



10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

*Alive!*

PLYMOUTH  
United Church of Christ

# 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

**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  
via e-mails below, or call the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

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TRINITY 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.*

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

**WELCOME** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**PRELUDE**

*Meditation on “On Eagle’s Wings”* . . . . . Marilyn Biery  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

**INVOCATION** . . . . .Min. Jennifer Castle

O God, you are our refuge.  
You are the shore in sight,  
the hands that reach out.  
You are the ground on which to rest.  
God, you are our strength.  
You are the life for which we long.  
You are the refusal to give up,  
the keys of home we carry with us.  
You are our help in time of trouble.  
We call on you from the ruins and rubble,  
and from the wilderness and the deep.  
Please, Holy One, meet us in this place.  
Amen.

HYMN . . . . . *How Firm a Foundation* . . . . . FOUNDATION

Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION** . . . . . Tad Anderson

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE**

Belissa Escobedo, Rhiannon McGavin, Zariya Allen,  
members of the Get Lit organization perform *Somewhere in America*

**READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE** . . . . . Isaiah 6:1-8  
(NRSV translation) . . . . . read by Min. Castle

*Like the Israelites witnessing God at Mount Sinai, the prophet fears for his life. But whereas they retreated, insisting that Moses mediate for them, Isaiah continues standing in God's presence.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple.

Seraphs were in attendance above God; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Leader, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**ANTHEM**. . . . . *Imbang* . . . . . Nova Ruth

**MESSAGE** . . . . . *Worthy* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*I Opened My Mouth to the Lord* . . . . . African American Spiritual  
Dr. Brown

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . .Dr. Brown

**POSTLUDE.** . . . . . *Epilogue* . . . . . Norman Gilbert  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist



**PRACTICAL QUEER THEOLOGY SERIES IN JUNE**

Please join us the four Sundays in June, 11:45 am on Zoom as we welcome Rev. Eric A. Thomas to lead a faith formation series on Practical Queer Theology. Rev. Thomas is the Interim Pastor of Siloam Presbyterian Church in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and a PhD Candidate in New Testament and Early Christianity at Drew University.

His research focuses on Minoritized Biblical Criticism informed by Queer Theory. He is an adjunct professor at Hartford Seminary, Kean University and the New School, where he has taught a course called “Queering and Decolonizing Theology” each Spring since 2017. In Fall 2021 he is looking forward to premiering “The Origins and Spiritualities of the Black Lives Matter Movement,” also at The New School.



*Join Rev. Eric Thomas in Sunday series.*

When not pastoring, teaching, and completing his dissertation in the midst of pandemics/politics/protests, he enjoys naps, and dreaming a world where Black futures can be more expansive, joy filled, and pleasurable, than the myriad quotidian quests to survive systems of whiteness.

We will gather after our Sunday service for our usual coffee hour for a short time before Rev. Thomas joins us for our program, which will include time for questions and discussion. Rev. Kevin Bechtold and I have been inspired by our time with Rev. Thomas in planning this series, and we know you will be inspired as well.

We know that this will be time well spent for everyone in the congregation. We want to extend a special invitation for those who identify as Queer to attend this series and make your voices heard.If you have questions, contact Jennifer Castle at [JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Please join us — invite a friend!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*in the news feed, click on article “Plymouth is Proud!”*).

***Faith Action Summit June 6*** 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*in the news feed, click on article “Faith Action Spring Summits”*).

***Take Action for Peace!*** The fighting between Israel and Hamas must end immediately. Israel's brutal occupation of Palestine is supported by US diplomacy and \$3.8 billion in annual funding to Israel. The US must stop being complicit in these human rights violations and condition funding on Israel's compliance with US and international law. Read more on the topic and sign the petition at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*in the news feed, click on article “Take Action for Peace”*). —Adele Reynolds, *Peace Action Group*

***Plymouth Reads Summer Challenge*** The Plymouth Reads Team has decided to wait until fall to read and share *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. Receiving the radical love of James Baldwin and the call from Ibram X. Kendi to do antiracist work has left the team feeling we have personal work to do before we embark on this final book. We invite you to join us. Read suggestions at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Help Needed*** from fully-vaccinated Plymouth people at our second vaccine clinic, June 2, 12-6 pm. This clinic is run by Harborview Medical Center and is focused on essential workers who have not had vaccine access. Appointments are handled by Harborview; Plymouth is acting as host to welcome and direct folks on site. Please let me know if you can help. —June Hayakawa-Fung, [JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***New Website in the Works*** In the next few weeks, we plan to “Go Live” with Phase 1 of our new Plymouth Church website. There will be additions to the site as we continue to develop specific areas. Please know in advance, what is presented at first will NOT be “perfect,” nor the final version. We will be making many updates as we go, training staff and helping all of us receive the information in ways that help us improve our connections. Look for more information to be shared soon.

***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

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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.