



10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 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.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team
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10:30 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021
FIFTH 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

*Air from “Water Music” G.F. Handel
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist*

CALL TO WORSHIP Min. Jennifer Castle
adapted from Psalm 30

Many: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

One: Where there was no way

Many: God leads us in a new way

One: Where there was no mercy

Many: God surprises us with fresh mercy

One: Where there was weeping

Many: God invites us to step into a new dance.

HYMN. *For Everyone Born*

Plymouth Section Leaders, video edited by Doug Arney



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus-tice and joy!

Words by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Brian Mann

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Donene Blair

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 the Rennebohm family on the passing of Betty Rennebohm.

We mourn with Doug Arney and family on the passing of his uncle Jim Arney.

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



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 Rev. Blair
Peace be with you

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Min. Castle
From This Perspective, by Liliana Kohann



*Liliana Kohann
is a writer, singer/
songwriter, inspirational
poet, filmmaker and
illustrator from Poland,
residing in America
since 1984.*

From this perspective
Where I am now
I think of the world
Different somehow
Things that I walked by
And didn't see
Seem so important
Right now to me
All of my worries...
Clouds on my way...
Are not important
I look away
Behind the clouds
No matter how dark
I know there is
A sun with its spark
And if not today
Then maybe tomorrow
I will see that spark
Shining through my sorrow.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK Mark 5:21-43
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

The Jesus of Mark proclaims that the promise of God has come to pass, come to fullness and presence and immediacy in Jesus. Jesus' presence — the kin-dom of God comes near — is the transformative agent in these two stories of astonishing faith.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was about twelve years of age. At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

ANTHEM. *Somewhere, from “West Side Story”*
by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim

Performed by Adé A Cône



Adé is a singer, songwriter, actor, violinist, dancer, performance artist, model, curator, producer, activist and bartender. For 16 years they have been part of the Seattle theatre, cabaret, music, fashion and art scenes. They are a long-time resident of Seattle’s Capitol Hill neighborhood, and we are very grateful they have agreed to share this piece with us for Pride Sunday.

MESSAGE Rev. Bechtold

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in A David N. Johnson
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



PRACTICAL QUEER THEOLOGY SERIES CONCLUDES

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!

Review previous sessions and download resources at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*in the news feed, click on 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 **TODAY**, 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 Plan Thinking: A Social (Justice) Happy Hour Wednesday, August 4; 5:30–7 pm PST: If you've already participated in an Anti-Racist Giving Workshop, this event is for you! We'll reflect on the successes and challenges of our current giving plans, spend time together updating or completing them, share resources and ideas, and discuss new opportunities for being involved in fundshifting work. 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.

GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH UCC

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

MAIL Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ/
1217 6th Ave/ Seattle WA 98101

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH Click on GIVE box at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

TEXT TO GIVE Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

CASH APP Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org

We are a people of

EXTRAVAGANT

WELCOME

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.