



# PLYMOUTH

United Church of Christ

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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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FIFTEENTH 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 Pour Hugo* . . . . . Jeffrey Moidel  
Jeffrey Moidel, piano

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

*(Inspired by Psalm 15)*

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who  
may dwell on your holy hill?

**Many: Those who want to journey with you, who  
may have missed a turn, and who may  
struggle with rocky patches and rough terrain.**

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who  
may dwell on your holy hill?

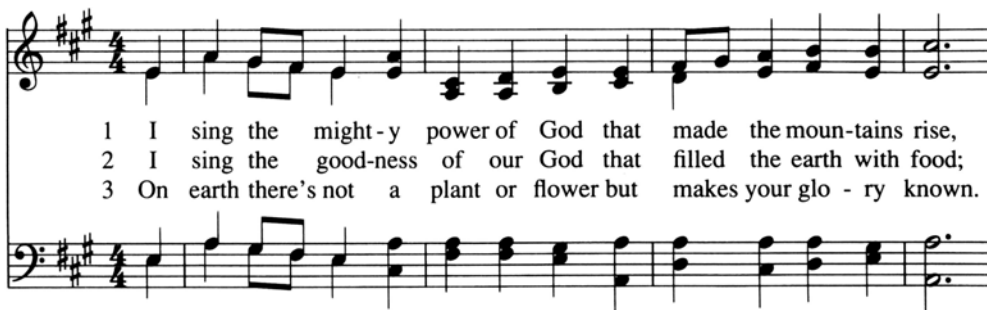
**Many. Those who seek and search for you and for  
community with doubts and hopes, joys  
and fears, smiles and tears.**

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who  
may dwell on your holy hill?

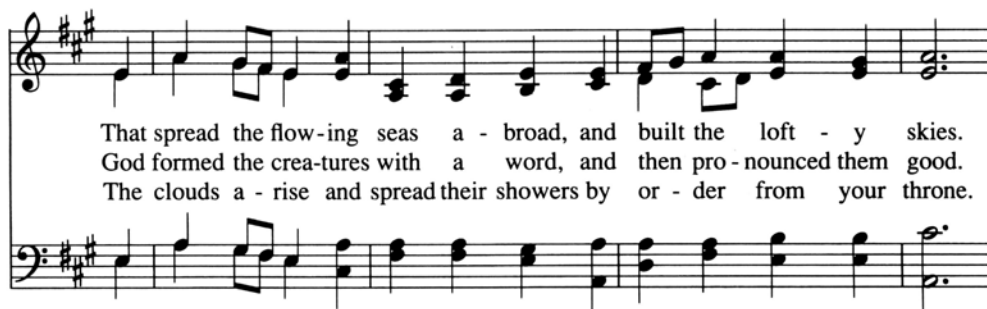
**All: Those who try and those who  
sometimes give up. Those who are  
beautifully, wonderfully, and imperfectly  
human—all of us! Thanks be to God!**

## OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

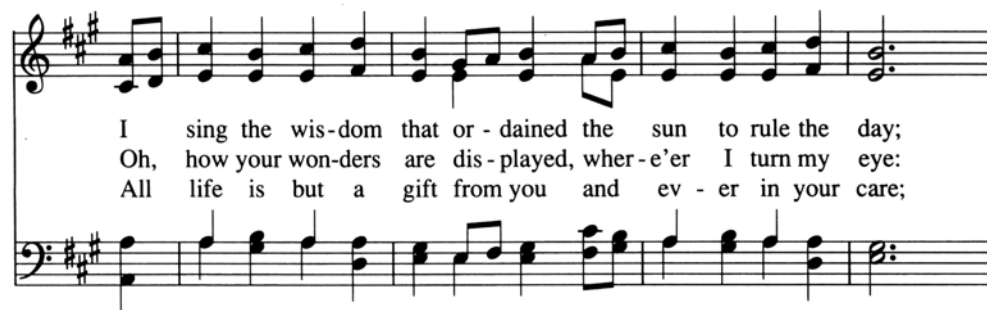
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* . . . . . ELLACOMBE



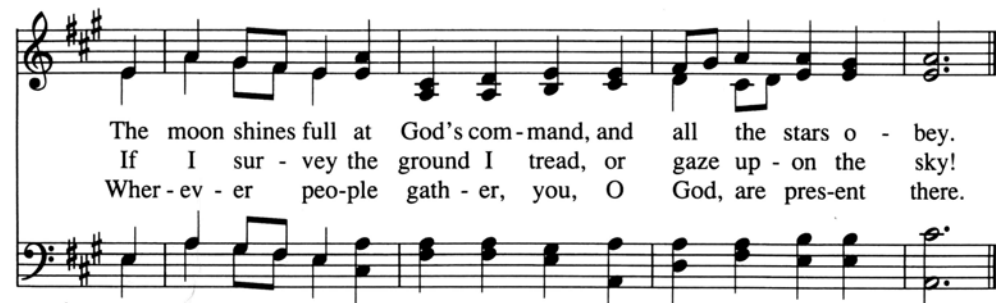
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION.** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

**ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN**

**Eternal God, may we break from the bonds of unaltered, unexamined, and unimaginative traditions. At the same time, may we be released from the compulsion to discount everything that has been a source of life and faithful formation across generations. Help us to discern what needs to be left in our past with honor, recognition, and gratitude, what needs to be eradicated with lament, repentance, and repair, and what needs to be envisioned, imagined, and created for the future. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE.** . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

**SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA**

Beloved, the Holy One renews, redeems, and restores through continuing creative acts. God has not concluded the good work begun in you or in our faith communities. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we receive courage, counsel, and conviction to do the new thing God is calling us to do while holding fast to those things that build, sustain, and encourage.

**WELCOME BIENVENIDA** . . . . .Rev. Donene Blair

*(Service continues next page)*

## **HOMEcoming SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8**

Celebrate Homecoming Sunday with Plymouth September 8. Join Choir rehearsal at 9 am in Hildebrand Hall, and enjoy a BBQ lunch with friends after the service. 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.

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

*When God Calls Your Name*, by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

When God calls your name, I bet God doesn't call you  
Robert or Elizabeth.

The Beloved has a name for you  
no one else has given you,  
a name no one else has. No one.  
Better than a nickname,  
or even a heartfelt term of endearment.

The name of your soul,  
declared to the universe in the language of mystery,  
pronounceable only by God.  
When you pray, it is for that name you are listening.

When God speaks your name  
it is as when God says "Let there be light."  
It is the name of who you alone are created to be,  
the name by which God knows you,  
calls you into life.

Listen for the silence in which that name is spoken.  
(It takes time; it's a deep and wide silence.)  
Listen for that name.

Let the one who alone calls you by name lead you out. Amen.

*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), 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*

*Our hearts are with the family and friends of Mike Correy on his recent passing.*



**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 kindom  
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***

James 1:17 reminds us that “Every generous act of giving,  
with every perfect gift, is from above.” May we receive  
all the gifts from God with gladness, share the gifts with  
hospitality and compassion, and celebrate the kindom of  
God’s abundance with boldness.

**OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MUSICA***

*Symphonic Etude (Appendix Variation 5), Op.13 . . . . .* Robert Schumann  
Jeffrey Moidel, 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 DEDICATION . . . . . Ms. Hayakawa-Fung**  
***ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN***

**Generous God, bless these gifts that we share for  
the flourishing of the kindom. Prosper the work of  
our hands, order the steps in our days, and align the  
balance of our resources. In our time, talent, and  
treasure, may you be glorified. Amen.**

## CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

### *Water*

by Ralph Waldo Emerson



*Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, abolitionist, and poet who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century.*

The water understands  
Civilization well;  
It wets my foot, but prettily,  
It chills my life, but wittily,  
It is not disconcerted,  
It is not broken-hearted:  
Well used, it decketh joy,  
Adorneth, doubleth joy:  
Ill used, it will destroy,  
In perfect time and measure  
With a face of golden pleasure  
Elegantly destroy.

## SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . . . John 4:7-26

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Blair

A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” Now his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How are you, a Judean, asking a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Judeans do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is the one telling to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. From where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, the one who gave us the well, and with his daughters and sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never thirst. The water that I will give will become in them a fount of water springing up into eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may never thirst or keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come [back] to this place.” The woman answered and said to him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You said rightly, ‘I have no husband.’ For five husbands have you had, and now the one you have is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our mothers and fathers worshiped on this mountain, yet you say in Jerusalem is the place where people must worship.”



Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Sovereign God. You all worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Judeans. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Sovereign God in spirit and truth, for these are the worshipers the Sovereign God seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Jesus, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am, the one who is speaking to you.”

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

*Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes.* . . . . . Roger Quilter  
Eliza Woodyard, soprano; Jeffrey Moidel, piano

**SERMON *SERMÓN*** . . . . . Rev. Kevin Bechtold

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

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* . . . . . Royal Oak

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

*Last time, end*

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

*to Refrain*

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.  
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

**BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*** . . . . . Rev. Bechtold

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Etude in G Major, Op. 58, No. 1* . . . . . Ludvig Schytte  
Jeffrey Moidel, piano



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Join New Thursday Evening Bible Study*** All are welcome to a new online Bible Study beginning Thursday, September 5 at 7 pm via Zoom using link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (link requires the usual Plymouth passcode; if you need the code, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold). We hope to see you this fall!

***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.

***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 at [Plyhc.org](http://Plyhc.org).

***Pathway to Thriving*** Join Plymouth Housing's signature luncheon brings 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).

***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).

***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).

***Members and Visitors*** can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth](http://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.