



10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 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 for updates.

All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.

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FOURTH 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 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.

*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

When Peace Like a River Setting by Michael Burkhardt
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

INVOCATION Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Holy One, you have promised to be with us,
And long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.
We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.
O God, you are with us this morning.
Let us feel your presence and
welcome you into our lives.
Come and fill our hearts with your love. **Amen**

HYMN *All Are Welcome*. Marty Haugen
 Plymouth Section Leaders, video edited by Doug Arney



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their

all can safe-ly live. A place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wa - ter, wine, and wheat; A ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength-en serve and teach, and
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace. Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
 vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the feast that frees us,
 im - age of God's face. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
 all are wel - come in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Min. Jennifer Castle

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 Ann Sandstrom and family on the one year anniversary of the passing of Wayne Sandstrom.

(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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS Rev. Bechtold

Nate Korahais, Annabelle Russell, Chloe Fung,
Max Maher, Calvin Guthrie, Asa Buehler, Chander Boyd-Fliegel

CONTEMPORARY VOICE Read by Rev. Bechtold

The will of God will never take you,
Where the grace of God cannot keep you.
Where the arms of God cannot support you,
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,
Where the power of God cannot endow you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the spirit of God cannot work through you,
Where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,
Where the army of God cannot protect you,
Where the hands of God cannot mold you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the love of God cannot enfold you,
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,
Where the authority of God cannot overrule for you.

The will of God will never take you,
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,
Where the Word of God cannot feed you,
Where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,
Where the omnipresence of God cannot find you.”

—*Author Unknown*

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Job 38:1-11
(adapted from The Message translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

The book of Job, like the lament psalms, serves to keep us honest. In today's passage God invites Job to see himself and his anxieties within a wonderfully made creation, yet one finally unfathomable to humans. Job is a book about divine perspective and human wonder. Neither Job nor we will find in God's creation or in God's words an "answer" to human suffering. Rather, we can learn to recognize human limits and trust God.

And now, finally, God answered Job from the eye of a violent storm. God said:

“Why do you confuse the issue?

Why do you talk without knowing what you’re talking about?

Pull yourself together, Job!

Up on your feet! Stand tall!

I have some questions for you,

and I want some straight answers.

Where were you when I created the earth?

Tell me, since you know so much!

Who decided on its size? Certainly you’ll know that!

Who came up with the blueprints and measurements?

How was its foundation poured,

and who set the cornerstone,

While the morning stars sang in chorus

and all the angels shouted praise?

And who took charge of the ocean

when it gushed forth like a baby from the womb?

That was me! I wrapped it in soft clouds,

and tucked it in safely at night.

Then I made a playpen for it,

a strong playpen so it couldn’t run loose,

And said, ‘Stay here, this is your place.

Your wild tantrums are confined to this place.’

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

(The Message translation)

read by Min. Castle

Like the Corinthians, churches today struggle to know how to live faithfully. Now is the time to exhibit faithfulness, not simply through words, but through action. Now is the time to live as witnesses of God’s new creation. Paul’s account of courage and willingness to suffer points to the reality that living the gospel is not solitary work; it takes solidarity to stand up against a culture that does not respect the values of God’s justice, and to endure its consequences.

Companions as we are in this work with you, we beg you, please don't squander one bit of this marvelous life God has given us. God reminds us, I heard your call in the nick of time; The day you needed me, I was there to help.

Well, now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped. Don't put it off; don't frustrate God's work by showing up late, throwing a question mark over everything we're doing. Our work as God's servants gets validated—or not—in the details. People are watching us as we stay at our post, alertly, unswervingly...in hard times, tough times, bad times; when we're beaten up, jailed, and mobbed; working hard, working late, working without eating; with pure heart, clear head, steady hand; in gentleness, holiness, and honest love; when we're telling the truth, and when God's showing his power; when we're doing our best setting things right; when we're praised, and when we're blamed; slandered, and honored; true to our word, though distrusted; ignored by the world, but recognized by God; terrifically alive, though rumored to be dead; beaten within an inch of our lives, but refusing to die; immersed in tears, yet always filled with deep joy; living on handouts, yet enriching many; having nothing, having it all.

Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!!

ANTHEM. *Father and Son* Cat Stevens
Performed by Charlie and Atticus Torres

MESSAGE *Getting 'Swole' in Faith!*Rev. Louis Mitchell

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Mitchell

POSTLUDE
Hornpipe from "Water Music"G.F. Handel
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 jjCastle@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. All are welcome!

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 (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.

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 at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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.

Seeking Green Thumbs Plymouth Healing Communities, a non-profit providing housing and companionship to folks struggling with homelessness and mental illness, has two properties in Beacon Hill that have raised garden beds. We are looking for volunteers to help with planning, preparing and maintaining beds. Volunteers will work alone or in numbers allowing social distancing. We will accommodate your schedule. Apply at Plyhc.org/volunteer.

**JESUS SAID TO
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
THERE ARE
NO EXCEPTIONS.**



God is still speaking.
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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.