

Resurrect!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 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.



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SEVENTH 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.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our worship. For those with us online, before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Prelude on a Moravian Folksong
Vítzslav Novák, arr. Alexander Sokolov
Peter Nelson-King, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

I Woke Up This Morning (NCH #85) THIS IS THE DAY

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A ADORAR

One: Beloved of God: welcome!

Many: **Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

Many: **God invites all of us to be a part of the
beloved community,**

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

Many: **We are welcome, just as we are. We are
loved, just as we are.**

All: **In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

INVITATION INVITACIÓN

COMMUNION PRAYER ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN

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

**Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy Kindom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMPARTIR EL PAN Y LA COPA

COMMUNION HYMN *HIMNO DE COMUNIÓN*

Let Us Break Bread Together African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bred together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGDr. Brown

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit; for a taste of your dreams; for the earth that gifts us these resources, and for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

Let There Be Peace On Earth Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Plymouth Trio

Dr. Stephen Price, conductor

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Excerpt from conversation with Kimberly Jones, activist

If I right now decided that I wanted to play Monopoly with you, and for 400 rounds of playing Monopoly, I didn't allow you to have any money, I didn't allow you to have anything on the board, I didn't allow for you to have anything, and then we played another 50 rounds of Monopoly and everything that you gained and you earned while you were playing that round of Monopoly was taken from you, that was Tulsa. That was Rosewood. Those are places where we built Black economic wealth, where we were self-sufficient, where we owned our stores, where we owned our property, and they burned them to the ground.

So that's 450 years. So for 400 rounds of Monopoly, you don't get to play at all. Not only do you not get to play, you have to play on the behalf of the person that you're playing against. You have to play and make money and earn wealth for them, and then you have to turn it over to them. So then for 50 years you finally get a little bit and you're allowed to play. And every time that they don't like the way that you're playing, or that you're catching up, or that you're doing something to be self-sufficient, they burn your game. They burn your cards. They burn your Monopoly money. And then finally at the release and the onset of that, they allow you to play, and they say, "Okay, now you catch up."

Now, at this point, the only way you're going to catch up in the game is if the person shares the wealth, correct? But what if every time you shared the wealth, then there's psychological warfare against you to say, "Oh, you're an equal opportunity hire." So if I played 400 rounds of monopoly with you and I had to play and give you every dime that I made, and then for 50 years, every time that I played, if you didn't like what I did, you got to burn it like they did in Tulsa and like they did in Rosewood, how can you win? How can you win?

You can't win. The game is fixed.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Luke 13:18-30

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Jesus said now then, “What is the Majesty of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in their garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the heavens made nests in its branches.” And Jesus said again: “To what should I compare the Mystery of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and folded in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.”

And Jesus went through towns and villages, teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Now, someone asked him, “Rabbi, is it only a few who will be saved?” Jesus said to all of them: “Struggle to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Once the owner of the house has gotten up and shut the door and you stand outside and begin to knock at the door, saying, ‘Honored One, open to us,’ then the homeowner will say to you all, ‘I do not know any of you or where you have come from.’ And you all will begin to say, ‘We ate with you and we drank with you and in our streets you taught.’ But the homeowner will say, ‘I do not know any of you or where you have come from. Get away from me, all you workers of iniquity!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see [Hagar, Sarah, Keturah, and] Abraham and [Rebekah and] Isaac, and [Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and] Jacob and all the women and men who were prophets in the Movement of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the Magnificence of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Peace I Leave With You Amy Beach

The Plymouth Choir

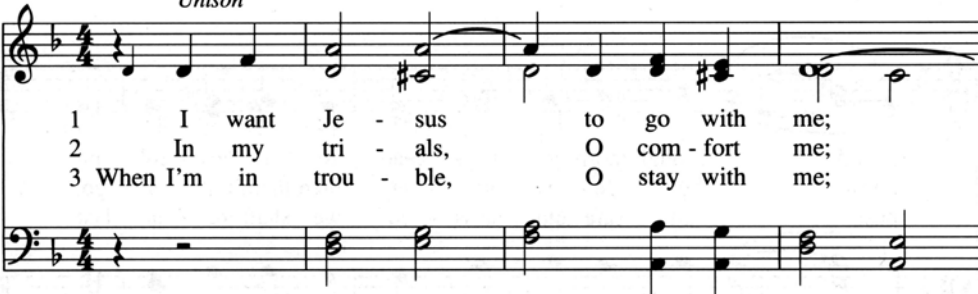
Dr. Stephen Price, conductor

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Majesty and Mystery* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

I Want Jesus to Go with Me (NCH #490) African American Spiritual

Unison



1 I want Je - sus to go with me;
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



I want Je - sus to go with me;
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,



O I want Je - sus to go with me.
O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome

Dr. Stephen Price, organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Special Offering Throughout the month of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between Strengthen the Church and the Alain Locke Initiative.

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.

Rev. Kevin Bechtold is on sabbatical until 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.

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 joins the Pacific Northwest Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade Sunday, June 29. Bring signs and friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQ+ siblings. **Worship on June 29 begins at 10 am.** Fourth Ave will be closed from Denny way to Pike Street: plan for traffic delays.

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.

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



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.