

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 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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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.*

*The quiet of this place is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.*

*Thank you for entering this place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

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 “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***

*Prelude in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1 . . . . . Sydney Rosenbloom  
Peter Nelson-King, piano*

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung

**SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 5**



On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the congregation as a symbol that we have come from dust and one day will return to dust. With this sobering reminder of life’s fragility, we begin a spiritual quest that continues until Easter, when new members are often welcomed and the entire congregation joins in a reaffirmation of faith. You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary at **noon March 5** for a simple Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes.



# OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*Great is Your Faithfulness* (NCH #423) . . . . . FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Ms. Hayakawa-Fung  
**LLAMADO A ADORAR**

**One:** The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

**Many:** **We have been called to pray and to praise.**

**One:** We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

**Many:** **May the light of Love burn brightly in us.**

**One:** May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds

**All:** **May it become a beacon of hope for others.**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN**



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Kevin Bechtold

**INVITATION INVITACIÓN**

**COMMUNION PRAYER ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN**

*All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Eleanor Fordyce, 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), William Chapman Nyaho, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)*

*Our hearts are with Michael and Elizabeth Gordon and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of their sister, Charon Washington.*

 A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer. 

**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***

**COMMUNION HYMN HIMNO DE COMUNIÓN**

*Let Us Break Bread Together . . . . .* African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

My God, have mercy on me.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . .** Rev. Bechtold

***ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS***

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*. . . . .** *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Accompanied and arranged by Ramon Bryant Braxton

## CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

*The Moment*, by Margaret Atwood



*Margaret Atwood is a Canadian novelist, poet, literary critic, and essayist.*

The moment when, after many years  
of hard work and a long voyage  
you stand in the centre of your room,  
house, half-acre, square mile, island, country,  
knowing at last how you got there,  
and say, I own this,

is the same moment when the trees unloose  
their soft arms from around you,  
the birds take back their language,  
the cliffs fissure and collapse,  
the air moves back from you like a wave  
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper. You own nothing.  
You were a visitor, time after time  
climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming.  
We never belonged to you.  
You never found us.  
It was always the other way round.

## ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

*Ave Verum Corpus* . . . . . W.A. Mozart  
Plymouth Choir, Eliza Woodyard, Plymouth Director

**SCRIPTURE READING** *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Luke 9:28-36  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Dr. Brown

Now about eight days after the teachings [about the cost of discipleship], Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothing lit up white like lightning. And suddenly! They saw two men, Moses and Elijah, speaking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to complete in Jerusalem. Now Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but since they were awake, they saw his glory and the two men with him. And just as they were departing from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; so let us make three tent-tabernacles: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a



cloud came and overshadowed them and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then a voice came from the cloud that said, “This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to him!” And while the voice was still speaking, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything they had seen.

**SONG OF PREPARATION** . . . . . *Hold On*  
Accompanied and arranged by Ramon Bryant Braxton

**SERMON** *SERMÓN* . *Sleeping with a Woke A God* . . . . . .Dr. Brown

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

*Blessed Assurance* (NCH #473) . . . . . ASSURANCE



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
3 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



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**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*** . . . . . Dr. Brown

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Allegro from Sonata No. 8* . . . . . G.B. Pescetti

Peter Nelson-King, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Join the Discussion*** You are invited to Hildebrand Hall following worship for a discussion with Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny, examining our Mission, Vision, and Values.

***Ash Wednesday Service*** Join us in the Sanctuary at noon Wednesday, March 5 for a simple Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes.

***Provide Comfort*** Help assemble comfort bags during worship each Sunday in March. Items for bags are still needed. Bring gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer and shelf-stable snacks and leave in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge.

***Weaving Our Strengths*** Join a day of workshops and reflection on community organizing principles and anti-racism values that ground us in transformational change for liberation & justice. Saturday, March 8 at University Congregational UCC (4515 16th Ave NE). Visit [TheChurchCouncil.org](http://TheChurchCouncil.org) for info and to RSVP.

***Movement Wisdom for Wild Days***, a 40-day Lenten journey of grounding, guidance, and discernment is now available from Join The Movement. This downloadable document is available free at [JoinTheMovementUCC.org](http://JoinTheMovementUCC.org).

***Into the Deep***, the 2025 UCC Lenten Devotional, guides us through the season. Plymouth has purchased a number of pdf editions available for download. Contact Diane Jacobsen ([djacobsen@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:djacobsen@plymouthchurchseattle.org)) to obtain your link to the pdf edition or to request a print version.

***Orbit and Oracle*** Hear The Esoterics in concert at 8 pm Saturday, March 8 at Plymouth, performing Orbit and Oracle: A Reimagining of Ancient Astronomical Legends. More information and tickets at [TheEsoterics.org](http://TheEsoterics.org).

***Please Remember*** Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Please send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC/PO Box 21368/Seattle WA 98111.

***Members and Visitors*** can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth](http://peaceonearth).

# **AFFIRMING TRANS LIVES IS HOLY WORK**



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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.