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10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 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.

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Intermezzo, Op. 67, No. 3 Cyril Scott
Peter-Nelson King, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (NCH #459) NETTLETON



1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan-der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 80)

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

Many: The world is ablaze around us with pain and suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice and brokenness.

One: Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your creation.

Many: Let your Holy Fire meet the infernos that seek to consume us with refining and renewing power.

One: Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within your kingdom that will spread as a wildfire of righteousness and love.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be liberated.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Transforming One, forgive us for dampening your fire, even for our failure to recognize your movement among us.

Many: Help us to follow in the path of life abundantly for our neighbors and ourselves. Make us instruments of your kingdom as we encourage and uplift one another like iron sharpens iron.

One: Surround us as a community of accountability and support to transform us in your image, character, and nature.

All: We receive the gift of new grace, new mercies, and new life that you offer to us each day.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved, in Jeremiah 23:29, the Voice declares, “Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?” We may be assured of God’s power to break down in order to build back up. The brokenness we experience in life does not have the final word. For the redemptive love of God makes all things new and the healing grace of God restores and repairs. New life in Christ awaits us all this day and every day. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Erica Williams



ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front
by Wendell Berry

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something
that won’t compute. Love [God].
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.
Listen to carrion — put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?
Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicos
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go.
Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

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), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)
Our hearts are with Anne Kiemle on the passing of her friend Diana Solomon.

 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

If God Be For Us George Frideric Handel
Suzanne Anderson, soprano; Peter-Nelson King, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

The Hopi Prophecy of the Third Shaking of the Earth

In Native American wisdom, the Hopi tribe spoke of a powerful prophecy known as the Three Great Shakings of the Earth.
The first two shakings are believed to have already occurred, being the First and Second World Wars, both global events that deeply impacted all of humanity.

The Third Shaking, the Hopi said, would come at a time of great upheaval, marked by an increase in extreme weather events of all kinds, such as, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, storms, fires and floods.

These would all be signs that Mother Earth was entering a sacred birthing process and a time of deep cleansing, purification and transformation in our world.

The Hopi understood the Earth as a sentient, sacred being and our living, breathing Mother, with indigenous peoples living in harmony and balance with nature, honoring the lands, the waters, the entire planet and with great respect for all that she provides.

The Hopi taught that the Earth moves through natural cycles of release and renewal and that when humanity strays from living in alignment, the Earth responds with a great rebalancing as a natural consequence.

At this time of The Third Shaking, the Hopi believed that global division, conflict and disharmony would become so widespread that the Earth would begin to call out to her children and she would urge us, as the children who live upon her, to return to peace, unity and harmony with one another, with Mother Earth herself, and with all life.

At the same time of The Third Great Shaking, the prophecy also speaks of a shift into a new era, which coincides with the Hopi Rainbow Warrior prophecy, that foretells a tribe of millions of people, from all races, nations and walks of life, who would hear the Earth's call and begin to awaken spiritually.

One by one, these peoples would set aside their differences, begin to unite and return to a way of being that is rooted in love, healing, harmony and balance upon the Earth.

Many believe we are now living in this time, the time of The Third Great Shaking, where the old ways of division, disconnection and imbalance are beginning to dissolve and something new is about to be born.

Chief Seattle once said, 'The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth'. The birth of a new humanity, one that recognizes our shared responsibility to walk gently upon the Earth, to return to balance and harmony and to honor the sacredness of all life upon her, is upon us. The time to awaken is NOW.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Luke 6:17–25

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Williams

Now Jesus came down with his apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples, women and men, and a great multitude of people—women, children, and men—from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon; who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and cured all of them.

Then Jesus looked up at the women and men who were his disciples and said:
 “Blessed are the poor,
 for yours is the majesty of God.
 Blessed are those who are hungry now,
 for you all shall be fed.
 Blessed are you who weep now,
 for you all shall laugh.
 Blessed are you when people hate you all and when they ostracize you, revile you, and spit out
 your name on account of the Son of Woman. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely
 your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the women and men who
 were the prophets then.
 But woe to you who are rich,
 for you all have received your consolation.
 Woe to you who are full now,
 for you all shall be hungry.
 Woe to you who laugh now,
 for you all shall mourn and weep.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*
Come, Ye Blessed John Prindle Scott
 Suzanne Anderson, soprano; Peter-Nelson King, piano

SERMON SERMÓN *Lessons in Leveling* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

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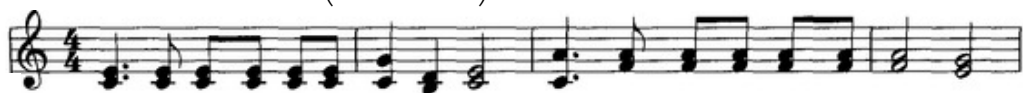
FILM AND DISCUSSION TODAY



Plan now to stay after worship today to view and discuss *Blue Ticket*, a film exploring how LGBTQ persons were expelled from their Alaskan communities secretly and overtly in the 1960s, a travesty that sadly still happens today. Mo Longworth wrote a historical fiction based on true individual accounts of how it was done in Juneau, by police and their vigilantes, which was turned into a romantic political thriller filmed by PBS. Author Mo Longworth will join us to answer questions and discuss.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

God Be with You vs 1 (NCH #81) GOD BE WITH YOU



God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Summer Song, Op. 16, No. 2 Wilhelm Peterson-Berger
Peter-Nelson King, piano



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).

Home Runs to End Homelessness The Seattle Mariners are teaming up with Plymouth Housing for a night of baseball and community Friday, August 22, at the Mariners vs. Oakland Athletics game. A percentage of every ticket sold will benefit Plymouth Housing. Get tickets at MLB.com/Mariners/Tickets/Specials/Plymouth.

Black Pride Worship Service Join Liberation UCC for a powerful, joy-filled and liberating Black Pride Worship Service as we celebrate the beauty, brilliance and resilience of Black queer identity. 2:45 pm Sunday, August 24, in Hildebrand Hall.

Detention Lottery The Church Council of Greater Seattle invites you *Detention Lottery* 4 pm Sunday, September 7, at Seattle First United Methodist (180 Denny Way). This production reveals realities of migrant detention in our country. Read more and RSVP at TheChurchCouncil.org/News.

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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.