



10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 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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ELEVENTH 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.*

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love Setting by Emma Lou Diemer
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

INVOCATION Min. Jennifer Castle

Come, you, who are forgotten, for today God remembers you.
God bids you come today, for your name is on their lips.
Come, you who labor,
You who are breathless from conflict, stress, or disease;
Come and be refreshed.
Come and find rest from your labors.
Come, you who are frightened.
There is peace enough.
Come for the Holy One has grafted you into the palm of
their hands.
Come you who are oppressed, depressed homeless,
Hungry and you who are unheard and misunderstood.
You who cannot voice your pain;
You whose tears are invisible.
Come to the God who sees you,
The God who is teaching us to see with clearer vision.
Come, for you are loved.
Come for you are valued.
Come and be cared for.
Come, let us worship.

HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET
Plymouth Section Leaders

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;
dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,
the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.
and all who suf - fer want are blessed.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Donene Blair

Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Floyd Gossett, Juno Griswold, Michael Kaid, Bob Mitchell, Montecino Family, Pris Orr, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Cynthia Watson (Friend of Karen Clark), Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)

Our hearts are with Hedy Fredrickson at the passing of her husband Phil on August 2.

Our hearts are with Bill Jones at the one year anniversary of the death of his wife, Patty.



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 PEACERev. Blair

WE REMEMBER HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI



Kurihara Sadako was a Japanese poet who survived atomic bombing during World War II.

In the rubble a single wildflower
sent out small white blossoms.
From the burned soil filled with the bones
of fathers, mothers, brothers, relatives,
from the now-silent ruins where every living thing burned to death:
a small life that taught us to live.
Hiroshima, carrying on from that day—
a flower blooming in the midst of destruction.

—Kurihara Sadako

CALL TO OFFERINGDr. Brown

You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC by texting to give: Simply text the amount you'd like to give to Plymouth's mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions about ways to give? Contact Diane, DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN John 6:35,41-51
(NRSV translation) read by Min. Castle

Jesus' words spark controversy among the religious leaders: "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" Jesus doesn't address this, but points to God's action: God sends, draws, raises and teaches. Jesus being sent by God shows the way to receptivity: seeing, believing, hearing and learning.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the community began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose parents we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Parent who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Parent comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Parent except the one who is from God; he has seen the Parent. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

ANTHEM *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston
Jennylynn Vidas, Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski,
Sari Breznau, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

CONTEMPORARY VOICE Syrian Children

MESSAGE *Risking Starvation* Dr. Brown

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE. *Processional in C* Hal Hopson
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Special Church Meeting As authorized in Section 5.4 of the church's by-laws, a special church meeting is being called by the Moderator. The meeting will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 11:30 am or immediately after the conclusion of the worship service that day. The meeting will occur online. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve a call agreement between the church and Jennifer Castle, calling Jennifer Castle to the position of Associate Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. —*Al Bentley, Moderator*

Join Online Bible Study Gather online with friends for Wednesday morning Bible study, 9-10:30 am. All are welcome! If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Jennifer at JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. You can also access Bible study directly through the website at (Under the "Worship" tab, click "Online Events.") You will need to use the general password for Plymouth Zoom meetings, so please contact Jennifer if you don't have it. We hope to see you Wednesday morning!

Help Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build In response to the tragedy of 9-11, the local Habitat for Humanity chapter began putting together an annual Interfaith Build. This year's 20th anniversary effort goes on for several days, and if you are interested in participating Saturday, September 18, it would be great to have you. There are volunteer slots that day at the site (which is expected to be in North Bend), as well as opportunities to assist in providing lunch for volunteers and staff. If you would like to be involved, or want to learn more, please reach out to Caroline Becker (Becker144@comcast.net; 206.679.9782) or Mike Pierson (MikePierson2@gmail.com; 206.604.8673).

Exploratory Development Q&A The Exploratory Development Committee has shared some Q&A's pertaining to what has been learned as we explore development options for Sixth and University. Visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to view or download the Q&A document from the committee (*In the news feed, click on article "Exploratory Development Q&A," or contact the church office for a hard copy*). Please look at them and send us your thoughts and further questions. —*Tom Maul for the Exploratory Development Committee*

Reconcile and Reform Are you eager to gather, learn, and worship again with other Christians from around the country and the world who are working to advance LGBTQ inclusion in the church? Convene in person this fall for our Reconcile and Reform conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration will open July 7, and the best rates will be available to those who sign up early. The conference will be held October 28-30 at Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort in Phoenix. Read more and get tickets at ReformationProject.org/Conference.

Just to be clear,
the Church has not been closed,
so it doesn't need to be re-opened.
We have simply stopped worshipping
in our buildings for a time
to protect the health & well-being
of our people & our communities.
The Church does not require a building
in order to be the Church.
What is required is love, compassion,
& the presence of God.

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.