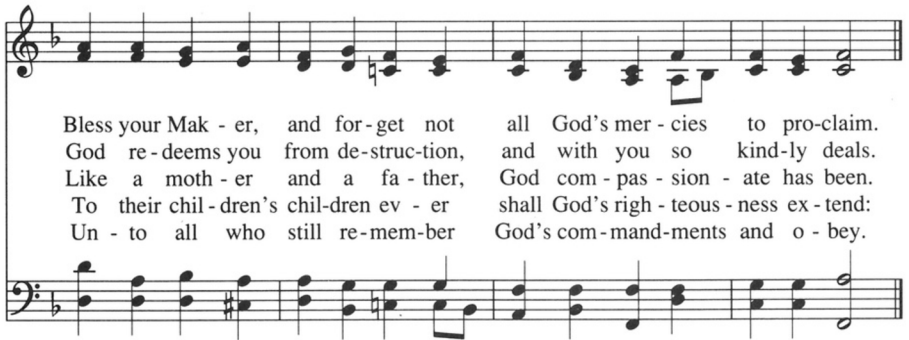
Leader When systems of domination claim our allegiance,
People **We choose the way of the servant who washed feet.**

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

*O MY SOUL, BLESS YOUR CREATOR



1 O my soul, bless your Cre - a - tor; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all who suf - fer, gen - tly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a - way our sin;
4 As it was with - out be - gin-ning, so it lasts with - out an end;
5 Un - to all who keep God's cov-enant and are stead-fast in God's way;



Bless your Mak - er, and for-get not all God's mer - cies to pro-claim.
God re - deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
Like a moth - er and a fa - ther, God com - pas - sion - ate has been.
To their chil - dren's chil-dren ev - er shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:
Un - to all who still re-mem-ber God's com-mand-ments and o - bey.

*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!

*NOTHING IS WASTED



1. Noth - ing is wast - ed, no noth - ing is wast - ed,
2. My sins for - giv - en, yes, my sins for - giv - en,
3. All things are sa - cred, yes, all things are sa - cred,



noth - ing is wast - ed in the hands of God.
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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!**

SERMON

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Plenty Good Room

arr. William Henry Smith

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...)

*TAKE MY LIFE, GOD LET IT BE

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take My Life, God Let It Be". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

*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

Now Thank We All Our God
Paul Manz

★ TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS ★

Preaching: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale
Lay Reader: Norine Spears
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

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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.

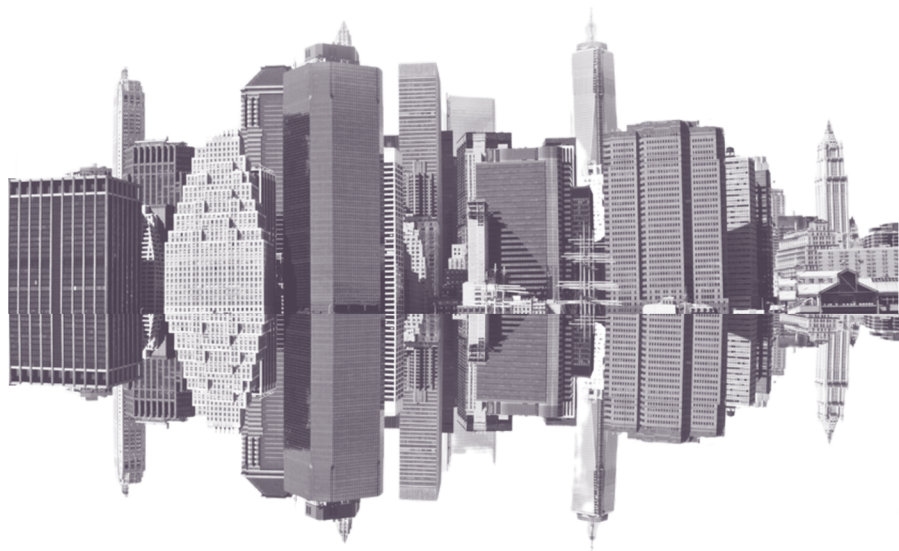
There is no prep work to attend a session. Simply show up to your group. *Childcare is available.*

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.



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



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STUDY SERIES



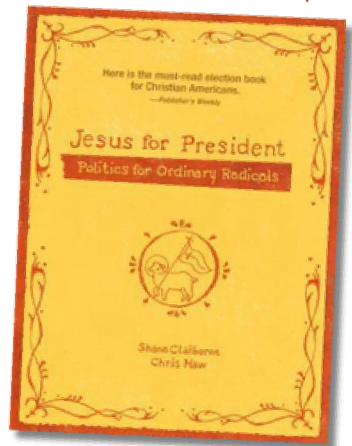
Shane Claiborne's 2008 book, **Jesus for President: Politics for Ordinary Radicals**, will be one of the conversation partners for our study series. If you want a deep dive, several copies of Claiborne's book will be available in the church office on a first come basis.

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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