

# *Resurrect!*

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 25, 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](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org),  
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SIXTH 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***

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Charles Converse, arranged by Fred Bock

Peter Nelson-King, 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.

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Happy birthday to you!

**SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

## OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (NCH #403) . . . . . SOLID ROCK

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
4 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*  
whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung

*LLAMADO A ADORAR*

One: God, strengthen our faith

**Many: by firing up our imaginations.**

One: Because we know the Holy Creator works  
through us,

**Many: so we can begin to stitch back together  
our community!**

One: Powerful images are not empty or without meaning,

**Many: but true symbols that guide us to probe  
this war-filled world.**

One: Isn't this why God gave us an imagination anyway?

**Many: So we can look with the eyes of faith  
beyond surface impressions**

One: to see what is really going on in our world

**All: in order to recreate new worlds of  
flourishing for all!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

*ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN*

One: God of the Other, we say to you that we cannot  
remember the last time we listened, truly listened  
to the Other and sought understanding, let alone  
see the childlike glory in another's spirit.

**All: We come forward to say that starting today,  
we change by becoming more present  
in our interactions with all of your creation  
and we hold no judgement and cast no  
shame on someone trying to exist in this cold  
complicated and beautiful world.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

**SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA**

We are indeed a Beloved Community capable of working towards collective flourishing. We are the light and let us shine brightly as we accompany others to abundance and collective freedom. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** . . . . . Dr. Brown

**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.

**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 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.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE INTERLUDIO MUSICAL**

*Man In The Mirror*, by Glen Ballard and Siedah Garrett, arranged by Ed Lojeski  
The Plymouth Quartet and Jazzline from Olympic College  
Eliza Woodyard, Plymouth Choir Director

## CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

*Having a Great Time Being Transgender in America Lately*, by Jackie Sabbagh



*Jackie Sabbagh is a writer of poetry and stories in Brooklyn, New York.*

It is day infinity  
of everyone wanting me dead. People are having fun  
bringing lemon squares and automatic artillery to the anti-trans  
community meetings.  
Divorced legislators harangue  
about pedophile cults and surgeried infants and what ever  
happened to forever ago.  
I am more beautiful than you and I would like to be loved.  
I am getting concerned  
about the monomaniacs who make their entire lives about  
deadnaming and transvestigations:  
obviously it's working but aren't you exhausted,  
don't you remember  
when someone loved you without knowing what you were?  
I am eating shortbread on a patio table overlooking the  
enormous green ocean.  
Somewhere an octopus is being eaten by an octopus and  
not panicking.  
black dress to the floor, red acrylic nails, silver teardrop  
earrings, waterproof mascara.  
I am excited to do this for the rest of my life and be terrified.  
I hear a noise behind me and I don't turn around.

## SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Judith 15:8-13

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Now Joakim the high priest and the council of the people of Israel residing in Jerusalem came in order to see the good things which the Most High had done for Israel and to see Judith and wish her well. Now when they came to her, they blessed her, all with one accord and they said to her, "You are the exaltation of Jerusalem; you are the great pride of Israel; you are the great boast of our people. You have done all these things by your hand; you have done good for Israel and God is well pleased over them. Be blessed before Shaddai [the Nurturing God], for all time." And all the people said: "May it be so." Then all the women, children, and men plundered the camp for thirty days and they gave Judith the tent of Holofernes and all the silverplate and the couches and the basins and all his furniture and she took them and placed them upon her mule, and she hitched her wagons and harnessed them upon them.

And all the women of Israel gathered together so as to see her and they blessed her and some of them performed a dance for her, and she took olive branches wrapped in ivy in her hands and she gave them to the women who were with her. And the women crowned themselves with olive [wreaths], she and those with her and she went before all the people in the dance leading all the women and every man of Israel armed, following along with wreaths and they were singing hymns aloud.

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

*Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In*, from the musical *Hair*  
by Galt McDermot, arranged by Greg Gilpin

The Plymouth Quartet and Jazzline from Olympic College  
Eliza Woodyard, Plymouth Choir Director

**SERMON *SERMÓN* . . . . . Rev. Bechtold**

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO***

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (NCH #400) . . . . . REGENT SQUARE



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!  
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain



chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.  
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.  
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* . . . . . Rev. Bechtold**

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Gavotte, Op. 94 No. 6* . . . . . Jean Sibelius  
Peter Nelson-King, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Kevin Bechtold** will be on sabbatical June 1 to September 1. He is excited for the time away and looks forward to returning in the fall refreshed for the life and work of the church. He is grateful for this opportunity, knowing that revitalization is important for clergy and the continued vitality of Plymouth Church.

**American Mosaic** Our diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop series concludes at 12 pm Sunday, June 8, in Hildebrand Hall, led by Dr. Mark Smutny. All are welcome—whether you’ve attended previous sessions or are joining for the first time. Let’s build a stronger, more inclusive Plymouth Church together.

**Seattle Pride in the Park**, produced by Seattle Pride, will kick off Seattle’s 51st annual Pride Month celebration on Saturday, June 7 at Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill. This celebration with music, food and fun for all ages is free and welcomes everyone in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.

**Walk with Pride** Plymouth UCC is once again joining the Pacific Northwest Conference for the Annual Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 29. Bring signs and friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQ+ siblings.

**Sing, Pray, Support** Every Saturday the Church of Mary Magdalene welcomes homeless and formerly homeless women at Gethsemane Lutheran (1830 Ninth Ave, at Stewart) for breakfast at 9 am and worship at 10 am. You can help this community of women: contact Pat Simpson (PSimpsonPnwumc@gmail.com)

**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.

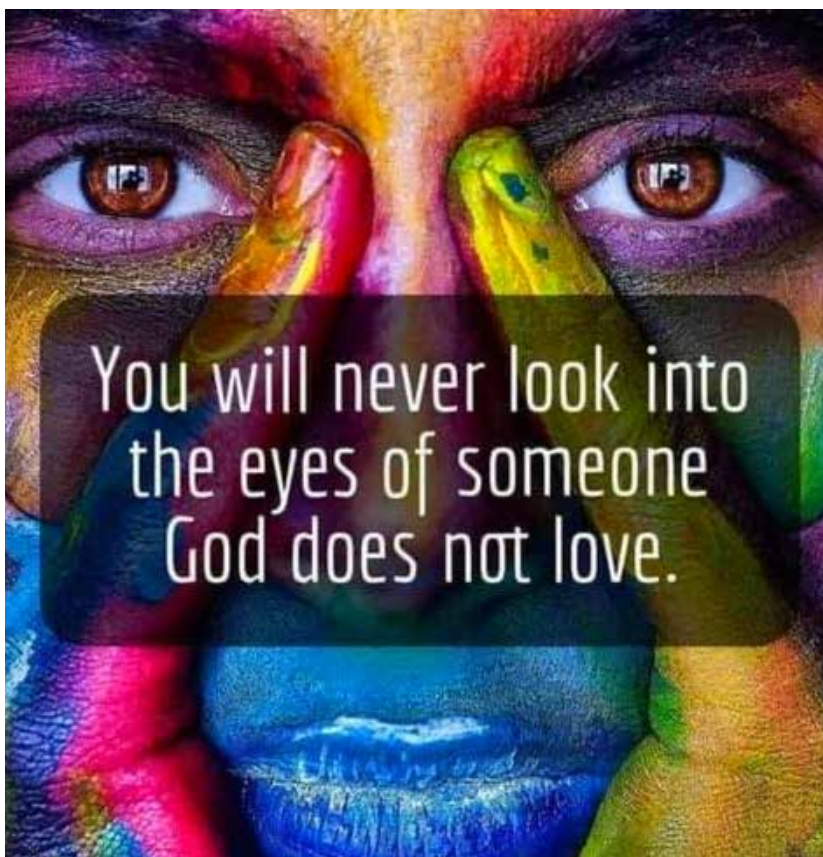
**Please Remember** Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC/PO Box 21368/Seattle WA 98111.

**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.

**Volunteers Wanted** to staff a children and youth table in the Lounge during the service. We are looking to provide a space geared towards the youngest in our midst with activities during worship. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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



You will never look into  
the eyes of someone  
God does not love.

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.