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10:30 AM EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 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.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please like and send us a greeting
on Facebook and Instagram.



Help support the mission and ministries of Plymouth Church UCC.

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EASTER 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.*

Easter flowers given in memory of our parents,
John & Jean Haigh, and Alvin & Dorothy Hagen,
from Jeanette & Ken Hagen.

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Zambuko Marimba Ensemble

Sheree Seretse, JoAnn Moton, Jabari Rashidi,
Kamau Taplin, Melany Bell, Khalfani Mwamba

Fanfare-Prelude Peter Nelson-King
Peter Nelson-King, Trumpet

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Following the service, all are welcome to enjoy a time of celebration, including an Easter egg hunt. We look forward to sharing with you this festive day of worship and community. All are encouraged to continue the Plymouth Easter tradition of visiting and delivering a cheerful flower to those members who are isolated or who have suffered a loss. Look for the cards and deliver on Easter or sometime in the next week to share the love and joy of the season. Thank you for participating in this ministry of care.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (NCH #233) EASTER HYMN

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and moving lines. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

One: At early dawn, when the light was just emerging
and the shadows still long and deep the earth
began to sing a tender and persistent hallelujah.

**Many: And the resurrection smelled like death
and dirt. Christ, the Power of Love, is risen
indeed. Hallelujah!**

One: At early dawn, with the salt of tears still crusting
their eyes the women began to sing a grieving
and faithful hallelujah.

**Many: And the empty tomb sounded like weeping
and questions. Christ, the Wounded One, is
risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

One: At early dawn, when no one could remember the
sound of hope or the promise of a new day rising
the world began to sing a fierce and determined
hallelujah.

**Many: And the rising up tasted like bread and
rejoicing. Christ, the Way of Truth and
Life, is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

One: At early dawn, as each day brings forth new
agonies and injustices we gather to sing a grateful
and liberating hallelujah.

**All: And this Easter feels like protest and
praise. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: How many times have we succumbed to the despair
and distraction sown by the chaos machine and
forgotten God's prophetic promises, unable to
remember the power of steadfast Love and
persistent Justice.

Many: God, have mercy.

One: How many times have we reacted with disbelief to the
truths testified by those we perceive as less powerful,
treating the ones who know death-dealing oppression
best as untrustworthy, uninformed, and insignificant.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: How many times have we dismissed the visions and
wisdom of marginalized voices as idle tales, and failed to
recognize this witness to a new future of flourishing
for all?

Many: God, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. *Easter*

Revere Taylor, baritone; Jiyoung Lee, organist
Plymouth Choir, Eliza Woodyard, Director

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. 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), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, 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), Robert Malae, Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Colleen Rood (Aunt of Kathy Rood), 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)



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.**

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ* Dr. Brown

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Brown

ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

**Gracious God, thank you for your abundant
generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to
be more generous, reflecting your love. Bless these
offerings to further your kingdom, and bless us as
cheerful givers. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams

2. I Got Me Flowers

Revere Taylor, baritone; Jiyoung Lee, organist
Plymouth Choir, Eliza Woodyard, Director

3. Love Bade Me Welcome

Revere Taylor, baritone; Jiyoung Lee, organist
Plymouth Choir, Eliza Woodyard, Director

CONTEMPORARY VOICE VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA. Toni Morrison

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams

4. *The Call*

Revere Taylor, baritone; Jiyoung Lee, organist

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Matthew 28:1–10

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Read by Dr. Brown

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And look! There was a great earthquake, for a messenger of God, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. Its appearance was like lightning, and its clothing white as snow. For fear of the messenger, the guards shook and were as though dead. But the messenger responded to the women and said, “Fear not; I know that you all are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and see, he is on to Galilee ahead of you; there you all will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples the news. Then, all of a sudden, Jesus met them and said, “Shalom!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and bowed down worshipping him. Then Jesus said to them, “Fear not; go and tell my sisters and brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams

5. *Antiphon*

Revere Taylor, baritone; Jiyoung Lee, organist

SERMON *SERMÓN* . . . *In That Great Getting’ Up Morning.* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

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!

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Zambuko Marimba Ensemble

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate! You are invited to an Easter celebration in the Lounge after worship today, including an egg hunt! Food provided by Project Feast, which empowers refugee and immigrant cooks. We give thanks for worshipping and celebrating with you on this joyous day.

Share the Joy all are encouraged to continue the Plymouth tradition of visiting and delivering a cheerful flower to people who are isolated or who have suffered a loss. Take a card and flower and deliver on Easter or in the next week to share the love and joy of the season.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.