

RESIST!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

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 with us today. Please like and send us a greeting
on Facebook and Instagram.



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NINTH 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*

Crowded Table, by The Highwomen/Brandi Carlile

OPENING THOUGHT

Thomas Hitoshi Pruiksma,
author, poet, translator, teacher, and performer

INVOCATION

Dr. Sinead Young,
Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership at Morehouse College

CALL TO WORSHIP *LLAMADO A ADORAR*

Where There Is Light in the Soul (Chinese Proverb),
by Sweet Honey in the Rock

Where there is light in the soul,
There is beauty in the person.
Where there is beauty in the person,
There is harmony in the home.
Where there is harmony in the home,
There is honor in the nation.
Where there is honor in the nation,
There is peace in the world.

Call to Worship words from Black Liturgies by Cole Authur Riley

One: Inhale... I'm not foolish for hoping.

Many: I'm not foolish for hoping.

One: Exhale... I won't rush from this grief.

Many: I won't rush from this grief.

One: Inhale... the world reveals itself.

Many: The world reveals itself.

One: Exhale... for what we've known it to be.

All: For what we've known it to be.

WELCOME BIENVENIDA June Hayakawa-Fung

OPENING HYMN HIMNO DE APERTURA

This Is My Song, by Lloyd Stone,
sung to FINLANDIA, by Jean Sibelius

(NCH 591)



This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in others lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Erica Williams

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Monica Blume (Family of Kate Forrester), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Camille Hagen (Daughter of Jeanette and Ken Hagen), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Robert Malae, Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Diana Solomon (Friend of Anne Kiemle), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

 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.**

SHARING PEACE Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Read by Dr. Sinead Younge with Leah Okamoto Mann

And this is important to remember: given the fact of pain as a normal part of the experience of life, one may make the pain contribute to the soul, to the life meaning. One may be embittered, ground down by it, but one need not be. The pain of life may teach us to understand life and, in our understanding of life, to love life. To love life truly is to be whole in all one's parts; and to be whole in all one's parts is to be free and unafraid. —*Howard Thurman, Prayers for Hope and Comfort*

The end is the creation of a beloved community...the creation of a society where men [people] will live together as brothers [siblings]. An end is not retaliation but redemption. That is the end we are trying to reach. That we would bring these creative forces together we would be able to live in this new age which is destined to come. The old order is dying and the new order is being born. —*Dr. Martin Luther King 1956*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Psalm 139:1-18 (The Message Translation) read by Rev. Williams

God, investigate my life;
get all the facts firsthand.
I'm an open book to you;
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.
You know when I leave and when I get back;
I'm never out of your sight.
You know everything I'm going to say
before I start the first sentence.
I look behind me and you're there,
then up ahead and you're there, too—
your reassuring presence, coming and going.
This is too much, too wonderful—
I can't take it all in!
Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?
to be out of your sight?
If I climb to the sky, you're there!
If I go underground, you're there!
If I flew on morning's wings
to the far western horizon,

You'd find me in a minute—
you're already there waiting!
Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!
At night I'm immersed in the light!"
It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you;
night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.
Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration—what a creation!
You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared
before I'd even lived one day.
Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful!
God, I'll never comprehend them!
I couldn't even begin to count them—
any more than I could count the sand of the sea.
Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you!

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

If I Can Help Somebody
Monica Armstrong

SERMON *SERMÓN*

Dr. Sinead Younge and Thomas Hitoshi Pruiksma

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

A Change Is Gonna Come, by Sam Cooke,
with embodied participatory circle,
led by Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and Dana Lupton

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*Dr. Brown

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POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

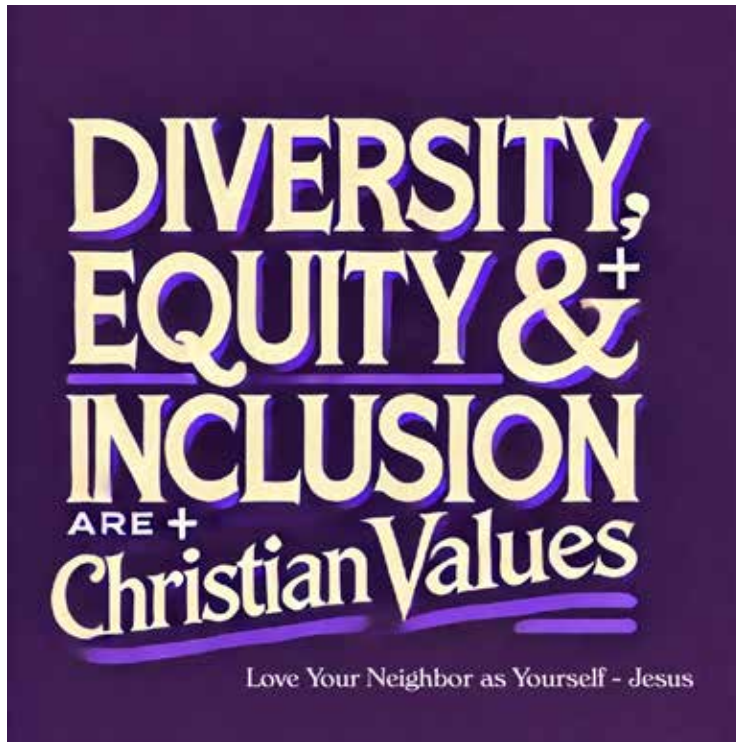
Bring School Supplies on Sundays Help more kids start their school year right with the school supplies they need most. All donations are appreciated. Leave them in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge. See list of most-requested items in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Homecoming September 7 Plan now to attend worship 10:30 am Sunday, September 7, as we begin our church program year. Plymouth Choir will return to fill our worship space with song. Let us move forward together to see what the Spirit has in store!

Join Plymouth Choir 5-7 pm Monday, August 25, for a retreat in Hildebrand Hall to refresh our souls through the power of music. We will sing upcoming pieces and enjoy food, friendship and connection with a potluck dinner. All are welcome. Contact Choir Director Eliza Woodyard ([EWoodyard @PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:EWoodyard@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)).

Film and Discussion Stay after worship Sunday, August 17, to view and discuss *Blue Ticket*, a film exploring how LGBTQ persons were expelled from their Alaskan communities. We'll watch the 2-hour film together after worship. Author Mo Longworth will join us to answer questions and discuss.

Please Remember Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC / PO Box 21368 / Seattle WA 98111.



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.