

EASTER SUNDAY

AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

9:30 Celebration of Worship
Sunday • April 5 • 2026

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Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Plymouth Brass, Organ & Percussion

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns

Sondra Tucker

*Call to Worship

Leader Out of the shadows of grief and despair there shines a new light.

Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader We come to the garden with Mary, seeking our teacher's face.

Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader A voice calls our name: Beloved child, precious one.

Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader He is with us always, love stronger than death.

Christ is risen!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7 with alleluias

Lyra Davidica, 1708

Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

Vs. 1 & 2 harmony, vs. 3 unison, vs. 4 harmony

*Prayer of Invocation *(Please, join in reading.)*

O God of the empty tomb, bright light of Easter morning,
we come before you in eager anticipation.
We long to know you, to see you, to trust in the truth of your love.
Open our hearts to your redeeming grace,
love beyond all human measure.
Open our lives, that we might become a living testimony
to all whose lives touch ours.
In the risen Christ we are saved by grace and set free for life.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Song of Praise

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *(tune: HYMN TO JOY)*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding. See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Cherub Choir

Good Morning, Lord

Marjorie Bounds

Paula Aiken, director
Merilee Dymacek, accompanist

*Children's Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven *(tune: Hyfrydol)*

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

Children's Celebration

On Family Sundays kids remain in worship with their families. There is no Sunday School on Family Sundays. Nursery services are still provided. Worship bags and coloring pages can be found in the Narthex.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible NT pg. 114

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

Sermon Risen Indeed!

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

*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.**

Mission Moment

Easter Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory In Thee Is Gladness

Daniel Kallman

Chancel Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

*Easter Response *(Please, join in singing.)*

Hallelujah from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Congregation, Chancel Choir & Plymouth Brass

The Messiah is given in memory of Dr. James Carothers and his mother Eva by Beverly, Michael, Cathleen Carothers.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Leader God is with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

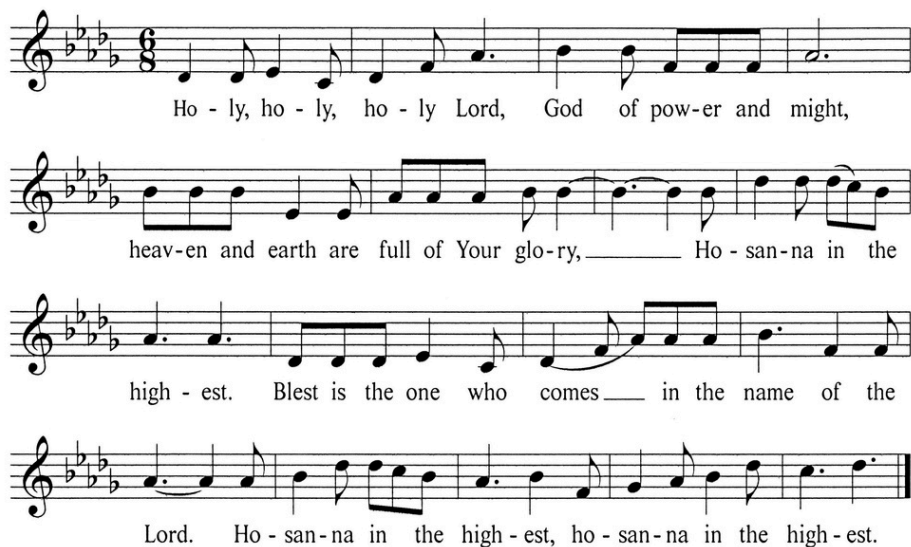
People We lift them up to God.

Leader Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Let us pray...

Sanctus *(Please, join in singing.)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry, _____ Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the one who comes _____ in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

Lamb of God, Most Holy • Robert Lehman
Chancel Choir

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth • G.F. Handel
Emily Bennett

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving together.
People **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table. Now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Children are invited to choir at this time!

When she had said this, she turned round and **saw Jesus standing there**, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? **For whom are you looking?**’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ **Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Vs. 1 Harmony, Vs.2 Unison, Vs. 3 & 4 Harmony

1. "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!" Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say; Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to You by both be - given; Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
Ev - ery knee to You shall bow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now. Al - le - lu - ia!

*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

Plymouth Brass, Organ & Percussion

Thine Be the Glory

Marvin Zimmerman

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean and
Rev. Michael Brecke

Children's Delebration: Colton Pasquale

Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Lay Reader: Jeff Eriksen

Acolyte: Bennett Lyon

Welcome Team Leaders: Ron and Su Johnson

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

Plymouth Brass

Director: Rachel Dirks

Trumpet: Mike Jones, Matt Smith, Gary Burdette

Horn: Ethan Rogers

Trombone: Mark Gleeson, Colin Roust, Ben Roust

Euphonium: Jeff Underwood

Tuba: Will Marsh, Paul Morgenroth, Walter Morgenroth

Timpani: Patrick McCarty



Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!

2026 EASTER OFFERING AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Dear Plymouth Members and Friends,

As we prepare for Holy Week, we are reminded that our faith calls us not only to reflection, but to action—to love our neighbors, to seek justice, and to care for one another in tangible ways. Palm Sunday and Easter invite us into a story of hope and renewal, and they also offer us an opportunity to live out that hope in our community.

This year, the Service and Justice Board invites you to participate in a special Easter offering to support two organizations doing vital work close to home: **Somos Lawrence** and **Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA)**.

Somos Lawrence works alongside immigrant and Latino neighbors in our community, offering support, advocacy, and connection so that all people can feel welcomed and valued. Their work builds stronger relationships and helps create a more inclusive Lawrence for everyone. We also partner with Somos Lawrence in our work with the Somos Plymouth Language Program.

KIFA (“Kansas Interfaith Action”) brings people of faith together across traditions to advocate for justice, protect civil rights, and ensure that compassion guides public life. Their work empowers faith communities like ours to speak out and stand up for dignity and fairness across Kansas.

We invite you to give generously on Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (April 5). Your gift will be shared between these two organizations, extending Plymouth’s care beyond our walls and into the lives of our neighbors.

However you are able to give, know that your generosity matters. Together, we can be part of the healing, justice, and hope that these sacred days call us to embody.



Somos Lawrence continues to respond to a growing need within our local community, as more families turn to the Somos (Ballard) pantry for support each week. For many, this pantry is not just a place to receive food and supplies—it is a place of welcome, trust, and connection.

Funds from this Easter offering will help ensure that essential items, especially toiletries, remain consistently available for the coming year. These everyday necessities—often overlooked but deeply needed—allow individuals and families to care for themselves with dignity. Your gift will directly support the Friday pantry services dedicated to Somos families, helping create a reliable and compassionate space where people can access what they need without barriers.

In a time when many in our community are living with real fear and vulnerability, Somos Lawrence offers both practical support and a sense of belonging. Supporting this work is one way we live out our commitment to care for our neighbors, recognizing that small acts of giving can carry profound meaning.



KIFA brings people of faith together to speak out for dignity, justice, and the well-being of all our neighbors. At this moment, KIFA is working to respond to proposed legislation that would have serious consequences for immigrant communities—measures that could expand protections for ICE agents and limit access to essential resources like

local food banks. Funds from this Easter offering will help sustain KIFA's advocacy, education, and organizing efforts so that faith voices continue to be present, informed, and engaged in these critical conversations.

At the same time, KIFA is helping coordinate and support Pride Day celebrations across Kansas this summer. These gatherings are more than events—they are visible expressions of belonging, affirmation, and hope for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. By helping to send participants to support these celebrations, KIFA ensures that communities of faith are part of creating spaces where all people are welcomed and valued. Your gift strengthens this ongoing work of justice, inclusion, and faithful public witness.

WAYS TO GIVE →

There are three ways you can give to KIFA and Somos Lawrence:

- Use the yellow offering envelope in the pews on Easter Sunday.
- Make a gift online.
- Stop by the church office from 9am - 3pm Monday through Thursday to drop off your check.

Checks can be made out to “Plymouth Congregational Church” with “Easter Offering” in the memo line. Contact Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean with any questions.

Sincerely,
Plymouth Congregational Church’s Board of Service and Justice



GIVE ONLINE



TODAY!

PLYMOUTH CHURCH EASTER PHOTO BOOTH!

We invite you to join us between services TODAY, for fun and fellowship with refreshments, Easter gifts for families at each entrance, and photo booths for whole family!

We ask that you sign a waiver before your photo is taken. **Photos will then be posted on FB!**



COMING SOON

Grieving our Loss of Democracy Discussion April 26 & May 3 • Between Services

Watching and reading the news and scrolling on social media can lead to sadness, fear, anger and helplessness. We might even be grieving. But wait, there is always hope at the intersection of our current world crises and our faith!

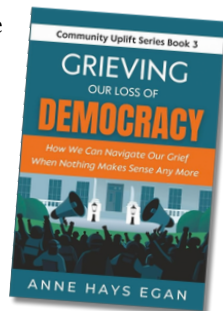
We can seek to grieve prophetically, seeing our world, even at its darkest, with the spirit and energy of the Hebrew prophets and the resurrected Christ.

We are called to make a difference and contribute to the greater good.

We'll discuss the book, **Grieving our Loss of Democracy** by Anne Hays Egan, with **Rev. Marc Giedinghagen** leading our discussion.

Marc is a retired parish minister, chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Educator.

Join us **April 26 and May 3** in the Heritage Room between worship services.





CHILI COOK OFF

THE BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS TRIP TEAM WILL BE HOSTING OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 10 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 6**.

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!

This year our high school youth and mentors are raising funds for a trip to Bentonville, Arkansas • July 5-10 • **Focusing on Economic Justice**

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Family Sundays at Plymouth Church

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Worship bags and coloring pages can be found in the Narthex.

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*

Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can be found on the bulletin board at the South Entrance.

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