



10:30 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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 online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



The church office is open during limited hours.

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All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.

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PENTECOST 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.*

PRELUDE

*Allegretto from Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2 Ludwig van Beethoven
Joe Williams, piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Gwilym

One: God has done great things for us!

**Many: We declare God's mighty works with all
we have!**

One: In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

**Many: We declare God's mighty works with all
we have!**

One: We praise the One who has kept us and provided
for us.

**Many: We worship the One who has blessed us
with holy wisdom!**

One: Let us worship God together!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

HYMN Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, vs. 1, 3, 4 SPIRIT

Unison, brightly
Refrain

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 hill, then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond-age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom-en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo-ple a - rise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the sense of entitlement some people seem to have,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

From a blind judgmental attitude over other people's
appearance or dress,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

For the times our sharp political divide blinded our call to
care for each other,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

When people use loopholes to take advantage of
disability benefits,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

From a blind attitude over the theft of Xerox paper for
personal use,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

When we attempted to jump the line or skirt the rules to get
a vaccine,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

For a lack of courtesy, especially for the elderly,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

From a lack of humility or lack of patience,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

For the temptation to cheat at golf tournaments by not
reporting strokes or by a foot wedge,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

From a blind attitude during COVID of not wearing a mask
or hoarding toilet paper,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

For the times we lack respect for God in church with
distracted talking,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

When we are tempted to gossip or be engaged in incessant griping,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

When we are blind to racism in all its colors,

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

For the times we blame the church as an excuse for not participating,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

For the attitude that it is OK to double-bill or not show up for doctor appointments,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

When we become annoyed that someone is in our pew or think the homily is too long,

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Gwilym

One: Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus’ disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren’t expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God’s truth.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven.
Amen.**

WELCOMERev. Donene Blair

Plymouth Church acknowledges that we occupy the unceded land of its first stewards, the Duwamish of the Coast Salish people. We vow our solidarity with the Duwamish in their honorable quest to become a federally recognized tribe.

Plymouth Church also offer a labor acknowledgement for the African American enslaved upon whose backs this country gained much of its wealth, as well as the work and lives of other minoritized peoples who emigrated to this country. In our journey to become more fully the church, we honor our social location of power and privilege, and our position to do justice within our church and in the world, and recognize that such a statement is only the beginning of the work to which we are called.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Blair

O Holy Spirit, by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

O Great Divine Spirit,
energy of love, furnace of joy,
star at the heart of every galaxy,
warmth at the heart of every being,
sun from whom all living things receive life:
you are the brightness of which our love
is a small candle's imitation.
You are the struck match of all life.
Ignite us with your love,
burn in us with your beauty.
Enflame us with joy and delight,
with courage and wisdom.
Let no other energy drive us but you alone,
that our lives may shine with the light
of your kindness and mercy and grace.

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark & JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Tom Lemly (Father of Hayden McManus), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), James McDowell (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Paula Orrego, Jean and Richard Paul (Parents of Beth Paul-Russell), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulificio, Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson)

We remember Tony Brown, Plymouth soloist and choir member, on the one year anniversary of his passing.



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

**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.**

CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE Rev. Blair

Just as everything given to Jesus comes from God, everything given to us comes from Jesus, the foremost human example for our faith. May we respond to that gift with joy, mindful of the ways God works in this church, in this community, and in this world.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Blair

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

If It's MagicStevie Wonder
Tory Trujillo, voice; Joe Williams, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE

Mockingbirds, by Mary Oliver

This morning
two mockingbirds
in the green field
were spinning and tossing
the white ribbons
of their songs
into the air.
I had nothing
better to do
than listen.
I mean this
seriously.
In Greece,
a long time ago,
an old couple
opened their door
to two strangers
who were,
it soon appeared,
not men at all,
but gods.
It is my favorite story —
how the old couple
had almost nothing to give
but their willingness
to be attentive —
but for this alone
the gods loved them

and blessed them —
when they rose
out of their mortal bodies,
like a million particles of water
from a fountain,
the light
swept into all the corners
of the cottage,
and the old couple,
shaken with understanding,
bowed down —
but still they asked for nothing
but the difficult life
which they had already.
And the gods smiled, as they vanished,
clapping their great wings.
Wherever it was
I was supposed to be
this morning —
whatever it was I said
I would be doing —
I was standing
at the edge of the field —
I was hurrying
through my own soul,
opening its dark doors —
I was leaning out;
I was listening.



*Mary Oliver was
an American poet
and essayist.*

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Act 2:1-18
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Ms. Gwilym

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astounded, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how do we hear, each in our own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and questioning to one another, saying, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech: For these persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour [nine o’clock] in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

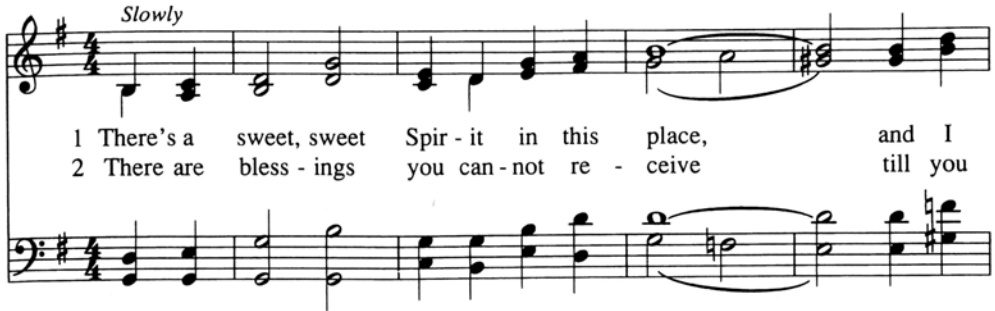
‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.
Even upon my enslaved, both women and men,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.’”

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION Tory Trujillo

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

HYMN Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

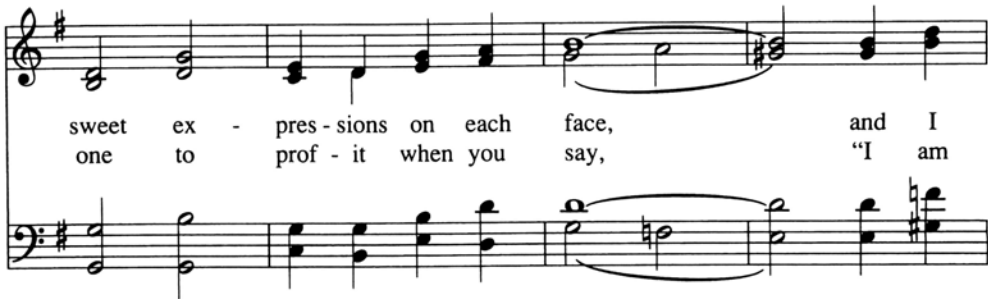
Slowly



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

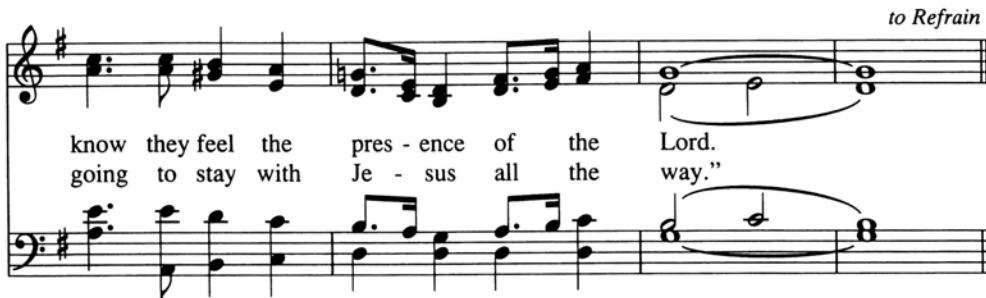


know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *Intermezzo #1* Manuel M. Ponce
 Joe Williams, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

Please Note that Plymouth Church UCC now has a PO Box. Please send all postal correspondence to our new mailing address: Plymouth Church UCC / PO Box 21368 / Seattle WA 98111.

Pentecost Special Offering Today and throughout the month of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between UCC Strengthen the Church and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.

Splendor and Solace The Esoterics will present a concert of works that explore the intersection of the communal and the divine 8 pm **tonight** at Plymouth. Details and tickets at TheEsoterics.org.

Sound Medicine Meditation A monthly offering for transformative healing and meditation with Tory Trujillo. Next session 11:45 am Sunday, May 26 in Hildebrand Hall. \$20 suggested donation.

Walk with Pride Plymouth UCC is sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of Pacific Northwest Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 30. We welcome all who want to march in solidarity and celebration. Keep reading the *Herald* and website for updates.

Faith Action Network Spring Summit 3 pm Sunday, June 9. Your voices matter to us! Read more and register at Fanwa.org.

Prayers for Peace Learn about and participate in the People's Prayers for Peace initiative, an open invitation to read — and write — prayers, which will be posted daily on the UCC website. Read more and share your prayers at UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace.

They'll Know Us By Our Love The former reader signs outside our building are now pantries filled with food and items for those experiencing homelessness or are under-resourced. Please contribute food and comfort items, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved.

Help Lead Worship The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. If you feel called to serve, please contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Plymouth Cooks Share your favorite recipes with us and be a part of the new Plymouth cookbook! Be sure to include list of ingredients and instructions. Please let us know something about the dish — what makes it special to you. Send to Robert Turner: RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The Plymouth Church Library is open before and after worship every Sunday morning.

PRAYS WELL WITH OTHERS



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.