

10:30 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



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The church office is open during limited hours.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,
acceptance and refuge of Sanctuary.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our worship. For those with us online, before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever from enfleshed.com over “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 71)

One: In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be
put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**Many: In your righteousness deliver us and hear
our cries for justice and peace.**

One: In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never
be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**Many: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a
strong fortress to save creation, for you are
our rock and fortress.**

One: In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never
be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**All: Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of
the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust
and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope
and trust.**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (NCH #42) AZMON

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. 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 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal melody.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Kevin Bechtold
CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

INVITATION *INVITACIÓN*

COMMUNION PRAYER *ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN*

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), William Chapman Nyaho, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Jaime Rubio Sulficio



PRAYER OF JESUS

ORACIÓN DE JESÚS

**Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy Kindom 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMPARTIR EL PAN Y LA COPA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

**O God, with gratitude and praise
you have blessed and fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us hope in the face of turmoil,
to remind us that in you, everything is already alright.
Make us children of remembrance
so that herstory and history lives on in us.
Send us from this place with purpose and in your power,
blessed, transformed and bent toward the arc of justice. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

The generous life responds to the goodness of God and the
needs of the world. There is no need that our collective
human resources cannot meet because of the abundance of
creation. May we celebrate and honor the creation by giving
without fear or suspicion as an act of faith and trust in the
Holy One and in one another.

DOXOLOGY *DOXOLOGÍA*. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

**Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect
your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent,
and treasure to serve our faith community and the
world. May each offering be a seed that will grow,
spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope,
and love. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

The Usage of Returns, by Jeffrey Angles
there are several kinds of returns
most common to those that return to the start
the return when it grows late at night
the return of the letter, addressee unknown
the awakening into a brilliant bedroom
after passing through the tunnel of sleep
there are also cyclical returns
the rebirth of the moon in the blackest night
the eruption of green after rain
the angled migration of geese back north
the walk with my niece, grown taller, one year later,
to a blinding beach, her hand again in mine



*Jeffrey Angles is a poet
and scholar of modern
Japanese literature.*

but my return is none of these
my return has neither start nor finish
mine is the return of the plane that draws
its silver arc then turns back the way it came
mine is the return abandoning the safety of the written line
for emptiness where no words await

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Luke 7:11-17
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

The day after [healing a centurion's slave] Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. He had just approached the gate of the town and suddenly, being carried out was a man who had died, his mother's only son and she was a widow; with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Messiah saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then Jesus came forward and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God visited God's people!" This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness PASSION CHORALE
by Hans Hassler, arranged by JS Bach
Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Director

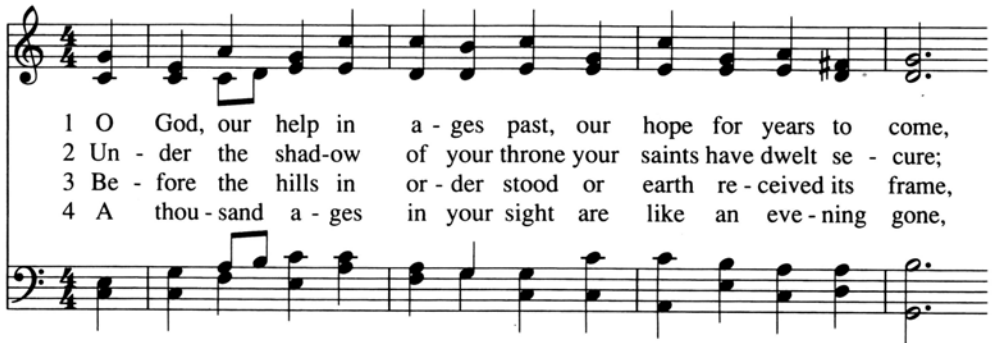
SERMON *SERMÓN* Rev. Bechtold
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ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16

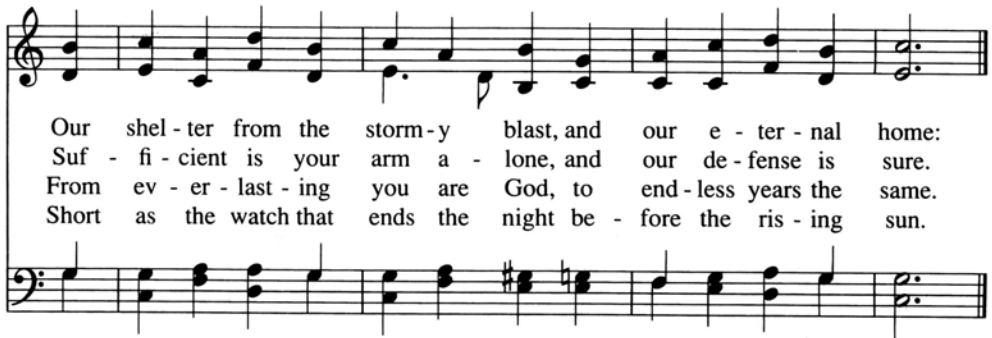
Plan to attend Plymouth's 155th Annual Meeting Sunday, February 16, after worship in Hildebrand Hall and live online (the link to join online via Zoom will be shared closer to the meeting date). Light lunch provided. The Annual Report will be reviewed, and your vote is needed to install new lay leadership and approve the 2025 budget for our church family. Celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025. Please join us for this important time to gather with our beloved community.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (NCH #25) ST. ANNE C.M.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream
fades at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in a - ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou - bles last,
and our e - ter - nal home!

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Siyaham' Ekukhanyen Kwenkos' (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

American Mosaic Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Immersion Workshop Series **is cancelled** this Sunday because of illness. Please watch the *Herald* and website for information on recheduling.

Advocate for Justice Faith Action Network's Interfaith Advocacy Day brings voices of compassion and justice to our elected leaders. Meet with your legislators and and put your faith into action. 9 am-3 pm Thursday, February 20 in Olympia. Visit Fanwa.org/Event/Interfaith-Advocacy-Day-2025. **Register by February 3.**

Say NO! The UCC Office of Public Policy and Advocacy urges people of faith to say NO to xenophobic immigration policies. We must continue to live out our faith by welcoming immigrants and protecting the most vulnerable. See news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to learn how to send a message.

Reminded of Our Calling On MLK Day, religious leaders from across the country filled the sanctuary of Healing Cathedral Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, with music and united visions of hope. Read more and view a recording of the event using link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Sound Medicine Meditation Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing session Sunday, February 9, after worship in Hildebrand Hall (start time is determined by the length of Sunday service). Session lasts between 60 and 75 minutes. Suggested Donation \$20.

Help Provide Comfort The Community & Care Board requests your help to provide items for comfort bags to be distributed to visitors in need. Please bring gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer and shelf-stable snacks. Items can be left in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge on Sundays.

Volunteers Wanted to staff a children and youth table in the Lounge during the service. We are looking to provide a space geared towards the youngest in our midst with activities during worship. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

Be The Church You are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Contact Toni Arthur: TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.



Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,
of varied social and economic conditions
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.