

*Repent!*

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 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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**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*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.*

**PRELUDE *PRELUDIO***

*Morning Has Broken* . . . . . arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson  
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

**SHARE EASTER JOY**



Plymouth's Community and Care Board delivers cheerful Easter flowers to folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. If you can deliver flowers, please email June Hayakawa-Fung at [JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Support this ministry by making a donation in the name of loved ones. Names of donors and those honored will be listed in the *Herald*. Email names of those to be honored to Robert Turner at [RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). You can also donate online using the "Give" tab at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Thank you for helping continue this tradition of care.

# OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* (NCH #351), . . . . . BORNING CRY

*Unison*

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

**CALL TO WORSHIP *LLAMADO A ADORAR* . . . . . Dr. Brown**

One: When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?

**Many: A psalmist says, “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”**

One: When I am afraid, what can I count on?

**Many: “The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.”**

One: We gather in the light of God’s protection.

**All: We come to pray, praise and sing. Let us worship God together!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION *ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN*. . . . . Dr. Brown**

One: Loving Protector, in times of chaos, we can startled by sudden declarations, distracted by claims of solutions to problems.

**Many: Forgive us, God, for our wandering from you. Forgive us, when our own fears draw other people’s attention away from you.**

One: Help us to act, not from anxiety, but from faith in your certain presence.

**All: Help us to slow down and recognize you within and around us.**



**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** *SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA* . . . . . Dr. Brown

No matter how far from God our resistance takes us, God wishes to draw us back, as deliberately as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Receive God's embrace and this good news: you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** . . . . . Rev. Kevin Bechtold  
**ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO**

*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), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Dylan Schilt (Cousin of Colin Warme), Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)*

*We grieve with JT Edwards on the recent death of Mark Edwards.*

 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*

**Our parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.**

**May your loving presence be a reality here on earth.**

**May we become more interested in building your kingdom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.**

**Let us share our bread with those who hunger.**

**Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.**

**Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.**

**For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL***

*Blessing* . . . . . Dr. Lee Peterson  
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA***

*Phenomenal Woman Eve*, by Kelle J Brown

Read by Indigo Brown

Presumptuous men, made lovely through their own eyes,  
Created eternal traps while breaking communal ties.  
When we start to tell them,  
They think we're telling lies.  
Let's say,  
It's in the reach of her life,  
The span of her years,  
The courage of her voice,  
The hope of her tears.  
She's a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's Eve.  
She walked into the world  
Just as cool as you please,  
And her man,  
The fellow cowered and  
Fell down silently.  
Yes, some swarm around her,  
Critiquing all her deeds.  
We say,  
It's the fire in the truth,  
And the flash of her mind,  
The swing of loving kindness,  
Her story thrives through time.  
She's a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's Eve.

Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in Eve.  
Relegated her to bedrooms and kitchens  
When boardroom and courtrooms  
Are, too, our destiny,  
I say,  
It's in the arch of justice,  
The light of our minds,  
The rise of our innovation,  
Time after time.  
Eve is woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's Eve  
Now you understand  
Why our heads are not bowed.  
We're done shouting. Done waiting  
In false fog and cloud.  
When you see us thriving,  
It ought to make you proud.  
We say,  
It's in the sound of the ballot box,  
New power declared,  
In the palm of full equity,  
Inclusion and care.  
'Cause we are woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's Sally McFague.  
That's Alice Walker.  
Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony.  
That's Liz Theoharis.  
That's Katie Cannon and Renita Weems.  
That's Chanequa Walker Barnes and Candice Benbow.  
That's Wil Gafney.  
That's Emilie Townes.



That's Angela Davis.  
That's Rosemary Radford Ruether.  
That's Elizabeth Cady Stanton.  
That's Maxine Mimms.  
That's Maya Angelou.  
That's Kelle Brown.  
That's Eve.  
Phenomenal woman.  
That's you and me!

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Luke 8:40-55**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) Read by Rev. Bechtold

Now when Jesus returned [from casting demons into a herd of pigs], the crowd of women, children, and men welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And hear this! There came a man whose name was Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. And he fell at the feet of Jesus and urged him to come to his house. For he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying.

Now as he went, the crowd of women, children, and men nearly crushed Jesus. And there was a woman who had a [vaginal] hemorrhage for twelve years, and though on physicians she had spent her entire life [savings], not one was able to cure her. She came up behind Jesus touching the fringe of his garment and immediately her [vaginal] hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Sir, the crowds surround you and are pressing in." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I discerned that power had gone out from me." When the woman saw that she was not hidden, trembling she came forward and falling down before Jesus she declared in the presence of all the women and men why she had touched Jesus and how she was immediately healed. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you, go in peace."

While Jesus was speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house saying, "Since your daughter is dead, do not trouble the teacher any longer." When Jesus heard this he replied, "Fear not. Only believe and she will be saved." Now when Jesus came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's mother and father. Everyone else was weeping and wailing for her, but Jesus said, "Weep not for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But Jesus took her by the hand and calling out he said, "Child, get up!" And her breath-and-spirit returned and she got up that moment; then Jesus directed them to give her something to eat.

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

*Caoineadh Na Tri Mhuire (Lament of the Three Marys)*

Traditional sean-nós

Eliza Woodyard, soprano

**SERMON *SERMÓN*** . . . . . *A Touching Herstory*. . . . . Dr. Brown

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

*Be Not Dismayed, vss 1, 2 (NCH #460)* . . . . . MARTIN C.M.

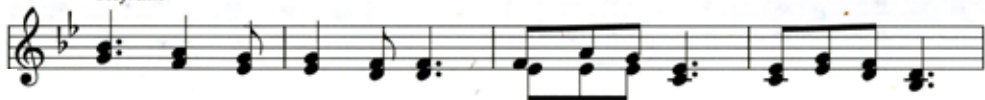


1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;  
2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;



Be - neath God's wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.  
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.

*Refrain*



God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.  
take care of you

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

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Ode To Joy*. . . . . arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Strategic Planning Retreat** Plymouth invites you to a collaborative, imaginative, and spiritually enriching experience led by Dr. Mark Smutny Saturday, April 12, 9 am-1 pm. Location TBD, lunch provided. Keep reading the *Herald* and website for details coming soon.

**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.

**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 Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to obtain your link to the pdf edition or to request a print version.

**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.

**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. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for the Wednesday morning study.

**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.

**DIVERSITY,  
EQUITY &+  
INCLUSION  
ARE +  
Christian Values**

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