

Resurrect!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 4, 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.

Make a donation under the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org,
or scan the code below:



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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*

Serenity. 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*

HELP WITH HEALING



Plymouth Healing Communities welcomes your donations of new and gently-used household items for new residents moving in to their new apartments. Drop off at Plymouth on Sundays through May 22 in the PHC donation bin in the Lounge. Reach out to PHC Program Manager Dakota Nixon (dnixon@plyhc.org; 206-707-2801) for different drop-off times, or questions. Thank you for helping make a home for our residents.

CALL TO WORSHIP June Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A ADORAR

One: You'd think, by now, we would get used to him
showing up like this.

**Many: Inviting us to cast the net deeper and
wider, showing us the way to abundance is
leaning into new possibilities.**

One: We are starting to open ourselves to these hauntings,

**Many: encouraging us to share what we have and
watch it multiply, showing us the way to
flourishing is together.**

One: We are learning to recognize this ghost asking
about love,

**Many: calling us to tend and nourish each other,
showing us the way to new life is new
solidarities.**

One: You'd think, by now we would get used to Jesus
in our midst.

**Many: Welcoming us to the worship that is
love in action, showing us the way to
transformation is mutual belovedness. Let
us worship God, because we know in our
bones, everywhere we turn, it is God!**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

For the Beauty of the Earth (NCH #28) DIX

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,
For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,
Refrain
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

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), 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)

A memorial service for Judy Raymer is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, at Plymouth.



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



THE WOMANIST PRAYER OF JESUS by Yolanda Norton

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us, we call upon your names. Your wisdom come. Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell. Give us each day sustenance and perseverance. Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others. Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. 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

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

**Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Filled now, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and discernment,
that we may serve your beloved community in the world
in the time of chaos. Amen**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

Sicut Cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
The Plymouth Quartet

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Acts 8:1-12

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Now Saul approved of [the mob of men] killing Stephen. There began that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem; everyone was scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and they made a great lamentation over him. But Saul was razing the church from house to house, going in and dragging off women and men; he handed them over to prison. Now the women and men who were indeed scattered went around proclaiming the word.

So Philip went down to the city of Samaria proclaiming the Messiah to them. Now the crowds of women and men as one paid heed to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did. For those who had unclean spirits were crying out with great shrieks and they came out of many who were possessed, and many others who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

Now a certain man named Simon had previously—in the city—been practicing magic and he amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great. Everyone from the least to the greatest paid heed to him, saying, “This is the power of God that is called Great.” Now they paid him heed because for a long time with his magic he had amazed them. And when they believed Philip proclaiming the good news about the reign of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both women and men.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Ephesians 6:10-13

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

From this point on, be strengthened in the Messiah and in the power of Christ’s strength. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the scheming of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to resist on that day of evil, and having prepared in every way, to stand firm.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Yesu Ni Wangu, traditional Swahili,
arranged by Ruth Morris Grey
Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Curing Chaos* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

The Call Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Embrace Joy! Registration is open now for the UCC Pacific Northwest & Central Pacific Conferences Women's Retreat November 7-9 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA. All who identify as women are warmly welcome. More information and registration form at nrwr.org.

Promise and Prophecy The Esoterics will celebrate spring at Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, May 17, with the choral music of New York composer Martha Sullivan. Join us for an evening of lavish literature and sumptuous song. More info and tickets at TheEsoterics.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.

**Jesus prepared a
meal for the
multitudes to
remind us that we
feed people not
because we believe
they deserve it, but
because they're
hungry.**

johnpavlovitz.com

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.