



10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

# 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.**

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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.*

You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

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

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Aria on a Chaconne* . . . . . Joel Martinson  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Min. Jennifer Castle  
Rev. Donene Blair

We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.

**We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way  
of life that liberates.**

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting  
the temptations of complicity and complacency.

**The Spirit leads us in power and truth.**

Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and  
brings new life from places of ruin.

**With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come  
to follow Christ.**

**HYMN** .....*Singing for Our Lives* .....Holly Near  
Led by Sari Breznau

We are a gentle, angry people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives (*repeat*)  
We are a land of many colors  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a justice-seeking people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ..... Rev. Kevin Bechtold

*Toni Arthur, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, Floyd Gossett, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Judith (Friend of Glenda Carper), Michael Kaid, Isabelle Matson and Family, Bob Mitchell, Montecino Family, Pris Orr, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Cynthia Watson (Friend of Karen Clark)*  
*We mourn with Richard Anderson's family on the one year anniversary of his passing.*  
*We mourn with Carol Lamb and family on the one year anniversary of the passing of George Lamb.*

(Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.)



A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father)  
are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer.



## LORD’S PRAYER

**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 kin-dom 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.**

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**SHARING PEACE** . . . . . Peace be with you

**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION** . . . . .Rev. Lina Thompson

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . Read by Rev. Blair



*Rev. M Barclay (they, them) is co-founder and Director of enfleshed, a nonprofit creating and facilitating resources of spiritual nourishment for collective liberation.*

Keep your proclamations of grandeur.

Give me hope as small as a seed.

One that can be planted while it’s still cold outside.

One that can be watered with tears,  
and demands time and patience to grow.

I don’t need to know how large it will become,  
how long until it blossoms,  
or even if it will be pretty.

I only want it to grow roots that dig deep down,  
striving for life in the underbelly of the world.

Spare me the cosmic promises of other-worldly escape  
and point me to the Sacred possibilities within reach.

Tell me again about how the nutrients born from decay  
keep even the saddest places brimming with potential for life.

—Rev. M Barclay, *enfleshed*

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK . . . . . Ezekiel 17:22-24**  
(NRSV translation) read by Min. Castle

*In this text, Ezekiel gives us yet another of the Bible's many images of God: God as tree planter and tree tender. In the Bible trees frequently evoke poetic wonder. The Bible's poetry of trees will allow Jesus to speak of the kingdom as a great tree that grows from a tiny seed (Mark 4:16-34).*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**ANTHEM**

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow . . . . . Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg*  
Jenny Kaiton

**MESSAGE . . . . .***Replanted . . . . .* Min. Castle

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*Light of a Clear Blue Morning . . . . . Dolly Parton*  
Annabelle Russell, soloist, Soul Choir, directed by Sari Breznau  
edited by Doug Arney

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION . . . . .** Min. Castle

**POSTLUDE. . . . .***Fanfare . . . . .* Jacques Lemmens  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



## PRACTICAL QUEER THEOLOGY SERIES CONTINUES

Gather after worship for coffee hour as usual (same link and passcode as our usual coffee hour — contact Jennifer Castle at [jcastle@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:jcastle@plymouthchurchseattle.org) if you do not have passcode.) Rev. Thomas joins us at 11:45 am to start the program. Learn the concepts of queer theology in a way that makes it practical for faithful reflection on the principles of being "welcoming and affirming" as a congregation, and on the intrinsic value and belovedness of LGBT, queer, and same gender loving people of faith. The sessions are approximately 60% lecture presentation, 40% discussion. If you missed the June 6 session, view it at your convenience — link at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*click news article, "Practical Queer Theology Series in June"*).

## 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!"*).

***Anti-Racist Giving Workshop*** Thursday, June 24 5:30–8 pm PST. In this workshop we will answer the following questions: How do we decide when, where and how much to give? How do our social and racial identities shape our relationships with money and giving? What does it look like to center the giving of money as part of our anti-racist practice? SJF (Social Justice Fund) and CARW (Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites) have teamed up to present this interactive workshop where we will dig into these questions and build our personal social justice giving plans. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*in the news feed, click on article "Anti-racist Giving"*).

***Hiroshima Day Remembrance*** Friday August 6, *From Hiroshima to Hope* will hold our annual commemoration of the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Green Lake in Seattle. Free -- donations are welcome. The event takes place just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake's NW shore, West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North. COVID safety protocols will be followed. Masks will be required in accordance with Seattle Parks regulations for events, and for the safety of all. More information coming soon.

***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).

Love your (LGBTQ)  
Neighbor as yourself.



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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.