

Resurrect!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

The Shining River. Edmund Rubbra
Peter Nelson-King, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

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

Unison

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-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be
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INVOCATION *INVOCACIÓN*

Transformative Creator, you envelop us with examples of community. We are witness to Jesus' up close and personal attempts to learn about and be with the people. You want us to know that what happens outside of our church building matters to God's people. Continue to work in and through us to build towards collective flourishing. Call us into living — call us into being curious, approachable, and loving towards all Your creation.

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Holy One, We ask ourselves: Who do we say that we are?

Many: How do we show up against an oligarchy that allows discrimination, war, genocide, violence, transphobia, and poverty to run rampant amongst God's people?

One: When we experience tension, give us the courage to feel into that tension and to invite a feeling of love and kindness and grace the way that Jesus showed us time and time again.

All: Be with us in this and all the hard moments still to come.



ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved, let us go forth today and all the days with the courageous belief that we can truly recognize the Holy One in the other and then act accordingly. By grace, God will move us towards the transformation where acts of love, humility, curiosity, faith, abundance, and hope are on display for all to witness. **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), 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), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Robert Malae, Don Mayer, 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), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

Petite Litanies de Jesus Gabriel Grovlez
Peter Nelson-King, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

For Calling the Spirit Back from Wandering the Earth in Its Human Feet

by Joy Harjo

Put down that bag of potato chips, that white bread, that bottle of pop.

Turn off that cellphone, computer, and remote control.

Open the door, then close it behind you.

Take a breath offered by friendly winds. They travel the earth
gathering essences of plants to clean.

Give it back with gratitude.

If you sing it will give your spirit lift to fly to the stars' ears and back.

Acknowledge this earth who has cared for you since you were a dream
planting itself precisely within your parents' desire.

Let your moccasin feet take you to the encampment of the guardians
who have known you before time, who will be there after time. They
sit before the fire that has been there without time.

Let the earth stabilize your postcolonial insecure jitters.

Be respectful of the small insects, birds and animal people who
accompany you.

Ask their forgiveness for the harm we humans have brought down
upon them.

Don't worry.

The heart knows the way though there may be high-rises, interstates,
checkpoints, armed soldiers, massacres, wars, and those who will
despise you because they despise themselves.

The journey might take you a few hours, a day, a year, a few years, a
hundred, a thousand or even more.

Watch your mind. Without training it might run away and leave your
heart for the immense human feast set by the thieves of time.

Do not hold regrets.

When you find your way to the circle, to the fire kept burning by the
keepers of your soul, you will be welcomed.

You must clean yourself with cedar, sage, or other healing plant.

Cut the ties you have to failure and shame.

Let go the pain you are holding in your mind, your shoulders, your
heart, all the way to your feet. Let go the pain of your ancestors to
make way for those who are heading in our direction.

Ask for forgiveness.

Call upon the help of those who love you. These helpers take many forms: animal, element, bird, angel, saint, stone, or ancestor.
Call your spirit back. It may be caught in corners and creases of shame, judgment, and human abuse.
You must call in a way that your spirit will want to return.
Speak to it as you would to a beloved child.
Welcome your spirit back from its wandering. It may return in pieces, in tatters. Gather them together. They will be happy to be found after being lost for so long.
Your spirit will need to sleep awhile after it is bathed and given clean clothes.
Now you can have a party. Invite everyone you know who loves and supports you. Keep room for those who have no place else to go.
Make a giveaway, and remember, keep the speeches short.
Then, you must do this: help the next person find their way through the dark.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Judith 10:1-8
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

And it came to pass, that Judith ceased crying out to the God of Israel and completed all these words. And she rose from falling prostrate and summoned her favorite slave-woman and went down into the house where she stayed on Sabbath days and on her feast days. Then Judith removed the sackcloth which she had put on and stripped off the garments of her widowhood, and she bathed her body with water and anointed herself with thick ointment, and combed the hairs of her head and placed a headdress upon it and put on the garments of her gladness which she had clothed herself in the days of the life of her husband Manasseh. Then she chose sandals for her feet and put on anklets and bracelets and rings and earrings and the whole constellation of her ornaments, and she adorned herself for enticing the eyes of men, all who would see her. And she gave her favored slave-woman a leather bag of wine and a jar of oil and she filled a bag with barley meal and fig cake and fine bread, and she wrapped all of her vessels and placed them upon her [slave-woman].

So they went out to the gate of the city of Bethulia and they came upon Uzziah and the elders of the city, Chabris and Charmis. When they saw her and her face was transformed and her attire altered, they marveled at her beauty, greatly and repeatedly, and said to her: “May the God of our mothers and fathers grant you be the means of grace and may you accomplish your mission, for the pride of the daughters and sons of Israel and the exaltation of Jerusalem.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Let's Face The Music And Dance
by Irving Berlin, arranged by Kirby Shaw
The Plymouth Quartet

SERMON *SERMÓN* *You'd Better Recognize* Dr. Brown


HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (NCH #282) African American Spiritual

Refrain

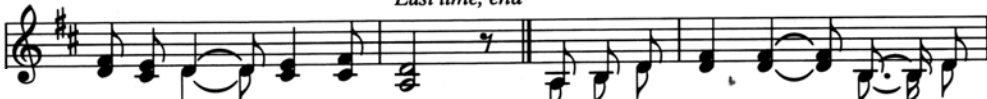


Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will




pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end




in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain



round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

I Want to Be Ready. traditional, arr. Péter Wolf
Peter Nelson-King, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Stephen Price! Plymouth is pleased to announce Stephen C. Price will be our new Director of Music, beginning Sunday, May 18. Plan now to be in worship to welcome him, and read more in the next *Herald*.

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.

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.

Faith Action Network invites you to join a Zoom forum: *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People: Committed to Bringing Them Home*, 7-9 pm Wednesday, May 14, with Rev. Linda Smith, Tulalip Elder; Representatives of the Attorney General's Office & Tribal Liaisons. More info and registration at Fanwa.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.

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.

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.