

Repent!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 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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FOURTH 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*

Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Happy birthday to you;
Anniversary, too!
We are so excited to share them with you.
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday to you!

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

CHARTING PLYMOUTH'S FUTURE



You are invited to join a transformative journey of faith and community at our strategic planning retreat, led by Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny, 9 am–1 pm Saturday, April 12 at Plymouth.

This retreat promises to be a collaborative, imaginative, and spiritually enriching experience. Don't miss this opportunity to shape the future of Plymouth Church and strengthen our commitment to building a more inclusive and just community. Whether you're a long-time member or new to Plymouth, your voice is vital. Let's come together as fellow travelers on the journey of faith to envision what's next for our congregation.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

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;



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

CALL TO WORSHIP *LLAMADO A ADORAR*

One: Have you come far to be here today?

Many: You enlarge our gathering: welcome!

One: Have you come from around the corner?

Many: You anchor our gathering: welcome!

One: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

Many: May this worship meet you.

One: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

**All: We welcome you as you are! Let us worship
God together!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

**One: Dear God, your gifts are generous and yet we
often fail to appreciate what we have been given.**

**Many: We demand more, but squander what we
have received.**

**One: Forgive us for taking for granted what we receive
from you.**

**All: When we fail to accept what you offer, or
fail to steward those gifts, bring us back to
awareness of you.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA*

However far we wander, God is always ready to receive us,
to enfold us in love and grace. In the name of Jesus, you are
forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Prayer For International Transgender Day of Visibility

Alissa Bender (Canada), 2022

Holy Creating One,

You are the God who calls us by new names.

You are the One who sends dreams of unimagined futures.

You are the Word that became flesh and lived among us,
beside us, and for us.

We give you thanks for your diverse creation that is
constantly giving us glimpses of who you
are.

We give you thanks for all that we learn about you through
your beloved ones who are

transgender and gender-nonconforming,
those who dance with your Spirit beyond the binary
of gender.

Thank you for those who have claimed new names,
those who have dreamed new futures,
those for whom word and flesh have taken on new life,
among us, beside us,
and for a truer picture of all that you have called us to be as
your people.

May we seek out such stories of faith,
hear their words of challenge,
echo these lives of transformation,
and love as you love,
both our neighbors and ourselves,
as you call us
and dream for us
and make your word alive in us.

Amen.

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), Robert Malae, Blair Parker (Daughter of Nancy Parker), William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Kathy Rood, Dylan Schilt (Cousin of Colin Warme), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Louisa and Jim Halfaker and family on the passing of Louisa's brother, Peter Sandstrom.

*We grieve with JT Edwards on the death of Mark Edwards. A service will be held at Plymouth at 12:30 pm **today** in the Sanctuary.*



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*

Give Me Jesus arr. Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Dark Testament Verse 8, by Pauli Murray

Hope is a crushed stalk
Between clenched fingers
Hope is a bird's wing
Broken by a stone.
Hope is a word in a tuneless ditty —
A word whispered with the wind,
A dream of forty acres and a mule,
A cabin of one's own and a moment to rest,
A name and place for one's children
And children's children at last . . .
Hope is a song in a weary throat.
Give me a song of hope
And a world where I can sing it.
Give me a song of faith
And a people to believe in it.
Give me a song of kindness
And a country where I can live it.
Give me a song of hope and love
And a brown girl's heart to hear it.



*“Pauli” Murray (they, them) was an American civil rights activist, women's rights activist, lawyer, Episcopal priest, and author. Drawn to the ministry, in 1977 Murray became the first Black *woman to be ordained as an Episcopal priest and they were among the first group of femmes to become priests in that church. As a lawyer, Murray argued for civil rights and women's rights. In addition to their legal and advocacy work, Murray published two well-reviewed autobiographies and a volume of poetry.*

MINISTRY IN MOVEMENT Dani Tirrell

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . Numbers 26:33; 27:1-11
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Now Zelophehad ben Hephher had no sons, for he had daughters and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

[After the division of the land] the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Now Zelophehad was the child of Hephher descended from Gilead descended from Machir descended from Manasseh—of the Manassite clans—descended from Joseph. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They [the sisters] stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and the whole congregation of women, children, and men at the entrance of the tent of meeting and they said: “Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not among the assembly of those who assembled themselves together against the MAJESTY OF THE HEAVENS in the company of Korah; for his own sin he died, and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.”

Now Moses brought their case forward before the JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH. And the JUDGE OF ALL FLESH spoke to Moses, saying: Since the daughters of Zelophehad are correct in their word, you shall indeed give them a hereditary possession among their father’s brothers and pass the possession of their father to them. To the women and men of Israel you shall speak, saying, “When a man dies and has no son, then you all shall pass his possession on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall all give his possession to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you all shall give his possession to his father’s brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you all shall give his possession to his nearest relative of his clan and he shall possess it. It shall be for the women and men of Israel a statute and ordinance just as the JUST GOD commanded Moses.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether, by Harold Friedell

Suzanne Anderson, soprano; Kathy Vinson, alto

Matthew Lockett, tenor; Morgan Tso, bass

Eliza Woodyard, Plymouth Choir Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Birthright to Organize* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord) (NCH #360) THUMA MINA

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system begins with a 'Leader' part (treble clef) and an 'All' part (bass clef). The lyrics are: 1 Thu - ma mi - na. 1 Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. 2 Seng' ya vu - ma, seng' ya vu - ma, 1 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, 2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, 3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus. The second system continues the melody with a 'Leader' part (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment part (bass clef). The lyrics are: Thu - ma mi - na, So - man - dla. 2 Seng' ya vu - ma. Seng' ya vu - ma, So - man - dla. 1 Send me, Lord. 2 Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Leader All

1 Thu - ma mi - na. 1 Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na.
2 Seng' ya vu - ma, seng' ya vu - ma,
1 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus,
2 Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus,
3 Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus,

1-2 3

Leader

Thu - ma mi - na, So - man - dla.
2 Seng' ya vu - ma.
Seng' ya vu - ma, So - man - dla.
1 Send me, Lord.
2 Lead me, Lord.
Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.
3 Fill me, Lord.
Fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transgender Visibility Service 2:45 pm **today** in Hildebrand Hall. All are welcome to join a service led by Liberation UCC. Lunch will be served.

Help Make a Home The Afghan family Plymouth Welcome Circle has supported is moving into a townhouse. Please help make them at home by donating items they need: bunk beds, a lawn mower, gardening tools, towels, bath and area rugs and a microwave oven. Contact Judy Bentley: bentley.judy@gmail.com.

They'll Know Us by Our Love 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.

Film Screening April 27 Join a showing and discussion of *Las Abogadas: Attorneys on the Front Line of the Immigrant Crises*, sponsored by Latin American Relief Fund: 12–2 pm Sunday, April 27, in Hildebrand Hall; lunch-worthy snacks available.

Easter Flowers will be delivered to Plymouth folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. Deliver flowers, or contribute financially and honor loved ones. Names will be listed in the *Herald*. Donate online using the form in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or on our “Giving” page (select “Flower Fund” from the drop-down menu).

Lenten Special Offering Gifts to 2025 Lenten Special Offering will be divided evenly between One Great Hour of Sharing and funds to support Plymouth Immigration Ministry.

Free Medical Clinic Dental, vision, medical, and social services available at Settle Center April 24–27. Patients do not need proof of income, insurance, or immigration status to receive free care. Interpreters are available. Read more in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

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.

LIBERATION UCC
PRESENTS

“a people made in God’s image cannot be erased”

TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY SERVICE

SUNDAY MARCH 30TH /// 2:45 PM

All are welcomed
lunch will be served after!



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