

RESIST!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 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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PENTECOST 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 *PRELUDIO*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Arr. Karin Ford
Dr. Stephen Price, organ

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

WORKSHOP SERIES CONCLUDES TODAY

American Mosaic, our diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop series concludes at **12 pm today** in Hildebrand Hall, led by Dr. Mark Smutny. All are welcome—whether you’ve attended previous sessions or are joining for the first time. Come ready to share your voice and ideas. Invite your friends and community members.

In this final session, we’ll:

- Reflect on key learnings from previous workshops.
- Brainstorm innovative ways to make Plymouth Church more inclusive, welcoming, and culturally competent.
- Engage in a dynamic exercise that challenges assumptions and sparks transformation.

Gain new insights and practical tools to build respect, inclusion and belonging. We look forward to being with you after worship — let’s build a stronger, more inclusive Plymouth Church together.



OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (NCH #270) BRIDEGROOM

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (1), Alto (2), and Bass (3). It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is written for grand staff (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The hymn is titled 'Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song' (NCH #270) and is associated with the 'BRIDEGROOM'.

CALL TO WORSHIP June Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Acts 2:1 and Psalm 104)

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Many: We join for worship online and on-site, in real time and sometimes days later, and yet,

One: The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.

Many: Who unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.

One: We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.

Many: God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community and the church.

One: May the glory of God the Fire endure forever!

All: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. Praise God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Spirit of God Amen, fall fresh on us. Let your refining fire bring impurities to the surface for the fullness of who we are to shine through.

Many: Forgive us for the ways we allow our diversity to be a reason for divisiveness and exclusion rather than a celebration of your wondrous work in us.

One: Enable us to overcome and eradicate the barriers that we create in the name of our convenience and comfort that push your beloved to the margins.

All: Awaken in us a desire to know and share space with neighbor, enemy, and kin.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved of God, you have not received a spirit of fear, divisiveness, animus, or hate. Receive the true gift of God—the spirit of adoption—that binds us together as one and unique, connected and distinct, unified yet not uniform. The Spirit of God delights in you as the individual you are and are becoming as a co-heir with Christ of the kingdom as well as in the global human community that declares the creative breadth of the Holy One’s creative acts and surpassing love. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), 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), Diana Solomon (Friend of Anne Kiemle), 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*

O Lux Beatissima Howard Helvey
Plymouth Quartet; Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*. Read by the author

Pantoum for Pulse Orlando, by Lin Davis

Buttercups rock-step across my yard
after June 12, 2016.
I could not mow them down
these flower friends running light.
After June 12, 2016
Gentle medics un-hugged Orlando bodies.
Flowers ran light along police fencing.
Dead Latinx lovers. Quick quick slow.
Piled Orlando bodies hugged gentle
as shooter prowled 3 hours, killing
more Latinx lovers quick quick slow.
Michigan mom visited Pulse with son.
As shooter prowled 3 hours
all dancer phones shook and rang.
Michigan mother killed. Son lived.
Later, rescuers slipped in blood.
Dancer phones rang and rang.
Photos smiled, rode a world of light.
Rescuers slipped in dance floor blood.
Merengue, jibaro, bachata.
All their photos rode the world with light.
My cousins often danced at Pulse,
learned merengue, jibaro, bachata and
passed tall smile of woman door guard.
My cousins loved Pulse dancing.
They did not salsa there that night. Did not
pass the woman guard with neighbor wave
the night of 49. She was the first.
My cousins were not there that night.
Alaska buttercups rock-step my yard
the night of 49 shot to death.
All summer I could not mow them down.



*Lin Davis has been
an activist for decades.
One of her main goals is
learning from the younger
generation on how to
better support people*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Acts 2:1-18

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Read by Dr. Brown

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astounded, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how do we hear, each in our own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and questioning to one another saying, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech: For these persons are not drunk as you suppose; it is only the third hour [nine o’clock] in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.
Even upon my enslaved..
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.’”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Come Down, O Love Divine Stephen Curry

Plymouth Quartet

Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Purifying Fire* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

On Pentecost They Gathered, vss 1, 4 (NCH #272) MUNICH

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,

4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.

re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,

O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.

so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are in English and Spanish, with the Spanish title 'HIMNO DE COMPROMISO' in italics. The score is divided into two systems, each with four staves. The first system contains the first two verses, and the second system contains the next two verses. The lyrics are aligned with the corresponding musical phrases.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Grand Choeur in G Major Théodore Salomé
Dr. Stephen Price, organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

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.

Discover Vanport Join Plymouth UCC and Museum Without Walls August 15–16 for a powerful journey to Portland to uncover the history of Vanport, once Oregon’s second-largest city, wiped out in a flood in 1948. Registration will open mid-June. Approximate cost \$395. More in the news story at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

No Kings A coalition of pro-democracy partner organizations announced the No Kings Nationwide Day of Defiance on Saturday, June 14. Over 100 events are planned nationwide. Visit NoKings.org to learn more and find the event nearest you.

Juneteenth Thursday, June 19 In observance of Juneteenth, the church staff are on holiday, and the church building will be closed. There will be no paper/pdf edition of the *Herald* that week.

Father’s/Masculine Parent’s Day On Sunday, June 15, watch the film “1946,” immediately after worship, followed by conversation.

All Church Slumber Party Plan now to join on Friday, June 20, in Hildebrand Hall. Keep checking the *Herald* and website for details.

Pride in the Pews Liberation UCC presents “Pride in the Pews,” a Gospel Drag Brunch, 12 pm Sunday, June 22, in Hildebrand Hall. Tickets are \$20.

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



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.