



10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 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
via e-mails below, or call the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

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TWELFTH 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.*

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING TODAY

Be sure to join the special church meeting today at 11:30 am or immediately after the conclusion of the worship service. The meeting will occur online via Zoom using the usual coffee hour link and password, found at the bottom of the online worship center page. The purpose is to vote to extend a call to Jennifer Castle to the position of Associate Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. —*Al Bentley, Moderator*

PRELUDE *Trio, Op. 49, No. 1* Josef Rheinberger
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

INVOCATION Min. Jennifer Castle

Come, come, whoever you are.
Wanderer, worshiper,
Lover of leaving.
It doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken
your vows a thousand times.
Come, yet again,
Come, come.

—*Rumi*

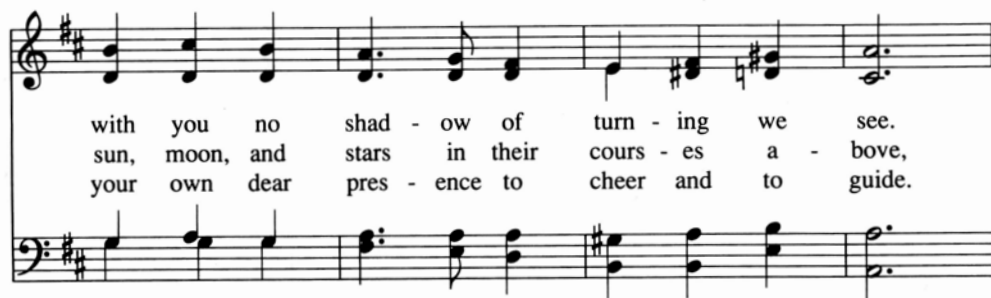


Rumi was a 13th-century Persian poet, Islamic scholar, Maturidi theologian, and Sufi mystic

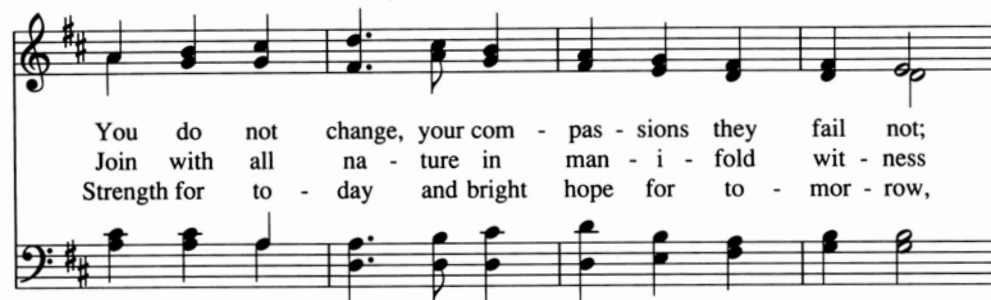
HYMN *Great Is Your Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
Miriam Gnagy, Sari Breznau, Tim Keller, Michael Delos



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Kevin Bechtold

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

Our hearts are with Barbara Nakahara and family on the passing of her mother May Abe, August 2.

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Bill Rennebohm on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Our hearts are with Michael Gordon and family on the passing of his sister Jean Gordon.



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 PEACE Rev. Bechtold

LOVE IN ACTION David Koeger

GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH UCC

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

TEXT TO GIVE Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

CASH APP Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org

CHECK BY MAIL Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Min. Castle

The Journey, by Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew
What you had to do, and began,
Though the voices around you
Kept shouting
Their bad advice,
Though the whole house
Began to tremble
And you felt the old tug
At your ankles.
“Mend my life!”
Each voice cried.
But you didn’t stop.
You knew what you had to do,
Though the wind pried
With its stiff fingers
At the very foundations,
Though their melancholy
Was terrible.
It was already late
Enough, and a wild night,
And the road full of fallen
Branches and stones.
But little by little,
As you left their voices behind,
The stars began to burn
Through the sheets of clouds,
And there was a new voice,
Which you slowly
Recognized as your own,
That kept you company
As you strode deeper and deeper
Into the world,
Determined to do
The only thing you could do,
Determined to save
The only life you could save.



Mary Oliver was an American poet. The New York Times described her as “far and away, this country’s best-selling poet.”

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Proverbs 9:1-6
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

The invitation to grow in wisdom is presented through a personification of wisdom as a woman who has built a house, prepared a life-giving meal, and invited all to partake. It is a simple passage at first glance, yet it contains riches in the description and in its connections to other places in the biblical witness.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

ANTHEM *People Get Ready* Curtis Mayfield
Performed by Stephanie Anne Johnson

MESSAGE *The Way In* Dr. Brown

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE. *How Firm a Foundation* Trey Clegg
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Plymouth Care Team is committed to maintaining availability of staff to handle any care concerns that might come our way. Please use the care line phone number to get in touch with the Care Team should anything arise: 206.639.7739. Messages are checked at least once a day and the Care Team makes every attempt to follow up as soon as we are able. Please call and leave a message if there is something you feel the Care Team should be aware of as we endeavor to serve you!

Standing in the Gap You are invited to Standing in the Gap, Recovery Café's educational and fundraising event. Join us Wednesday, September 15 from 7:30-9 am online for a morning to learn about the healing work of Recovery Café, what we're doing to serve our members during the pandemic, and how you can help. Visit RecoveryCafe.org to register or donate.

Help Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build In response to 9-11, the local Habitat for Humanity chapter began an annual Interfaith Build. If you are interested in participating Saturday, September 18, it would be great to have you. There are volunteer slots at the site, and opportunities to assist in providing lunch for volunteers and staff. If you would like to be involved, please reach out to Caroline Becker (Becker144@comcast.net; 206.679.9782) or Mike Pierson (MikePierson2@gmail.com; 206.604.8673).

Plymouth Reads Summer Challenge This fall Plymouth will read and share *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. Receiving the radical love of James Baldwin and the call from Ibram X. Kendi to do anti-racist work has left the team feeling we have personal work to do before we embark on this final book. We invite you to join us. Read suggestions at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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!

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. Register now. The conference will be held October 28-30 at Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort in Phoenix. Read more and get tickets at ReformationProject.org/Conference.

REGISTER TODAY - No charge to view online

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