

Resurrect!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 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.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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*

*Chanson, Op. 16, No. 2*Erkki Melartin
Peter Nelson-King, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*Rev. Kevin Bechtold

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

WELCOME, REV. DR. RENEE MCCOY



We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Renee McCoy to Plymouth this Sunday. Dr. McCoy is the HIV/AIDS Program Manager of African Americans Reach and Teach Health Ministry. Dr. McCoy has an extensive history of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and research dating to the onset of the pandemic in 1981.

She has worked in New York, Washington, D.C., Detroit, MI, and Seattle. She was the former co-pastor of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ in Bellevue, the former Director of Public and Private Grants, and the former Director of Prevention Education at Lifelong AIDS Alliance in Seattle. Dr. McCoy holds a doctorate in anthropology from Wayne State University.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

This Is the Day (NCH #84) THIS IS THE DAY

Unison
E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

CALL TO WORSHIP *LLAMADO A ADORAR* June Hayakawa-Fung

One: What if we told you we come to this sanctuary
because there is no safety behind locked doors.

**Many: Jesus speaks peace among us. We do not
carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you we gather together to remember
that fear can't keep love from showing up.

**Many: Jesus breathes the spirit among us. We do not
carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you worship is a place where we
touch the wounds this world makes in us.

**Many: Jesus reaches out his hands to us. We do not
carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you we join our hearts in prayer
and praise into practice moving disbelief toward recognition.

**Many: Jesus tells truths among us. We do not carry
this all alone.**

One: What if it was all true?

All: My Sovereign and my God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Where we have locked the doors to new awareness with
defensiveness...Jesus, breathe peace.

Many: Unlock our understanding.

One: Where we have closed off to others in fear...Jesus,
breathe peace.

Many: Open our hearts.

One: Where we have demanded proof of wounds in order to
care...Jesus, breathe peace.

Many: Teach us compassion.

One: Where we have insisted others owe us vulnerability to
gain our solidarity...Jesus, breathe peace.

All: Show us how to be trustworthy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

One: Receive the good news, beloved ones of the Holy
 One —no locked door, no overwhelming fear, no
 guarded disbelief can keep out God's forgiveness
 and resurrecting love We are set free to keep building
 up a new world.

All: My Sovereign and my God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bechtold



ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Voice in the Winds, a Native American prayer

O Great Spirit,
Whose voice I hear in the winds
And whose breath gives life
To all the world,
Hear me! I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty
And make my eyes
Ever behold the sunset.
Make my hands respect the things
You have made,
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise
So that I may understand
The things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons
You have hidden in every leaf and rock.
I seek strength,
Not to be greater than my brother or sister,
But to fight my greatest enemy--myself.
Make me always ready to come to you
With clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
My spirit may come to you without shame.
I Ask This for Myself, My People,
and All My Relations. 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), 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)

Congratulations to Jeanette and Ken Hagen on the birth of their great grandson Rujelio Lerone Rodriguez Hagen, born April 11, 2025 in Puyallup, to parents Anthony Hagen and Cecilia Rodriguez de Hagen. Grandfather is Rudolpho Hagen.

 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 kindom
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*

George William Bolcom
Ivy Zhou, soprano; Peter Nelson-King, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* John 20:19-31

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Read by Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Parent has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

O Had I Jubal's Lyre from *Judas Maccabeus* G.F. Handel

Ivy Zhou, soprano; Peter Nelson-King, piano

SERMON *SERMÓN*

Stop Rehearsing Disaster Rev. Dr. Renee McCoy

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One (NCH #253)JUDAS MACCABEUS



1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res-ur - rect-ed One! End-less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap-peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright-ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives



you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra-diance rolled the stone a -
noth-ing you will fear. Let the church with glad-ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic-tory, life and strength and



way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with-out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. McCoy

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

The Celebration of Life Gary Davidson
Peter Nelson-King, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film Screening Today 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 **today**, in Hildebrand Hall; lunch-worthy snacks available.

Plymouth Healing Communities welcomes your donations to their Spring Household Items Drive, through May 22. Leave items in the bin on Sundays, or contact Dakota Nixon to arrange special collection: dnixon@plyhc.org or 206-707-2801. See list of most needed items in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Duwamish Art Market Indigenous artists showcase and sell their arts and crafts at the Duwamish Longhouse, 10 am–5 pm **today**. Discover diverse Native-made treasures, one-of-a-kind items from jewelry and leather goods to drums, ceramics and paintings, herbal bath products and more. Visit DuwamishTribe.org.

Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness Film screening and discussion at Town Hall Seattle 5:30 pm Tuesday, May 13. Info and free tickets at TownHallSeattle.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](http://peaceonearth.org).

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**

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself - Jesus