



# Belonging.

REJOICING

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

# 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.**

**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.

[KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

[KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

[DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

[JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

**For administrative needs, or other non-pastoral care questions, please email:**

[DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

[RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

[TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,  
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,  
acceptance & 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**

*Night* ..... Florence Price, arr. by Joe Williams  
Joe Williams, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... June Hayakawa-Fung  
*From enfleshed.com*

One: Since the beginning, God has been relentlessly  
pursuing us in love.

**Many: Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows,  
God's love endures forever.**

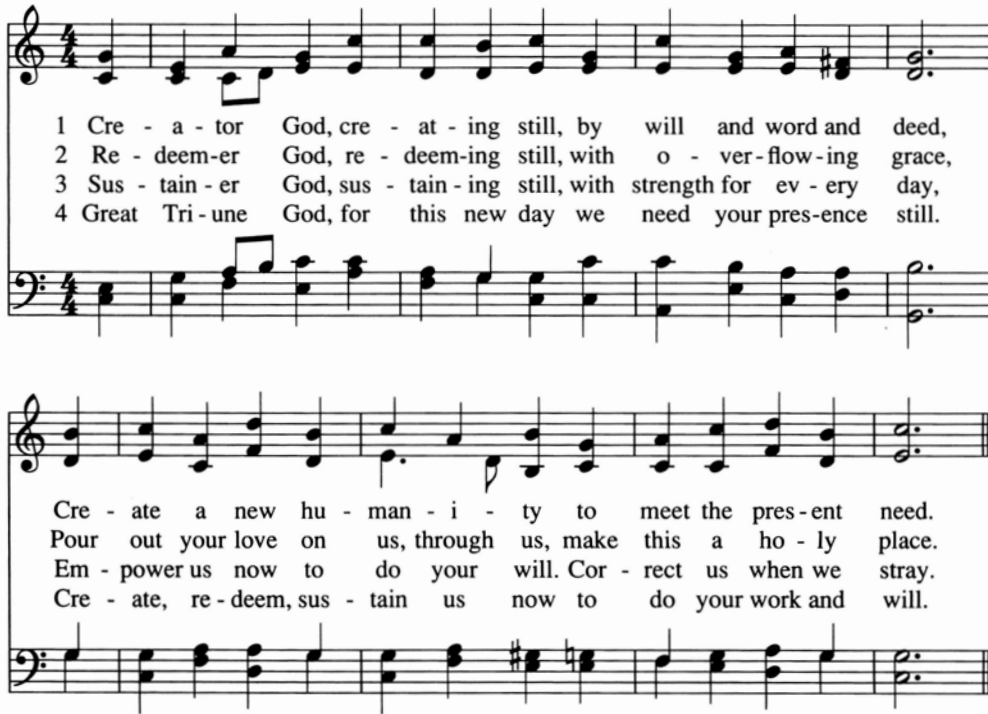
One: Taking on flesh like ours, God became one with  
humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

**Many: God lived and moved and ministered in the  
margins of power.**

One: God incarnate was not what we expected. We did  
not recognize God in Jesus. Still, we struggle to  
recognize God with us.

**Many: And yet, God continues to dwell in our  
midst. Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** . . . . . *Creator God, Creating Still* . . . . . **ST. ANNE**



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,  
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.

Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.  
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

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

*Plymouth Church acknowledges the land that we occupy, which was stewarded by the Duwamish people, the first stewards of this land. We 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 others 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 and in the world, and recognize that such a statement is only the beginning of the work to which we are called.*

**SHARING OF PEACE.** . . . . . **“Peace be with you”**

*Those online are invited to put greetings in the chat on the website or on YouTube.*

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*

**INVITATION.** . . . . . **Dr. Brown**

**COMMUNION PRAYER. . . . .Dr. Brown**

*Mark & JT Edwards, Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Sue Ellen Daniel, John Daniels, Skylyr Effler (Nephew of Bill & Marilyn Bumpas), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Anna Florey, Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Irma Johnson (Friend of Toni Arthur), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Montecino Family, Paula Orrego, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), Joshua Robinson (Grandson of Patricia Valentine), Jose Robles and Family, Beta Utu Malae (Brother of Mary Ryan), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper)*  
*We grieve with Adele Reynolds and family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION. . . . .Rev. Kevin Bechtold**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Come Gather in this Special Place . . . . . GATHER*

*Unison* Em D Em

1 & 4 Come, gath - er in this spe - cial place; the ta - ble here is  
2 The grapes have yield - ed es - sence pure, a drink to quench the  
3 The bread is fresh - ly baked to - day, a fra - grant feast of

long and wide; For all who heed com - mu - nion's call, there's  
grav - est thirst; The cup is passed from hand to hand, and  
grain sup - plied; And e - ven crumbs that dust our palms will

room for thou - sands side by side.  
each will sense de - spair re - versed.  
leave souls ful - ly sat - is - fied.

CM7 D G Bm D Am Em C D Em

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn titled 'Come Gather in this Special Place'. It is written for a unison voice part. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of music and the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of music and the next three lines of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of music and the final three lines of lyrics. Chord symbols are written above the staff: Em, D, Em in the first system; CM7, D, G, Bm, D, Am, Em in the second system; and C, D, Em in the third system. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn: 1 & 4, 2, and 3.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Rev. Bechtold

God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life,  
you make us one body. Bind us together by your  
spirit that we might live into your hopes for  
us, a community centered in Christ and rich in  
compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it  
be so.

**CALL TO OFFERING** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

God blesses us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to minister to others. As Jesus gathered the eleven and sent them into the world to share their witness and wisdom — Christ is calling us to gather our gifts and offer them to God in worship. Let us gather our gifts and worship through our generosity.

*To set up a one time or recurring donation to Plymouth Church  
click on the “Give” link on [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or  
CashApp your donation to \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.  
We give thanks for your generosity.*

**OFFERING MUSIC**

*Down at the Cross*. . . . . arranged by Hannah Kim  
Plymouth Ukulele Club

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

**Lord God, thank you for the blessings  
you have given us year after year.  
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.  
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,  
to serve you through all the people around us  
who are in need.  
Amen.**

*Substance Abuse Trial*, by Jane Mead



*Jane Mead was an American poet who published five volumes over her career. This poem is from her collection, "The Lord and the General Din of the World."*

He mispronounces you,  
the judge, rhyming your first  
with your second name,  
making you into something  
ridiculous: Gillis Willis Mead.

But you stand as still  
as they taught you in the army  
when you were a young man trying hard  
to keep secret what you knew  
about how to kill with germs.  
As quietly as we used to stand  
on the front porch together at dusk  
listening for the first cricket of the evening.

Now you stand accused  
of wanting to die, of saying so  
endlessly, with needles — and the speechless  
track marks recording it all.

The evidence is  
a red river, mounting.  
It wants to carry you  
away like an old chair  
some fisherman forgot  
to take home. And I want  
to shout: listen

— this man  
is my father.  
I love him.

Is there a place  
where all those things  
that catch in the throat  
gather and shape themselves  
into something as soft  
as the G in Giles  
was meant to be pronounced?

Is *that* where you thought  
you were going?



**READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE . . . . . Hosea 11:1–4**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

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.

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW . . . . . Matthew 28:16–20**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

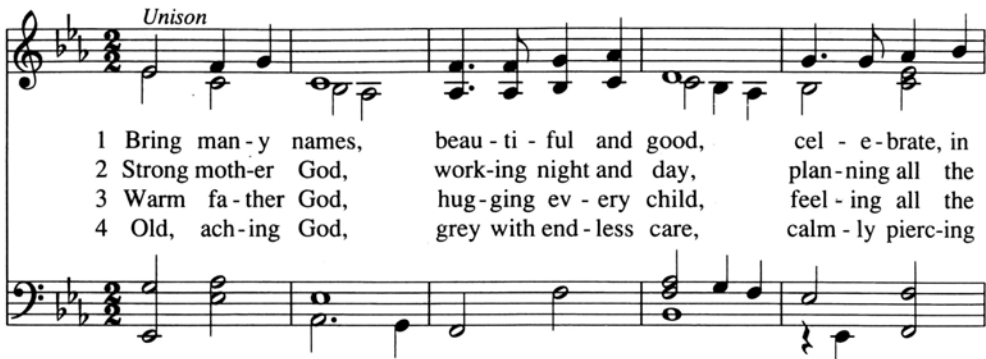
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus sent them. And when they saw him, they bowed down worshipping him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came and said to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Now look, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**ANTHEM**  
*There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit in This Place . . . . .* arr. Jasmine Barnes  
Jenny Kaiton, soprano, Joe Williams, piano

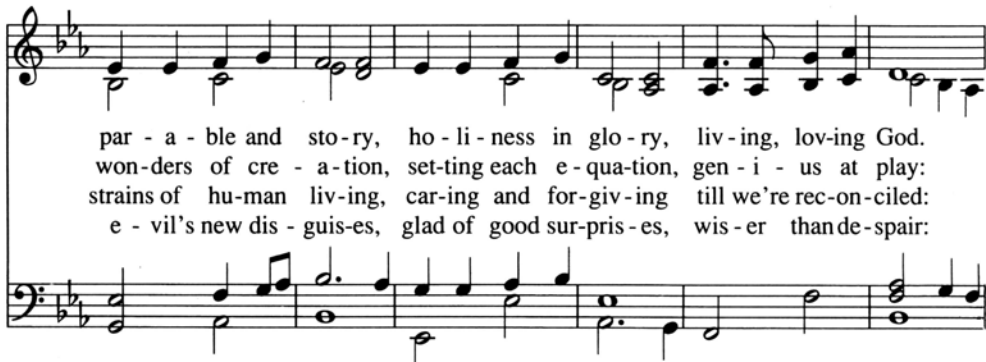
**MESSAGE . . . . . Rev. Bechtold**

HYMN . . . . . *Bring Many Names* . . . . . WESTCHASE

*Unison*



1 Bring man-y names, beau-ti-ful and good, cel-e-brate, in  
 2 Strong moth-er God, work-ing night and day, plan-ning all the  
 3 Warm fa-ther God, hug-ging ev-ery child, feel-ing all the  
 4 Old, ach-ing God, grey with end-less care, calm-ly pierc-ing



par-a-ble and sto-ry, ho-li-ness in glo-ry, liv-ing, lov-ing God.  
 won-ders of cre-a-tion, set-ting each e-qua-tion, gen-i-us at play:  
 strains of hu-man liv-ing, car-ing and for-giv-ing till we're rec-on-ciled:  
 e-vil's new dis-guis-es, glad of good sur-pris-es, wis-er than de-spair:



Hail and Ho-san-na! bring man-y names! great, liv-ing God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, strong moth-er God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, warm fa-ther God!  
 Hail and Ho-san-na, old, ach-ing God!

5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,  
 on the move,  
 say-ing no to false-hood and  
 un-kind-ness,  
 cry-ing out for jus-tice,  
 giv-ing all you have:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,  
 joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,  
 clos-er yet than breath-ing,  
 ev-er-last-ing home:  
 Hail and Ho-san-na,  
 great, liv-ing God!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION . . . . . Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE. . . . . *Pan con “Timba”* . . . . . Aldo López-Gavilán

In recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month

Joe Williams, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Big Hats & Bow Ties Today!*** A radically inclusive celebration of parents of every identity. Wear your biggest hat and most stellar bow tie, and come for a Sunday music brunch in Hildebrand Hall as we honor parents of every sort, 12 noon in Hildebrand Hall.

***Sound Medicine Meditation*** Join Tory Trujillo for healing and meditation 11:45 am-1 pm in Hildebrand Hall Next Sunday, June 11. Be ready for a profound experience. Read more in the *Herald* or news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Dates to Note:*** **Sunday, June 18:** Juneteenth Celebration; **Sunday, June 25:** Plymouth’s 30th Anniversary of being an Open & Affirming Church and Pride Parade; **July 16-20:** All-Church Camp at N-Sid-Sen in Idaho.

***Pentecost Special Offering*** Throughout the month of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between UCC Strengthen the Church and Scholarships for Plymouth members to take the Undoing Institutional Racism training.

***Thank You, Plymouth Church!*** Plymouth Healing Communities will host coffee hour June 11. Stop by and say hello to our new Executive Director, Padrica Hoffman.

***Lunch & Learn with Cole Arthur Riley*** Seattle First Baptist Church (1111 Harvard Ave) hosts an afternoon with Cole Arthur Riley Saturday, June 10: 12 noon lunch, 1 pm lecture, followed by Q&A and book signing. Free. Link to register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Undoing Institutional Racism*** Workshops are designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change. Next workshop is **June 14-16**. See full schedule and details [PinwSeattle.org](http://PinwSeattle.org).

***Connect with Congregational Council*** Members of the Plymouth community are invited to meet with Council members online via Zoom 7-8 pm the second Wednesday of each month. Next opportunity is June 14. Email Diane Jacobsen, ([DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)), by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link.



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.