



PLYMOUTH

United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 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.

Contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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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TWELFTH 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*

Prelude from Suite in A Major. George Frideric Handel
Joe Williams, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kevin Bechtold

LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalms 34 and 130:7)

One: Give praise to the Holy One at all times and bless
their name.

**Many: Hope in the Holy One! For with the
Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and
great power to redeem.**

One: Let God's radiance pour out upon you and make
you shine brightly in the presence of the Most High.

**Many: Hope in the Holy One! For with the
Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and
great power to redeem.**

One: O experience and recognize the goodness of our
God with all our senses and be glad in the safety
of God.

**All: Hope in the Holy One! For with the
Sovereign God, there is steadfast love and
great power to redeem.**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

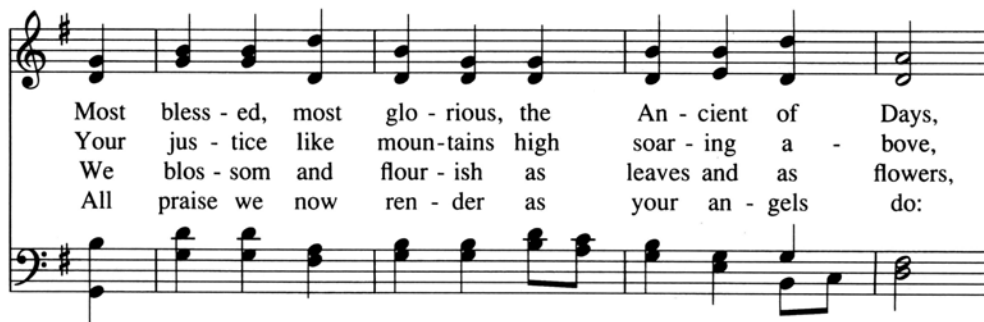
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST DENIO



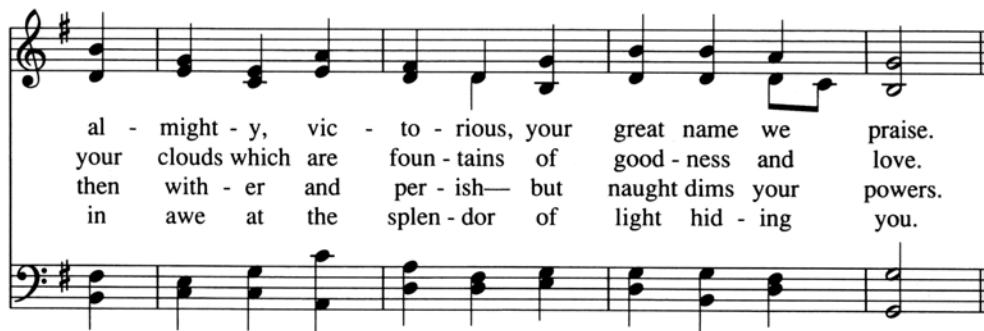
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Bechtold

One: Redeemer, forgive us.

Many: We confess to our words and actions that grieve you. We speak words that divide and alienate rather than words that heal and invite dialogue.

One: Help us to move past bitterness, anger, and resentment toward reconciliation, gratitude, and hope.

Many: Make us new not only for ourselves. Renew us for life in community with our neighbors, friends, and foes. Guide us in the path of life and love.

One: Forgive and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world.

All: Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Bechtold

Redeemed, the Holy One hears your cries and responds to your call. New life in Christ awaits you. Receive the redemptive power of the Spirit at work with you and through you to a world that can and will be redeemed and restored in the name of our Blessed God.

WELCOME BIENVENIDA Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

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 PEOPLEDr. Brown

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

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.

CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACEDr. Brown

LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

Ephesians 4:25 reminds us that we are members of one another. That is true of the church, humanity, and all creation. The gifts we receive to sustain us have been given for our common good. When one member lacks, we all lack. When one flourishes, we all share in the abundance. Let us give generously to ensure all needs are met, the Generous One is glorified.

OFFERING MUSIC OFRECIENDO MUSICA

Whitney Houston's *One Moment in Time*
Ibidunni Ojikutu, soprano; Joe Williams, piano

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 DEDICATIONDr. Brown

ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

Holy God, thank you for the gift of generosity. Make us bold stewards of the resources you provide. Increase our offerings, expand our territory, and let our ministry testify to your goodness, nurture, and care for all. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Beauty-Eyed, by Lonnie Hicks

We are trapped
Beauty Eyed
in beholder's
gaze,
expectations flush
iron icons
bind us;
Do not move
or blink;
a tiny shift
and beholder's view
is at once awry;
now disappointment,
because aspect new
has changed the view;
in a strobe shot
we are all caught
in expectations light,
flicker or blink
as we must
and we ruin
beholder's dream,
and pay double price
at the bar
where Bitter Drought
drinks.
What nostrums
and remedies,
what drunk variations
from Expectations Cup
dash Hope to fiery Death
unnoticed:
Expectations yours
but unmatched by mine:
signal we two then choke
most times
in the In-Between.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Luke 12:13-21

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Bechtold

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my sibling to divide the inheritance with me.” But Jesus said to him, “Friend, who appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” Then Jesus said to the crowd, “Beware! Be on guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life is not one’s abundance of possessions.” Then Jesus relayed a parable to them, saying: “A certain rich person produced land crops abundantly. And the person pondered internally, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then that person said, ‘This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones and I will store there all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to the rich person, ‘Fool! This very night your soul will be demanded back from you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Whitney Houston’s *The Greatest Love of All*

Ibidunni Ojikutu, soprano; Joe Williams, piano

SERMON *SERMÓN* Rev. Kevin Bechtold

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

This Is a Day of New Beginnings, vss. 1, 3, 4 BEGINNINGS

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -

3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the

4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve* what love is

past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and

share what love can do. This is a day of new be -



BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Vertigo from *Three Jazz Etudes* Lawren Brianna Ware
Joe Williams, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

Homecoming Sunday Plan now to attend worship 10:30 am Sunday, September 8, as we begin our church program year. Enjoy a celebratory 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.

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.