

# RESIST!

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

**PRELUDE *PRELUDIO***

*I Love to Tell the Story* . . . . . arr. Lani Smith  
Dr. Stephen Price, organ

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Happy birthday to you;  
Anniversary, too!  
We are so excited to share them with you.  
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.  
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)  
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)  
Happy birthday to you!

**SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

**OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA***

*I've Got Peace Like a River*, vss 1-3 (NCH #478) . . . . PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1  
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung  
LLAMADO A ADORAR

*(Inspired by Psalm 71)*

One: Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope and trust. Our praise is continually of our God!

**Many: God will not put us to shame. God is our rock!**

One: Turn to the God who saves and delivers. Our praise is continually of our God!

**Many: God's righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!**

One: Find rest and delight in the Holy One. Our praise is continually of our God!

**All: We lean upon the Holy One. God is our sure foundation!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung  
ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Holy God, we confess that we have trampled the sabbath.

**Many: We claim your name and not your way.**

One: We cling to excuses to avoid discomfort or sacrifice in service of our neighbor.

**Many: We turn from human suffering.**

One: We keep silent in the face of wickedness.

**All: Transform us, O God, that we might be saved from the vise of evil and the lure of inaction. Rebuild us with righteousness and hope and redeem us for your kingdom.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung  
SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved, in Isaiah 58:9, the Voice assures, "Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am." God's abiding presence never leads us; God's transforming love will empower you to live the just and righteous life. Receive grace for participation and belonging in the kingdom. God's mercies are renewed for us. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . . .Dr. Brown**

**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), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)*

*Our hearts are with Karen Clark on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her friend, Mike Correy.*



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**

*Improvisation . . . . .Dr. Stephen Price, organ*

## CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

*How Can You Win?* Kimberly Jones



*Kimberly Latrice Jones  
is an award-nominated  
American author,  
filmmaker, and producer*

If I right now decided that I wanted to play Monopoly with you, and for 400 rounds of playing Monopoly, I didn't allow you to have any money, I didn't allow you to have anything on the board, I didn't allow for you to have anything, and then we played another 50 rounds of Monopoly and everything that you gained and you earned while you were playing that round of Monopoly was taken from you, that was Tulsa. That was Rosewood. Those are places where we built black economic wealth, where we were self-sufficient, where we owned our stores, where we owned our property, and they burned them to the ground.

So that's 450 years. So for 400 rounds of Monopoly, you don't get to play at all. Not only do you not get to play, you have to play on the behalf of the person that you're playing against. You have to play and make money and earn wealth for them, and then you have to turn it over to them. So then for 50 years you finally get a little bit and you're allowed to play. And every time that they don't like the way that you're playing, or that you're catching up, or that you're doing something to be self-sufficient, they burn your game. They burn your cards. They burn your Monopoly money. And then finally at the release and the onset of that, they allow you to play, and they say, "Okay, now you catch up."

Now, at this point, the only way you're going to catch up in the game is if the person shares the wealth, correct? But what if every time you shared the wealth, then there's psychological warfare against you to say, "Oh, you're an equal opportunity hire." So if I played 400 rounds of monopoly with you and I had to play and give you every dime that I made, and then for 50 years, every time that I played, if you didn't like what I did, you got to burn it like they did in Tulsa and like they did in Rosewood, how can you win? How can you win?

You can't win. The game is fixed.

### **SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . Ezekiel 22:1-8, 12** (Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

And it was that the word of GOD WHO DWELLS ABOVE THE CHERUBIM came to me saying: You, child of earth and Eve, will you judge? Will you judge the city of blood? Then, make known to it all its abominations. So shall you say: Thus says the Holy GOD: Oh city! Shedding the blood of its own; its time has come! It makes idols for itself, defiling itself.

The leaders of Israel among you, each one wielded their power within you for the purpose of shedding blood. Mother and father are treated with contempt within you: against the immigrant in your midst they commit violent acts of extortion; orphan and widow are subjected to violence within you. My holy things have you despised and my sabbaths you have profaned.

Bribes they take in you, to facilitate the shedding of blood. You take both interest (in cash) and collateral (goods), and you have violently defrauded your neighbors by extortion. Moreover, you have forgotten me, says the Holy GOD.

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . Hebrews 10:26–31**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Indeed, if we willfully sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, no longer is there a sacrifice for sins. Rather, [there is] an expectation of judgment and a zealous fire that will devour those opposed [to God]. Anyone who rebelled against the teaching of Moses without mercy, on the testimony of two or three witnesses, died. How much, do you suppose, even worse punishment will be deserved by those who the Child of God, they put under their feet and the blood of the covenant, they treat as a common thing—that by which they were sanctified—and the Spirit of grace they mocked?

For we know the one who said:  
Mine is vengeance, I will repay.  
And again:  
The Holy One will judge the people of God.  
A fearful thing it is to fall into the hands of the living God.

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***  
*Give Me Jesus* . . . . . African–American Spiritual  
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, soloist; Dr. Stephen Price, piano

**SERMON *SERMÓN* . . . . . Rev. Erica Williams**  
*America: Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With God*  
(Service continues next page)

**LIFT EVERY VOICE**

Plymouth Choir will reconvene 5–7 pm Monday, August 25, for a choir retreat to refresh our souls through the power of music. We will meet in Hildebrand Hall to sing through upcoming pieces and share a potluck dinner afterwards, enjoying friendship, connection, and nourishing food. If you have always wanted to sing in a choir, this is the first of many opportunities to add your voice and make music with us.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO***

*When Peace, Like a River, vs 1* (NCH #438) . . . . .VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have

*Refrain*

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*** . . . . .Rev. Williams

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Trumpet Tune in D* . . . . . Charles Callahan

Dr. Stephen Price, organ





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 **today** in Hildebrand Hall.

**Dialogue with Kelsey: Before and After My Daughter's Death** You are invited to Plymouth 3 pm Saturday, September 6, to learn about Barbara Bennett's new book on grief, healing, and a forever relationship. Park in Plymouth garage.

**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](http://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!

**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](http://TheChurchCouncil.org/News).

**Faith in the Time of Monsters** Come to Town Hall Seattle (1119 Eighth Avenue) 6 pm Saturday, September 6, for an evening with Dr. Cornel West, presented by Valley and Mountain UMC. More info and tickets at [TownHallSeattle.org](http://TownHallSeattle.org).

**A Church that Reads Together Leads Together** Purchase your copy of *Black Prophetic Fire* by Cornel West. Discussions of the book will begin in September, so begin reading today! Available at Beacon Press: [Beacon.org](http://Beacon.org).

**Need Support?** If you are feeling in need of understanding, connection and support, consider joining our Transitions Support Group. We meet monthly on Zoom and help each other through life's ups and downs. Contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung ([JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)).

**Advocate for a Moral Budget** Join Faith Action Network for Moral Budget Advocacy Week, September 22-26. Take 2 online trainings ahead of time to prepare: 12 pm PT August 27 and 12 pm PT September 17. Details and registration at [FANWA.org](http://FANWA.org).

**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.