



Fourth Sunday  
Of Easter

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*“My house is a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7)*  
**Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation**  
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**Our Approach to God**

**Preparation Music** Five Negro Spirituals ..... arr. Lawrence Brown  
No 2. Ev’ry time I feel de spirit  
Sol Rizzato, viola and James Riggs, piano

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**.....Mai Moore

ONE: Beautiful are the works of God!  
**ALL: Beautiful also are all of God’s people!**  
ONE: Beautiful is the mind of God!  
**ALL: Beautiful also are the hopes of God’s people!**  
ONE: Beautiful is the heart of God!  
**ALL: Beautiful also are the souls of God’s people!**  
ONE: God made the heavens and the earth!  
**ALL: To God be the glory for the things God has done!**

**\*Hymn** (Black) 300 Jesus Shall Reign *Duke Street*

**Confession**

ALL: Merciful God,  
We confess that we have too often been centered on our own lives, and  
ignored the lives of our neighbors.  
We have too often pointed out the faults in others, and overlooked our own  
failures.  
We have too often settled for shallow interests and misguided goals, while  
missing the real gifts of your creation and the life discipleship.  
In your mercy, lead us toward lives of righteousness. Amen.

**Silent Reflection**

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Hymn of Praise** Celtic Alleluia.....Christopher Walker  
(Sung once by leader and then several times by ALL)  
Alleluia!

**\*Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

**Children’s Message**

Children in pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message before they depart for Sunday School.

**The Proclamation of God’s Word**

**Music** Chatter with the Angels .....Negro Spiritual  
arr. Mark S. Arnold

The Plymouth Ringers

**Readings from Scripture** Genesis 1:1  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Sermon** Radical Spirituality and the Justice of God Rev. Dr. Velda Love

**\*Hymn** (Black) 473 Blessed Assurance.....*Assurance*

**Prayers of the People and 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.

**Choral Response** A Repeating Alleluia.....Calvin Hampton

**Living Out the Word of God**

**Announcements of Church Life**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.....Heinrich Schalit  
Diane Julin Menges, Lia Bendix, Nate Bachofsky, and John Mills, soloists

**\*Doxology**.....*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work in the world. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude, and our commitment to be your beloved community. Amen.

**\*Hymn** (Black) 575 O For a World .....Azmon

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**..... Nueva Creacion

Go forth, O people of God; go forth, O people of God!  
A new law, and a new promise, all creation is reborn.  
Go forth, O people of God; go forth, O people of God!

**Voluntary** Trumpet Tune on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune.....Brenda Portman  
James Riggs, organ

*Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship and we ask that all be respectful of one another’s worship practices, including those participating via livestream. Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.*

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# Jesus Shall Reign

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 72; Rev.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;  
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,  
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,  
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise  
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.  
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed  
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Tune: DUKE STREET  
 Atrib. to John Hatton

The second half of a longer paraphrase of Psalm 72, this hymn was included in Isaac Watts' Psalms of David, a collection of psalm-based poems with New Testament orientation. John Hatton once lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's, Lancaster, England.

# O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues"  
 and the familiar hymn "O for a World"

Tune: AZMON C.M.

