



10:30 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

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 will be closed during concerns about the coronavirus.

The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.

Check PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for updates.

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.

The quiet is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.

Thank you for entering this space, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.

WELCOME 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!)

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Happy birthday to you!

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

INVOCATION Deacon Jon Daniel

Faced with pain that rips apart, we cry out in one voice, intercede with us, O God of solidarity.

Faced with death that wounds and marks with pain, give us the strength of an embrace and the peace that your love gives us.

You are the God of the poor, the one who sows hope, you are the God of solidarity, the one who gives love. You are the God with us, the eternal, the great I am.

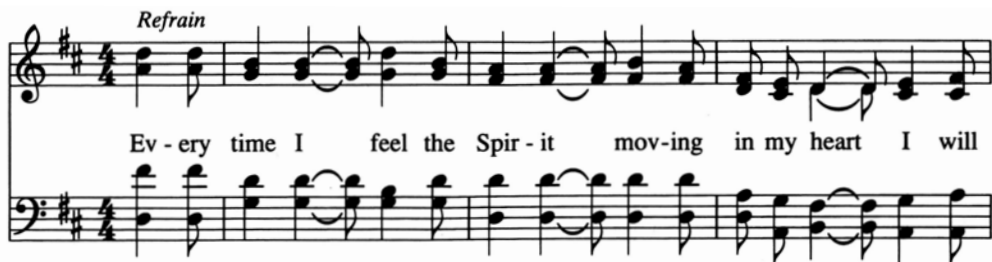
You are the God who sees division and sends licks of fire and mighty winds of healing so that we may hear and understand the voices of difference.

God of the embrace, God of song, God who caresses, God who strengthens, God who surrenders, God of action.

O God of solidarity, your Kindom come to the mourner, lean your ear to the cry for your children are coming to be transformed by your love.

HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*. . . African-American Spiritual
 Jennylynn Vidas, Sari Breznau, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

Refrain

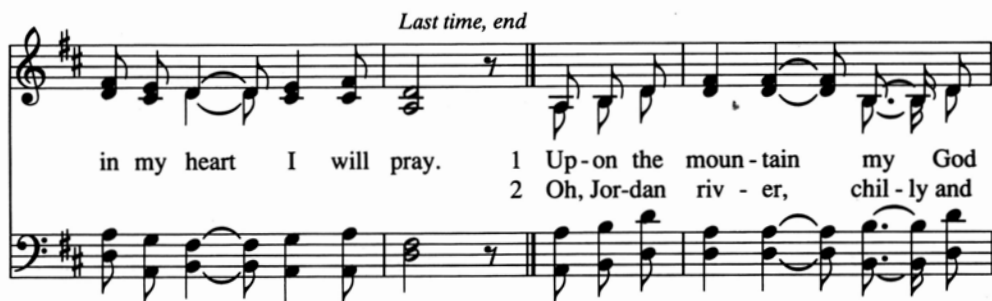


Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

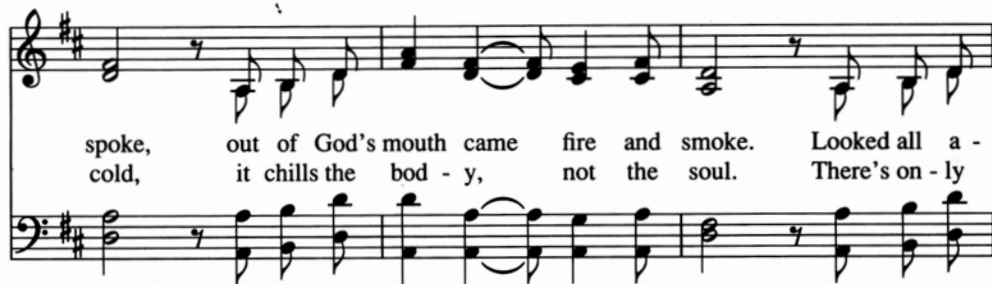


pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

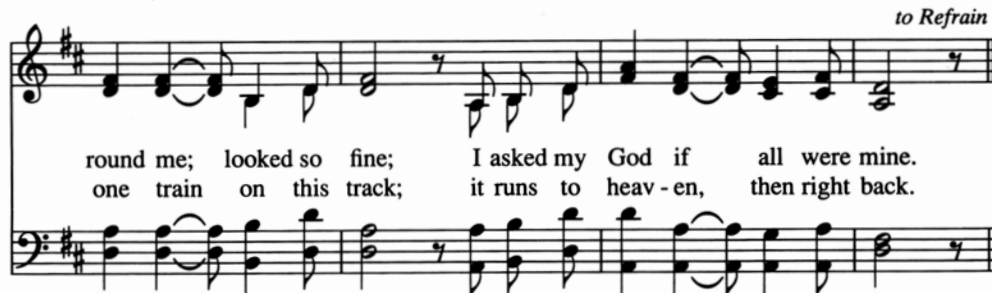


in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
 2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Toni Arthur, Jennifer Carter, Larry Counts (Brother-in-Law of Maryann Counts), Pam Dorrance, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, Ann Fullerton and Family (Sister of Doug Stultz), Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Floyd Gossett, Katherine Guthrie, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Michael Kaid, Paul Lehto, Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Isabelle Matson and Family, Bob Mitchell, Medora Moburg, Montecino Family, Pris Orr, Dick, Jean, and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul-Russell), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Maria Ratcliff (Aunt of Toni Arthur), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Joseph Scott, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Samantha Williams

(Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.)



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



LORD'S PRAYER

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 kin-dom 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.

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MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION

Downtown Emergency Service Center

CONTEMPORARY VOICE

A Brave and Startling Truth, by Dr. Maya Angelou

We, this people, on a small and lonely planet
Traveling through casual space
Past aloof stars, across the way of indifferent suns
To a destination where all signs tell us
It is possible and imperative that we learn
A brave and startling truth
And when we come to it
To the day of peacemaking
When we release our fingers
From fists of hostility
And allow the pure air to cool our palms
When we come to it
When the curtain falls on the minstrel show of hate
And faces sooted with scorn are scrubbed clean
When battlefields and coliseum
No longer rake our unique and particular sons and daughters
Up with the bruised and bloody grass
When the rapacious storming of the churches
The screaming racket in the temples have ceased
When the pennants are waving gaily
When the banners of the world tremble
Stoutly in the good, clean breeze
When we come to it
When we let the rifles fall from our shoulders
And children dress their dolls in flags of truce
When land mines of death have been removed
And the aged can walk into evenings of peace
When religious ritual is not perfumed
By the incense of burning flesh
And childhood dreams are not kicked awake
By nightmares of abuse
When we come to it
Then we will confess that not the Pyramids
With their stones set in mysterious perfection
Nor the Gardens of Babylon
Hanging as eternal beauty
In our collective memory
Not the Grand Canyon

Kindled into delicious color
 By Western sunsets
 Nor the Danube, flowing its blue soul into Europe
 Not the sacred peak of Mount Fuji
 Stretching to the Rising Sun
 Neither Father Amazon nor Mother Mississippi who, without favor,
 Nurture all creatures in the depths and on the shores
 These are not the only wonders of the world
 When we come to it
 We, this people, on this minuscule and kithless globe
 Who reach daily for the bomb, the blade and the dagger
 Yet who petition in the dark for tokens of peace
 We, this people on this mote of matter
 In whose mouths abide cankerous words
 Which challenge our very existence
 Yet out of those same mouths
 Come songs of such exquisite sweetness
 That the heart falters in its labor
 And the body is quieted into awe
 We, this people, on this small and drifting planet
 Whose hands can strike with such abandon
 That in a twinkling, life is sapped from the living
 Yet those same hands can touch with such healing, irresistible
 tenderness
 That the haughty neck is happy to bow
 And the proud back is glad to bend
 Out of such chaos, of such contradiction
 We learn that we are neither devils nor divines
 When we come to it
 We, this people, on this wayward, floating body
 Created on this earth, of this earth
 Have the power to fashion for this earth
 A climate where every man and every woman
 Can live freely without sanctimonious piety
 Without crippling fear
 When we come to it
 We must confess that we are the possible
 We are the miraculous, the true wonder of this world
 That is when, and only when
 We come to it.



*Dr. Maya Angelou was
 an American poet, singer,
 memoirist, and civil rights
 activist during a career that
 spanned over fifty years.*

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-4
(NRSV translation) read by Deacon Daniel

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

ANTHEM.*I will Sing with the Spirit* John Rutter
Jennylynn Vidas, Miriam Gnagy, Sari Breznau,
Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

MESSAGE*In Other Languages* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing. Traditional
Sari Breznau

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
When the Spirit says sing I'm gonna sing right along
Sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says cry
I'm gonna cry when the Spirit says cry
When the Spirit says cry I'm gonna cry right along
Cry when the Spirit says cry
I'm gonna speak when the Spirit says speak
I'm gonna speak when the Spirit says speak
When the Spirit says speak I'm gonna speak right along
Speak when the Spirit says speak
I'm gonna love when the Spirit says love
I'm gonna love when the Spirit says love
When the Spirit says love I'm gonna love right along
Love when the Spirit says love
Laugh when the Spirit says laugh
Sing when the Spirit says sing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONDr. Brown

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* Healey Willan
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

May 23 through the end of June, gifts earmarked **Pentecost Special Offering** will be divided evenly between **Strengthen the Church** and **Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund**.

CELEBRATE WITH DR. ELIZABETH GORDON TODAY

Join the online Ordination Service of Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon, PhD, MDiv, JD 3 pm TODAY. This joyful on-line event is co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle. The Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown is honored and thrilled to preach on the theme of God's Promise. All are welcome. To attend, register to receive link for the service. Visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and click the box on the homepage with Elizabeth's image.



Elizabeth will be ordained as a Clinical Spiritual Care Provider at the University of Washington Medical Center. She also serves as a Fellow in Older Adult Spiritual Care at the VA Medical Center on Beacon Hill. With Plymouth, Elizabeth is an immediate past member of Council and a current board member of Plymouth Healing Communities. This church mission provides companionship, housing, and circles of care for people who live with mental illness and housing instability.

We hope you will attend this spirit-filled service that marks the culmination of a long journey of study, discernment, and internships. More importantly, it will open new doorways for Elizabeth to grow and contribute to this dynamic field in which health, aging, and spirit intersect.

Please uphold Elizabeth in your prayers as she completes her final preparations towards ordination and continues in her ministry as a Clinical Spiritual Care Provider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Put Faith in Action! Sign up now for Faith Action Network's annual Spring Summit 2-4 pm Sunday, June 6. At the Summit you can gather virtually with advocates in your region and by issue interest group, and begin to consider what steps we might take together in the year ahead. This event is open to advocates across the state. Register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*in the news feed, click on article "Faith Action Spring Summits"*).

Xenophobia Teach-In May 24 This Asia Pasifika Heritage Month, you are invited to deepen your understanding of American xenophobia and racism, using Japanese American WWII incarceration and the current crisis of immigrant detention as case studies. This interactive learning experience is designed for anyone looking to expand their knowledge and deepen their commitment to action. The teach-in on May 24 is free and open to the public. Register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*in the news feed, click on article "Celebrating Asian Pasifika Heritage Month"*).

Plymouth is Proud! While we are all missing the parade, Virtual Pride is our opportunity to commemorate the past, celebrate new wins for equality, and get encouragement for the work yet to come...and have a lot of fun. All are welcome to the free online celebration June 26 & 27, 11 am to 5 pm PT. Find link to free registration at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (in the news feed, click on article "Plymouth is Proud!").

Summer is Coming The *Herald* will be published every other week in the summer. The June 2 issue will be the last weekly issue until September. Look for weekly email updates and stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website.

GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH UCC

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

MAIL Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ/
1217 6th Ave/ Seattle WA 98101

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH Click on GIVE box at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

TEXT TO GIVE Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

CASH APP Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org

**JESUS SAID TO
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
THERE ARE
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

God is still speaking.
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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.