



# PLYMOUTH

United Church of Christ

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,  
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,  
acceptance and refuge of Sanctuary.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our worship. For those with us online, before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

**PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*** . . . . . *No Ordinary Love* . . . . . Sade  
Joe Williams, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair  
***LLAMADO A ADORAR***

*(Inspired by Psalm 51)*

One: The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and  
compassionate, wise and near.

**Many: O God, you desire truth in the inward  
being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven  
joy and gladness within our hearts.**

One: We long for your presence and gather before you  
in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

**Many: O God, you desire truth in the inward  
being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven  
joy and gladness within our hearts.**

One: Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within  
us. Renew our spirits as we declare your praise  
and seek you in prayer.

**All: O God, you desire truth in the inward  
being; therefore teach us wisdom. Enliven  
joy and gladness within our hearts.**

## OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*For the Beauty of the Earth.* . . . . . DIX

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,  
For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,  
*Refrain*  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . Rev. Kevin 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.*

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . .** **REV. Dr. Kelle Brown**  
**CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN** **Rev. Kevin Bechtold**



*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*

**INVITATION INVITACIÓN**

**COMMUNION PRAYER ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN**

*Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Susan and David Anderson Cousins of Jeanette Hagen (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), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), 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, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio*

*Our hearts are with the family and friends of Georgette Valle, longtime member of Plymouth who served as a state representative for 24 years. A service was held at Normandy Park UCC July 30.*

 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**

**Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name**  
**Thy Kindom come, thy will be done**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread,**  
**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**  
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN***

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

***COMPARTIR EL PAN Y LA COPA***

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . . . *Let Us Break Bread Together***

***HIMNO DE COMUNIÓN***

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Dr. Brown**

***ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS***

*from Enfleshed.com*

**Living Christ, thank you for this meal that nourishes  
our bodies and spirits. By feasting on this bread of life,  
your presence reminds us of our belovedness, even  
when broken. For you, Holy Mystery, companion us  
through all things. Thanks be for your sustaining love.  
Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE . . . . . Rev. Blair**

**LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ**

The gifts of God bless us, and the invitation of God is to share those blessings with generosity, gratitude, trust, and love. Let us give of our time, talent, and treasure from the abundance of God's provision to us.

**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**

**Generous God, thank you for these gifts and the privilege of giving. Increase our collective resources that we might serve your kindom and bring honor to your name. Amen.**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA***

*Wisdom: The Voice of God*, by Mary Karr &  
*Sometimes*, by Sheenagh Pugh

Ninety percent of what's wrong with you  
could be cured with a hot bath,  
says God from the bowels of the subway.  
but we want magic, to win  
the lottery we never bought a ticket for.  
(Tenderly, the monks chant, embrace  
the suffering.) The voice of God does not pander,  
offers no five year plan, no long-term  
solution, nary an edict. It is small & fond & local.  
Don't look for your initials in the geese  
honking overhead or to see thru the glass even  
darkly. It says the most obvious crap—  
i.e. put down that gun, you need a sandwich.



*Mary Karr is an American poet, essayist and memoirist from East Texas. She is widely noted for her 1995 bestselling memoir *The Liars' Club*.*



Sheenagh Pugh is a British poet, novelist and translator. Her book, *Stonelight*, won the Wales Book of the Year award.

Sometimes things don't go, after all,  
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadell  
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail,  
sometimes a [person] aims high, and all goes well.  
A people sometimes will step back from war;  
elect an honest [leader]; decide they care  
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.  
Some [people] become what they were born for.  
Sometimes our best efforts do not go  
amiss; sometimes we do as we meant to.  
The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow  
that seemed hard frozen: may it happen for you.

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . Luke 18:1–8**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

Jesus told the disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and not be discouraged. He said, “There was a judge in a certain city who neither feared God nor respected people. There was a widow in that city and she came to him continually and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ And he was not willing for some time; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor respect anyone else, yet because this widow persists in troubling me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not ultimately come to violence against me.’” And the Messiah said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to the elect of God who cry to God day and night? Will God forbear in helping them? I tell you all, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Woman comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

*“Danza de la moza donosa” de Danzas Argentinas por Alberto Ginastera*

Joe Williams, piano

**SERMON *SERMÓN* . . . . . *Already Alright* . . . . . Dr. Brown**



## HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder . . . . . O STORE GOD



1 O might-y God, when I sur-vey in won - der the world that  
2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thun-der peal - ing, your light-ning  
3 The Bi - ble tells the sto - ry of your bless - ing so free - ly  
4 And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dis - pers - ing, you will re -



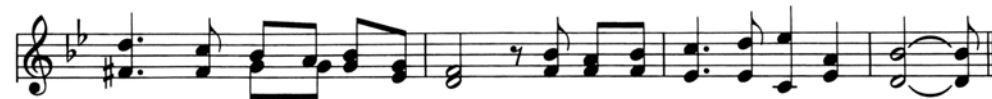
formed when once the word you said, The strands of life all wo-ven close to -  
pow - er bursts in bright sur - prise; When cool - ing rain, your gen - tle love re -  
shed up - on all hu - man life; Your con - stant mer - cy, ev - ery care ad -  
veal what we but dim - ly see; With trum - pet call, our great re - birth an -



geth - er, the whole cre - a - tion at your ta - ble fed,  
veal - ing, re - flects your prom - ise, arc - ing through the skies, (1-3) My soul cries  
dress - ing, re - liev - ing bur - dened souls from sin and strife.  
nounc - ing, we shall re - join you for e - ter - ni - ty, (4) Then we will



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! My soul cries  
sing your praise for - ev - er more, O might-y God! O might-y God! Then we will



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God!  
sing your praise for - ev - er - more, O might-y God! O might-y God!

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*** . . . . . Dr. Brown

## POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

*"Danza del gaucho matrero" de Danzas Argentinas por Alberto Ginastera*

Joe Williams, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***From Hiroshima to Hope*** Add your light to Seattle's annual peace ceremony Tuesday 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](http://FromHiroshimaToHope.org).

***Take a Journey of Discovery*** Plymouth UCC joins Congregational Church on Mercer Island and Museum Without Walls on a journey of discovery as we delve into the untold stories of Native American boarding schools. To sign up for the August 9 Native American Boarding School program, use the link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). The cost is \$95. Scholarships available; contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold.

***Join the Discussion*** with the Developer Selection Committee 6 pm Wednesday, August 14, via Zoom to learn about and discuss current redevelopment status. This event is online only, as part of our commitment to include those who can't join in person. Zoom link and more info in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***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. Help assemble bags during worship on Sundays.

***Night of Hope*** Register now to attend a special evening of philanthropy and community at Plymouth Healing Communities' annual fundraising event, Night of Hope, 5:30-8:30 pm Thursday, September 12 at 415 Westlake Ave N. Seattle 98109. More info and early-bird ticket discount at [Plyhc.org](http://Plyhc.org).

***Pathway to Thriving*** Join Plymouth Housing's signature luncheon Wednesday, September 25, bringing our region's forward-thinking community together to take steps toward ending homelessness. Noon-1:30 pm Wednesday, September 25, at the Seattle Westin. Details and registration at [PlymouthHousing.org](http://PlymouthHousing.org).

***Homecoming Sunday*** Plan now to attend worship 10:30 am Sunday, September 8, as we begin our church program year. Enjoy Big Hats and Bow Ties luncheon after the service. Let us move forward together to see what the Spirit has in store!

***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.

***Members and Visitors*** can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth](http://peaceonearth).

***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.