

WE'RE COMING OUT!

*IN SOLIDARITY.
IN CELEBRATION.
IN LOVE.*



PLYMOUTH

United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 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.



The church office is open during limited hours.

Contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

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10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024
FIFTH 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*

Bryllupsdag på Troidhaugen Edvard Grieg
Joe Williams, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donene Blair
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(adapted from Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved
community live together in unity!

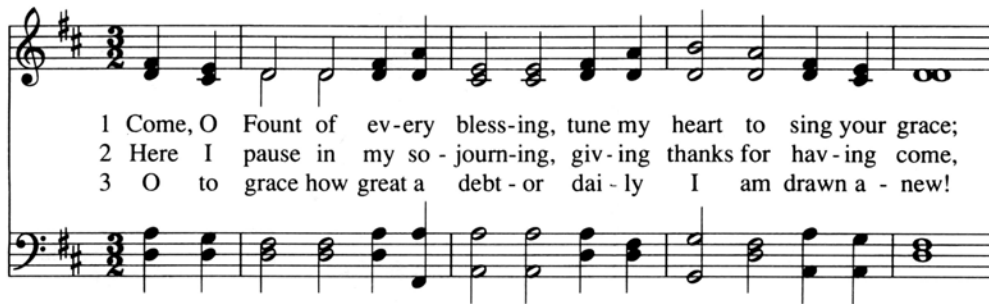
**People: It is like the precious oil on our heads which
anoints our worship and praise.**

Leader: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of
the earth.

**People: For there God has ordained the blessing,
life forevermore.**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

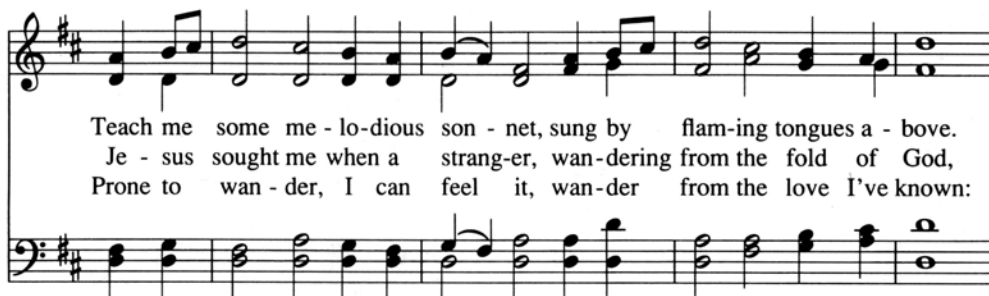
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON



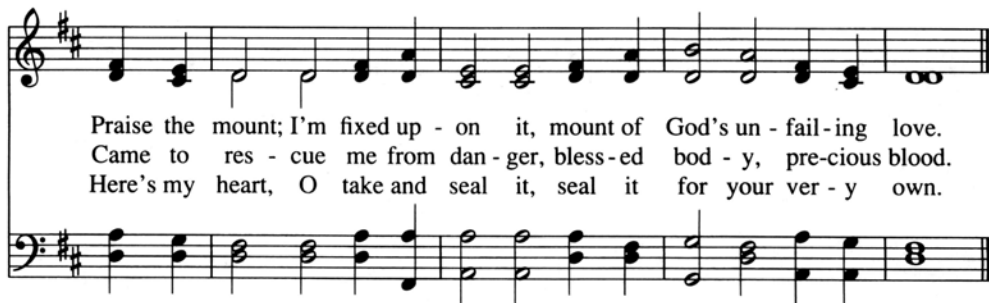
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

Leader: 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.

(moment of silent reflection)

People: 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, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Dr. Brown

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

“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 BIENVENIDA Dr. Brown

LAND & LABOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CELEBRACIÓN DE CUMPLEAÑOS/ANIVERSARIO

Happy birthday to you;

Anniversary, too!

We are so excited to share them with you.

May God bless and keep you in all that you do.

Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)

Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)

Happy birthday to you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Blair

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Teach Me Your Ways (adapted), by Ted Loder
from *Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*

Teach me your ways, Spirit of God,
that I may be open to the same Spirit
who moved over the face of the waters
in the first day of creation
and moves also over the chaos of this time
to fashion a day like this,
a world like ours,
a life like ours,
a kin-dom like leaven in bread,
like a treasure buried in the fields of the daily.
and make me aware of the miracles of life,
of warm and cold,
of starkness and order;
of screaming wind and impenetrable silences,
and of the unfathomable mystery of amazing grace in which I am kept.
Teach me your ways, Wondrous God,
that I may praise you
for all the surprising, ingenious ways you bless me,
and for all the wondrous gifts you give me
through artists who introduce me to the beauty of holiness,
who usher me into awesome worlds in which I begin to live anew
in a fullness of pain and joy not possible before.

Teach me your ways, Holy One,
that I may accept my own talent openly,
nurture it hopefully,
develop it faithfully,
and give it freely.

Teach me your ways, Loving God,
that I may love the kindness of the prophets
and practice it toward the hungry of the world,
the poor and sick and oppressed,
that I may learn the healing humility
which responsibly tends the earth and all creatures therein.

Teach me your ways, Creating God,
that I may be swept up in worship with the saints,
which surges in wonder, gratitude, and obedience,
and shapes my life into an irrepressible YES to you,
to all my siblings,
and to the presence of the kin-dom among us
until the ancient vision of mothers burns in me
with a fire to light the world
and warm its heart,
through Jesus Christ,
the singer of passionate songs,
the teller of powerful stories,
the artist of daring ways. 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), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Elvis Gordon (Brother 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), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio



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 or
CashApp your donation to \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.
We give thanks for your generosity.*

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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE *RESPUESTA MUSICAL* *I Surrender All*

Sarah Wiley, voice; Joe Williams, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*



*Marianne Williamson
is an American author,
speaker, and politician.*

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our [strength], not our [weakness] that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?’ Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, handsome, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? — *Quote by Marianne Williamson (adapted)*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Mark 8:27-38

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Maria Amparito Pumasunta

Now Jesus went with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered, saying, “John the Baptizer and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you all say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he warned them so they would tell no one about him. Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Woman must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scholars, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he boldly said this thing. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and he said, “Get behind me, Satan!—because the mind is not on that which is God’s, rather on that which is mortal.”

And Jesus called the crowd along with his disciples, and said to those women and men, “If any want to follow after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For the one who wants to save their life will lose it, and the one who loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose their life? What then can a human being give in return for their life? Indeed, the one who is ashamed of me and of my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Son of Woman will also be ashamed of that one when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

My Tribute (To God Be the Glory) Andraé Crouch
Kito Cin'j, voice
Joe Williams, piano

SERMON *SERMÓN* Rev. Kevin Bechtold

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Blackbird John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life, you were only waiting
For this moment to arise

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life, you were only waiting
For this moment to be free

Blackbird fly
Blackbird fly
Into the light
Of a dark, black night

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life, you were only waiting
For this moment to arise

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Nocturne, Op. 9 No. 2 Frédéric Chopin
Joe Williams, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Please Note: Communication from Plymouth will be less frequent in the month of July. There will be no paper/pdf edition of the Herald the first week of July. Look for the electronic edition on Wednesday, July 3. The Herald will be on hiatus the following three weeks in July and will return to regular publication August 1.

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.

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.

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.

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.

They Will Know Us By Our Love The former reader signs outside our building are now pantries filled with food and items for those experiencing homelessness or are under-resourced. Please contribute food and comfort items.

Be The Church You are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Contact Toni Arthur: TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Plymouth Cooks Share your favorite recipes with us and be a part of the new Plymouth cookbook! Be sure to include list of ingredients and instructions. Please let us know something about the dish — what makes it special to you. Send to Robert Turner: RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

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.



God of all Creation,
you have made us
in your image,
a rainbow
of every color,
culture,
gender identity & expression,
language,
orientation,
and nation.
Grant that,
when we look at one another,
we may see You,
expressed in yet another
language of love.
Grant that
we may honor
your holy presence
in every life.
We pray because of Jesus,
who shows us the way. Amen.
—The Rev. Kay Sylvester

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.