

WE'RE COMING OUT!

*IN SOLIDARITY.
IN CELEBRATION.
IN LOVE.*



PLYMOUTH

United Church of Christ

10 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 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.

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

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10 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PRIDE SUNDAY

*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. Kevin Bechtold
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(based on Genesis 2:4b-7 Dr. Gafney translation)

In the day that the Ageless One, God, made the earth and
the heavens:

Before any plant and any herb, before rain and before there
was humankind to till the humus;

Yet a stream rose from the earth and watered the entire
surface of the humus.

The Maker of All, God, crafted the human from the dust of
the humus and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life and
the human became a living being.

God, with great intention, crafted us all, fearfully,
wonderfully — with great love!

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



WELCOME BIENVENIDA Rev. Bechtold

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Demontrice Bigham

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Michelle J. 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), David, Mary, Patrick & Amanda McGee, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Raney Newman, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio.



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 June Hayakawa-Fung
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 Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
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

Quotes from Marsha P. Johnson

On Coming of Age: “I was no one, nobody, from Nowheresville until I became a drag queen. That’s what made me in New York, that’s what made me in New Jersey, that’s what made me in the world.”

On Changing History: “History isn’t something you look back at and say it was inevitable. It happens because people make decisions that are sometimes very impulsive and of the moment, but those moments are cumulative realities.”

On Equality: “How many years has it taken people to realize that we are all brothers and sisters and human beings in the human race?”

On Activism: “Darling, I want my gay rights now. I think it’s about time the gay brothers and sisters got their rights... especially the women.”

On Embracing Her Identity: “I’d like to see the gay revolution get started... If a transvestite doesn’t say ‘I’m gay and I’m proud and I’m a transvestite,’ then nobody else is going to hop up there and say ‘I’m gay and I’m proud and I’m a transvestite’ for them.”

On Human Rights: “You never completely have your rights, one person, until you all have your rights.”

On Knowing the Truth: “I may be crazy, but that don’t make me wrong.”

On the Fight for Freedom: “No pride for some of us without liberation for all of us.”



Marsha P. Johnson was an American gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen. An outspoken advocate for gay rights, Johnson was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall uprising of 1969.

SCRIPTURE READING LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS Psalm 139:1, 7-14
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

SOURCE OF LIFE, you have searched me and known me.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where from your presence can I flee?

If I ascend to the heavens, there you are;

if I recline in Sheol, see, it is you!

If I take up dawn’s wings

if I settle at the farthest reaches of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely darkness shall cover me,

and night will become light behind me,”

even darkness is not dark to you;
night is as daylight,
for dark is the same as light.
For it was you who crafted my inward parts;
you wove me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am awesomely and marvelously made.
Wonderous are your works;
that my soul knows full well.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO* *Give Us This Day*

Dr Brown, soloist
accompanied by Nelda Swiggett

SERMON *SERMÓN* *What Souls Know* Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Glory, glory hallelujah,
since I laid my burdens down.

Glory, glory hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better,
since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better,
since I laid my burdens down.

Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!"
since I laid my burdens down.

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BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk with Pride Plymouth UCC is sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of Pacific Northwest Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade **TODAY**. We welcome all who want to march in solidarity and celebration. This is our opportunity to commemorate the past, celebrate and defend wins for equality, and encourage one another for the work yet to come.

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.

From Hiroshima to Hope Add your light to Seattle's annual peace ceremony Sunday evening, August 6 at Green Lake. Program includes music, poetry, dance, speakers and candle-lit lanterns floating on the lake. Event begins at 6 pm with lantern preparation. Family-friendly program begins at 7 pm, with lantern floating ceremony at 8 pm. Free and open to all. More info at FromHiroshimaToHope.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.

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.

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.



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.