



**PLYMOUTH**  
United Church of Christ

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 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.

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**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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FOURTEENTH 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***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Rev. Kevin Bechtold  
**LLAMADO A ADORAR**

*(Inspired by Psalm 84)*

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who  
trusts in you.

**Many: We long to be in your beautiful assembly.  
Our hearts sing for joy!**

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who  
trusts in you.

**Many. You keep the sparrow and the spring. You  
sustain the splendor of creation.**

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who  
trusts in you.

**Many: In you, we go from strength to strength.  
You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and  
honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise  
our God!**

# OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*. . . . . African-American Spiritual

*Refrain*

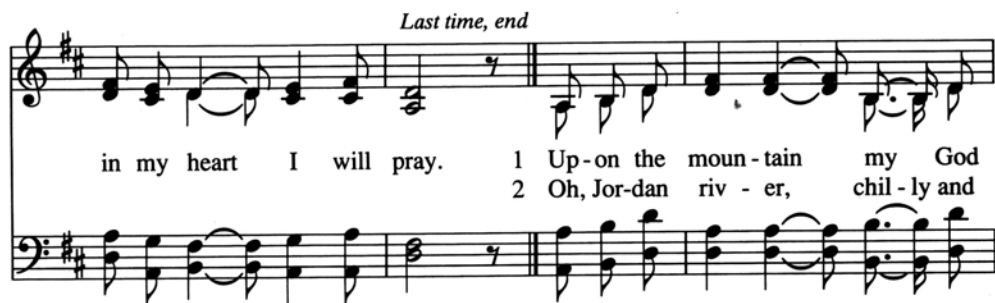


Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

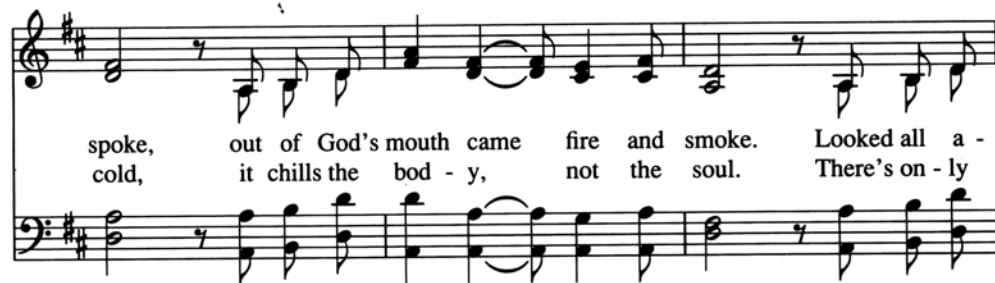


pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

*Last time, end*

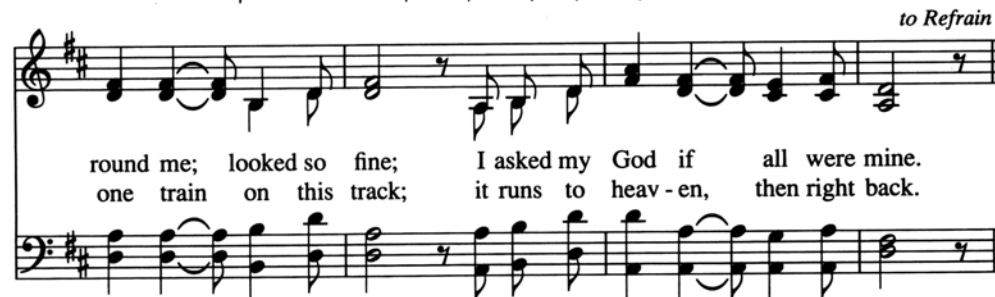


in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

*to Refrain*



round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION.** . . . . . Rev. Bechtold

**Gracious and Holy God, speak to us. So often our prayer time is consumed by our words...when what we need most is your gentle nudges and your bold challenge. Let us hear from you.**

*(Moment for silent personal reflection)*

**As you continue to speak, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom, correction, and confirmation. Transform us for your glory, for our hope, and for the world.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE.** . . . . . Rev. Bechtold

Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time. God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

**WELCOME BIENVENIDA** . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**CELEBRACIÓN DE CUMPLEAÑOS/ANIVERSARIO**

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!

**HOMEcoming SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8**

We will celebrate Homecoming Sunday September 8. This is our time to pledge time, talent, and treasure as well as express our desire to covenant with Plymouth for the coming year. Keep an eye out for pledge cards. We invite you to consider your commitment to Plymouth Church over the coming year and join in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . . . Rev. Bechtold**  
**ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO**

*Christian and Kim Arvin (Son and Daughter-in-Law of Donene Blair), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Bruce Chittick & Family (Friend of Karen Clark), Larry Fung (Husband of June Hayakawa-Fung), 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), 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, Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio*

 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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING & SHARING PEACE . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung**  
**LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ**

Ephesians 6 encourages us to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand.” (vv. 10-11) Let us stand against the powers of evil that would create barriers to our compassion and generosity to meeting the needs of our community. Let us stand against the powers that would convince us that we lack time to love and serve God with the talents, skills, and passions endowed to us by Creator. Let us stand in solidarity and perseverance with the Living God who gives generously, lovingly, and abundantly.

## OFFERING MUSIC OFRECIENDO MUSICA

### 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 DEDICATION . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

### ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

**Strong and Giving God, receive our gifts of time, talent, and financial resources for the building of your kindom on earth as it is in heaven. May we give with a spirit of courage, trust, and empathy. May our faithful stewardship receive confirmation through changed lives and renewed communities for your glory. Amen.**

### CONTEMPORARY VOICE VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA

*The Body Is Not an Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love,*  
by Sonya Renee Taylor

The notion of “taking too much space” is born out of a framework of scarcity upon which we have built a world where some people are allowed to build skyscrapers and stadiums or run countries and make laws for the masses, while others are told to stay small, go unnoticed, don’t take up too much room on the sidewalk. But only some of us receive that message. We have yet to collectively tell Amazon gazillionaire Jeff Bezos or Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, “Hey, buddy, you’re just taking up too much space!”

“Getting it right” is a body-shame paradigm. Radical self-love is honoring how we are all products of a rigged system designed to keep us stuck in stigma and shame. The only way to beat that system is by giving ourselves something the system never will: compassion.”

The voice of doubt, shame, and guilt blaring in our heads is not our voice. It is a voice we have been given by a society steeped in shame. It is the “outside voice.” “Our authentic voice, our “inside voice,” is the voice of radical self-love!”.



*Sonya Renee Taylor is a best-selling author, activist, thought leader, and spoken word artist. Taylor’s work focuses on body liberation, racial justice, and transformational change using her framework of radical self-love.*

**SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . I Corinthians 12:14–26**  
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

Now look, the body is not a single part but rather, many. If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body,” is it then, not of the body? And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body, is it then, not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were hearing, where would be the smelling? Thus it is that God has designated the parts of the body, each of them, according to the will of God. If all were a single part, where would be the body? Thus it is that there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no use for you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no use for you.” Rather, on the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. And those parts of the body that we think dishonorable we clothe with more honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with more decorum. However our more respectable parts do not need such. Yet God has so composed the body, giving the more honor to the lesser part, that there may be no division within the body, rather that the parts may have the same concern for one another. And if one part suffers, all suffer together with it; if one part is honored, all rejoice together with it.

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

**SERMON *SERMÓN* . . . *Let No One Tear Asunder* . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**

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

*I Thank You, Jesus* . . . . . Kenneth Morris

I thank You, Jesus,  
I thank You, Jesus,  
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord;  
You’ve brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.  
I thank You, Jesus,  
I thank You, Jesus,  
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord;  
You’ve brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.



*Verse 2:*

You've been my mother,  
You've been my father,  
You've been my sister, my brother, too;  
You've brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.

You've been my doctor,  
You've been my lawyer,  
You've been my teacher, my friend indeed;  
You've brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.

*Verse 3:*

You've been my bread,  
You've been my water,  
You've been my life, my everything,  
You've brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.

You've been my bread,  
You've been my water,  
You've been my life, my everything,  
oh, You've brought me from a mighty,  
a mighty long way,  
a mighty long way.

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* . . . . .Dr. Brown**

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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!

***School Supplies Needed*** The Community and Care Board will collect donations of school supplies every Sunday now through the end of September. Please bring what you can: notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, backpacks, rulers, glue sticks, etc. All donations are appreciated and will be put to good use.

***Sharing Our Sacred Stories*** Join women of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC at Pilgrim Firs, October 4–6. This gathering welcomes all women — cis, trans and non-binary people comfortable in a space centering the experience of women. More info and link to register at [Pilgrim-Firs.org/Calendar](http://Pilgrim-Firs.org/Calendar).

***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](http://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](http://PlymouthHousing.org).

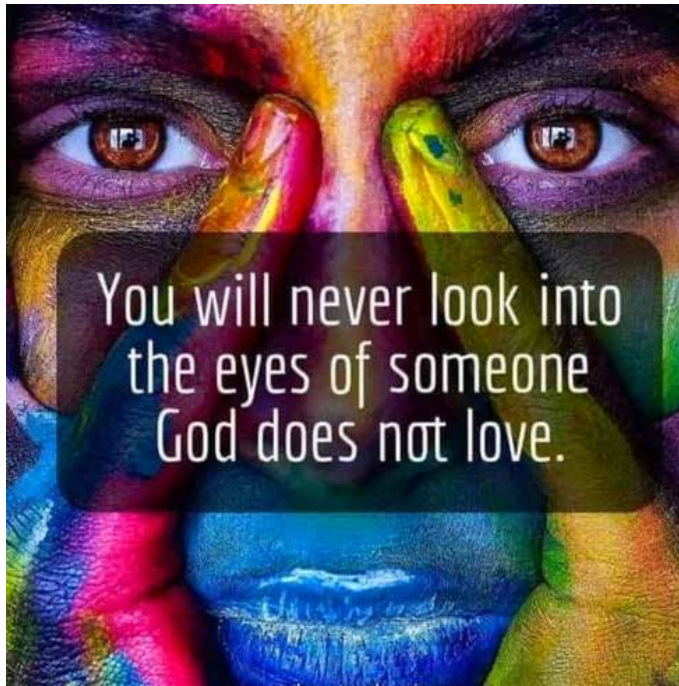
***Prayers for Peace*** Learn about and participate in the People's Prayers for Peace initiative, an open invitation to read — and write — prayers, which will be posted daily on the UCC website. Read more and share your prayers at [UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace](http://UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace).

***Help Lead Worship*** The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. If you feel called to serve, please contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Be The Church*** You are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Contact Toni Arthur: [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***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.