

# ***WE'RE COMING OUT!***

*IN SOLIDARITY.  
IN CELEBRATION.  
IN LOVE.*



**PLYMOUTH**

United Church of Christ

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 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.



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10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown  
**LLAMADO A ADORAR**

*(adapted from Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8)*

One: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts;  
before all creation we sing your praises

**Many: We bow down toward your holy temple and  
give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness,**

One: For you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.

**Many: On the day we called, you answered us; you  
increased our strength of soul.**

One: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you  
preserve us against our adversaries.

**Many: Your steadfast love, O Holy One, endures forever.**

## OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*For the Beauty of the Earth* . . . . . DIX

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,  
For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,  
*Refrain*  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. . . . . Dr. Brown

### *ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN*

One: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment  
to consider our needs for transformation and  
forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our  
need for grace.

*Time for personal silent reflection*

**Many:**     **Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all I do.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE . . . . .Dr. Brown**  
**SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA**

(2 Corinthians 4:13)

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God’s Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

**WELCOME, LAND & LABOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT . . . Rev. Donene Blair**  
**BIENVENIDA, RECONOCIMIENTO DE TIERRA Y TRABAJO**

*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. Blair**  
**ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO**

*Troubled Is a Good Sign*  
*a UCC Devotional (adapted)*  
by Rev. Matt Laney

When Jesus saw a man with an infirmity lying beside the pool of Beth-zatha, and knew that he had been there a long time, Jesus said, “Do you want to be made well?” The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is troubled.” —*John 5:6-8 (adapted)*

As in every age, we live in challenging and troubling times. Here are just a few things that trouble me in this moment:

I am troubled by the virulent and violent antisemitism in the middle East and around the world.

I am troubled by the long-standing oppression and recent genocidal actions against Palestinians.

I am troubled by the rise of authoritarianism and Christian nationalism.

I am troubled by the appalling lack of concerted, meaningful action on climate change.

I am troubled by gun violence in our communities, and the senseless shootings that continue to happen.



I am troubled by my own complicity in the suffering of the world and the privilege to tune it out.

I am troubled by how much trouble we are in.

In Jesus’ time, when the waters of the pool of Beth-zatha were troubled, it was believed they had been stirred up by an angel and endowed with healing power. Thus, there is a glimmer of hope in being troubled today. When we are troubled, it means we too have been touched by divine compassion and empowered for healing.

Holy Heart of the World, let us be troubled by everything that troubles you. May it be so. Amen.

*Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Susan and David Anderson (Cousins of Jeanette Hagen), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), 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, 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*  
*We are with Dennis Claus on the one-year anniversary of the passing of his twin brother Dave.*

 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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE . . . . . Rev. Blair**

**LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ**

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

*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 OFRECIENDO MUSICA**

*So Many Stars*, by Sérgio Mendes, Alan Bergman and Marilyn Bergman  
Joe Williams, piano

**DOXOLOGY DOXOLOGÍA**

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. Blair**

**ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN**

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate  
these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's  
Name. Amen.**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA**

*A Laying on of Hands*, from Ntozake Shange's choreopoem  
*For colored girls who have considered suicide/When the rainbow is enuf*

i waz missin somethin  
somethin so important  
somethin promised  
a laying on of hands  
fingers near my forehead





*Ntozake Shange was an American playwright and poet. As a Black feminist, she addressed issues relating to race and Black power in much of her work.*

strong  
cool  
moving  
makin me whole  
sense pure  
all the gods coming into me  
laying me open to myself  
i waz missin somethin  
somethin promised  
somethin free  
a laying on of hands  
i know bout/laying on bodies/laying outta man  
bringin him all of my fleshy self & some of my pleasure  
being taken full eager wet like i get sometimes  
i waz missing somethin  
a laying on of hands  
not a man  
laying on  
not my mama laying/holdin me tight/sayin  
i'm always gonna be her girl  
not a laying on of bosom and womb  
a laying on of hands  
the holiness of myself released  
i sat up one nite walking a boardin house  
screamin/cryin/the ghost of another woman  
who waz missin what i was missin  
i wanted to jump up outta my bones  
& be done with myself  
leave me alone  
& go on in the wind  
it was too much  
i fell into a numbness  
til the only tree i cd see  
took me up in her branches  
held me in her breeze  
made me dawn dew  
that chill at daybreak  
the sun wrapped me up swingin rose light everywhere

the sky laid over me like a million men  
i waz cold/i waz burnin up/a child  
& endlessly weavin garments for the moon  
wit my tears  
i found god in myself  
& i loved her/i loved her fiercely

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Mark 5:1-20**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Dr. Brown

Now Jesus and the women and men with him] came to the far side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he got out of the boat, just then a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs and not even with a chain could anyone bind him. For he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains he tore off of him and the shackles he smashed, and no one had the strength to subdue him. So the whole of the night and every day he was among the tombs and on the mountains howling and cutting himself with stones. Then he saw Jesus from a distance; he ran and bent down before him (on the ground). And he shouted with a loud voice, saying, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I charge you to swear by God, not to torture me.” For Jesus had said to him, “You unclean spirit, come out of the man!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “Legion is my name; for we are many.” He begged Jesus repeatedly that he not send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a large herd of pigs was feeding. And they [the unclean spirits] begged Jesus, saying, “Send us into the pigs that we may enter them.” So he gave them permission, thus the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs and the herd—about two thousand—rushed down the steep decline into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

Now the pigherders fled and told the news in the city and in the farm country and people came to see what it was that happened. Women, children, and men came to Jesus and saw the man in whom the demons had been sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. And they explained it, they who had seen what had happened to the man with the demons and to the pigs. And then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. Then as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged Jesus that he might be with him. And Jesus did not permit him, rather saying to him, “Go to your home, to your [people] and tell them the news of what the Holy One has done for you, and what mercy God has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis (the ten cities) how much Jesus had done for him and everyone was amazed.

[Y Jesús y las mujeres y los hombres que estaban con él] llegaron al otro lado del mar, a la región de los gerasenos. Y cuando él salió de la barca, en ese momento le salió al encuentro un hombre que había salido de los sepulcros con un espíritu inmundo. Vivía entre los sepulcros y ni siquiera con cadena nadie podía atarlo. Porque muchas veces había estado atado con grillos y cadenas, pero le arrancó las cadenas y rompió los grilletas, y nadie tuvo fuerzas para dominarlo. Así estuvo toda la noche y todos los días entre los sepulcros y sobre los montes, auullando y cortándose con piedras. Entonces vio a Jesús de lejos; corrió y se inclinó ante él (en el suelo). Y gritó a gran voz, diciendo: ¿Qué tienes tú que ver conmigo, Jesús, Hijo del Dios Altísimo? Te encargo que jures por Dios, no que me tortures”. Porque Jesús le había dicho: Espíritu inmundo, sal de este hombre. Entonces Jesús le preguntó: “¿Cómo te llamas?” Él respondió: “Legión es mi nombre; porque somos muchos”. Le rogó repetidamente a Jesús que no los enviara fuera de la región. Allí en la ladera estaba paciendo una gran piara de cerdos. Y ellos [los espíritus inmundos] rogaron a Jesús, diciendo: Envíanos a los cerdos para que podamos entrar en ellos. Entonces él les dio permiso, y los espíritus inmundos salieron y entraron en los cerdos y la manada, unos dos mil, se precipitó por la pendiente pronunciada hacia el mar y se ahogaron en el mar.

Los pastores de cerdos huyeron y contaron la noticia en la ciudad y en el campo, y la gente vino a ver qué era lo que había sucedido. Mujeres, niños y hombres vinieron a Jesús y vieron al hombre en quien los demonios habían estado sentados allí, vestido y en su sano juicio, el mismo hombre que había tenido la legión; y tuvieron miedo. Y lo explicaron los que habían visto lo que le había sucedido al hombre de los demonios y a los cerdos. Y entonces comenzaron a rogarle a Jesús que saliera de su barrio. Entonces, mientras subía a la barca, el endemoniado le rogó a Jesús que le permitiera estar con él. Y Jesús no se lo permitió, sino que le dijo: Ve a tu casa, a los tuyos, y cuéntales lo que el Santo ha hecho por ti y la misericordia que Dios te ha mostrado. Y él se fue y comenzó a proclamar en la Decápolis (las diez ciudades) cuánto había hecho Jesús por él y todos estaban asombrados.

**ANTHEM EL HIMNO**

Gracias a la Vida . . . . . Violeta Parra  
Tory Trujillo, voice; Joe Williams, piano

**SERMON SERMÓN . . . . . Better Recognize . . . . . Dr. Brown**

**JOIN DISCUSSION WITH DEVELOPER SELECTION COMMITTEE**

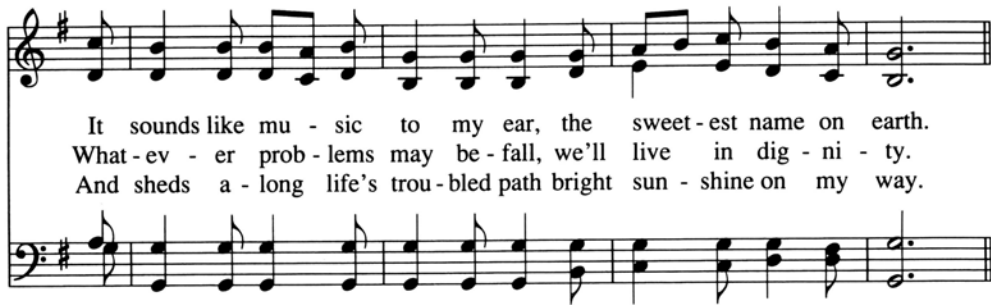
Please join the Developer Selection Committee (DSC) on June 16 after worship to learn more about current redevelopment status, and to start to look to our future. This gathering will be in-person only. There will be future gatherings and conversations that will include remote participation on-line. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

## HYMN *HIMNO*

*There Is A Name I Love to Hear* . . . . . O HOW I LOVE JESUS



1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;  
3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

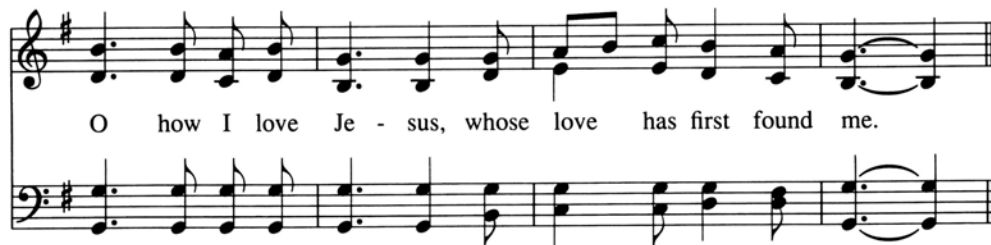


It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.  
What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.  
And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

*Refrain*



O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,



O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* . . . . .Dr. Brown**

May you find time to stop  
and stare, to lift up your eyes.  
May you wonder at  
the miraculous and the beautiful,  
which are all around us  
waiting to be noticed.  
May your hope swoop  
and soar like a kite,  
trailing prayers behind it.  
And when your attention  
is pulled back... down...  
may you feel your connection  
with the earth  
quiet and strong  
holding you steady  
like the hands of God.

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

**FREEDOM DREAM**



Join us 2 pm Sunday, June 16, at Plymouth for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating Juneteenth through the powerful lens of Black Women. Curated by the acclaimed soprano Stephanie Ann Ball, this unique concert brings together the rich heritage of Black classical music with the evocative narrative based on the book *As If She Were Free*, edited by Erica L. Ball, Tatiana Seijas, and Terri L. Snyder.

Emcee Kiesha Garrison will guide you through this sensory experience of freedom — what does it feel, taste, and sound like? Award-winning pianist Jessica Evotia Andrews-Hall joins Stephanie to breathe life and energy into the music. Through their exquisite performance, this trio delves into the joy amongst the pain and the lightness against the dark. This concert is not just a celebration but a profound exploration of Black resilience, creativity, and triumph. RSVP at [bit.ly/juneteenth2024sea](https://bit.ly/juneteenth2024sea).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Join Online Reparation Event*** 5 pm Tuesday, June 11. Let's move forward together in understanding reparations and building community with an anti-racist lens. Details and registration link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Make Summer Comfort Bags*** The Community Care Board asks for donations to pack summer comfort bags for our neighbors. Please bring toiletries and non-perishable snacks and leave them in the bin at the welcome desk. Beginning July 7, help assemble bags during worship on Sundays.

***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](https://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](https://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 UCC 7 pm Monday, June 10. Questions? Contact Bob Wyss: [bobwyss@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://Fanwa.org).

***Prayers for Peace*** Learn about and participate in the People's Prayers for Peace initiative, an open invitation to read — and write — prayers, which will be posted daily on the UCC website. Read more and share your prayers at [UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace](https://UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace).

***Help Lead Worship*** The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. If you feel called to serve, please contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Members and Visitors*** can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth](https://peaceonearth.org).

***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.

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

Happy pride month to those who are scared  
Happy pride month to those who are proud  
Happy pride month to those who are out  
Happy pride month to those who are closeted  
Happy pride month if you're trying to figure yourself  
out  
Happy pride month if you've known for years  
Happy pride month to those who it's their first  
Happy pride month to those who have celebrated for  
years  
Happy pride month to those who are afraid to  
celebrate  
Happy pride month to those who will scream it from  
the rooftops  
Happy pride month to 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.