

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 26, 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.

Contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team
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TRINITY 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 Rev. Kevin Bechtold
(Inspired by Psalm 29)

One: Credit the Holy One with glory and power!

**Many: Give God the honor due with worshipful
reverence!**

One: The Voice speaks and we hear. The Voice
thunders and creation moves.

**Many: The Voice is strong and mighty, secure and
majestic.**

One: The Living Water refreshes us. The Holy Spirit
strengthens us.

Many: Bless the name of our God!

HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, vss. 1-3* NICAEA



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION.Rev. Donene Blair

God of mercy and grace, you come to us with loving compassion. You know our shortcomings and our willfulness. Make us new as we seek to become the people you have called us to be. Help us live according to the spirit and in union with you and community with our neighbors. Give us a burden to be instruments and witnesses of your loving kindness in the world. Hold us accountable as your empowered people. Let repentance and hope for new life overcome any sense of shame that may paralyze us in our past mistakes and misdeeds as we turn toward you with wonder and expectation that you will lead us into life abundantly for all.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.Rev. Blair

Beloved, you are known by the Holy One and invited to live into the life shaped for you in the divine image. Shame and discouragement are not your portion. Holy Love meets you with grace and gladness with the gift of new life in Christ. Receive it for the glory of God, our Source, Friend, and Counselor.

WELCOME.Rev. 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. Bechtold

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), 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), Wanda Gordon (Niece 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), Chuck Miles, 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 Sulficio, Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson)

Our hearts are with Adele Reynolds and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her husband Rev. Jim Reynolds.

 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. Bechtold

The Triune God gives with abundance for the flourishing of community. We do not receive gifts, blessings, favor, and resources for ourselves alone. We are created to be communal, compassionate, and generous. Let us bring our gifts forward with gladness and gratitude that we have the honor of participating in God's liberating and redemptive activity in the world.

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CashApp your donation to \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.
We give thanks for your generosity.*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Io son l'umile ancella from *Adriana Lecouvreur* Francesco Cilea
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soprano; Joe Williams, piano

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. Bechtold

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY VOICEMatthew 28:16-20

Hawaii Pidgin Bible Translation

Den Jesus eleven guys go Galilee side, to da mountain wea Jesus wen tell um fo go. Wen dey see him ova dea, dey go down an show um plenny love an respect. But still had guys dat not shua yet.

Den Jesus go nea dem an tell, “God give me all da powa fo me stay in charge a eryting all ova da world an inside da sky. So you guys, go all ova da world an teach all da diffren peopos fo dem learn bout me an come my guys. Baptize dem, an dey goin get da right fo come tight wit my Faddah, an wit me his Boy, an wit da Good An Spesho Spirit. Teach um how fo do eryting I wen tell you guys fo do. An you know wat? I goin stay tight wit you guys ery day, till da world come pau.”

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTUREHosea 11:1-4

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Blair

When Israel was a child,
I loved them, and out of Egypt I called my child.

They, the Baals, called to them,
they went out to the Baals;
they sacrificed and to idols,
they offered incense.

Yet it was I who walked toddling Ephraim,
taking them by their arms;
yet they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with human ties,
with bonds of love.
I was to them like those
who lift babies to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

ANTHEM

MESSAGELaura Shigeta

HYMN *Amazing Grace, vss. 1 & 2* NEW BRITAIN



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 2/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with two verses (1 and 2) aligned under the notes.



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics continue below the treble staff.



now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!

The third and final system of musical notation for this hymn. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics continue below the treble staff.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Laura Shigeta

POSTLUDE *Improvisation* 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.

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

Juneteenth Recital at Plymouth 12 pm June 16, with Stephanie Ann Ball, Kiesha Garrison and Jessica Evotia Andrews-Hall. Free; donations accepted.

Music of Resistance and Hope Songs of Black Folk returns even bigger, bolder, and grander for its 2024 production 7 pm Sunday, June 16, at the iconic Paramount Theater in Seattle. Read more and get tickets at SongsOfBlackFolk.org.

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. Worship on June 30 will begin at **10 am** to leave time to assemble for the parade. More info on Seattle Pride at SeattlePride.org.

Crossing the Line Author Sarah Towle will discuss her book examining the U.S. immigration crisis, *Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands*, at Fauntleroy Church 7 pm Monday, June 10. Questions? Contact Bob Wyss: bobwyss@gmail.com.

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

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

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



All people are
created in
God's image
and are holy
and beloved.

**That includes
you.**

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.