



10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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
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FIFTEENTH 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.*

PRELUDE *Bring Us Peace* Michelle Hecht
Performed by UCC Musicians Association

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP. Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Leader: Come and worship!

**People: We will praise the One between, within,
and over.**

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the
now, and the will-be.

**People: Our hope is in the One who creates
expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**People: We follow the One whose extravagant love
calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed,
feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and
welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Leader: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**People: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages.
Amen!**

HYMN *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody (Turn Me 'Round)* Traditional
Sari Breznau, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land
Ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land
Ain't gonna let no heartache turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let no heartache turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Darell Goodwin

Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Floyd Gossett, Juno Griswold, John Holford (Father of Michelle Sarju), Michael Kaid, Darryl Marshall (Stepfather of Jennifer Castle), 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), Ruth, Eppie, and Keddy Williamson

Bold=newly added; Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.



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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CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Min. Jennifer Castle

Stubborn Blessing by Jan Richardson

Don't tell me no.

I have seen you
feed the thousands,
seen miracles spill
from your hands
like water, like wine,
seen you with circles
and circles of crowds
pressed around you
and not one soul
turned away.

Don't start with me.

I am saying
you can close the door
but I will keep knocking.
You can go silent
but I will keep shouting.
You can tighten the circle
but I will trace a bigger one
around you,
around the life of my child
who will tell you
no one surpasses a mother
for stubbornness.

I am saying

I know what you
can do with crumbs
and I am claiming mine,
every morsel and scrap
you have up your sleeve.

Unclench your hand,
your heart.

Let the scraps fall
like manna,
like mercy
for the life
of my child,
the life of
the world.

Don't you tell me no.



Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK Mark 7:24-30
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Donene Blair

The woman who approaches Jesus breaks through every barrier that should prevent her from doing so. Jesus’ immediate response is to state that his mission is to serve his own people. When this tenacious mother persists, Jesus demonstrates God’s love and healing power transcend all human boundaries. Those of us who are privileged enough to be accustomed to having a place at the table need to be reminded that we all come as beggars, and only by God’s grace are we fed. Following Jesus, we are continually called to embrace the outsider, the stranger, even the enemy, and share God’s abundant feast with all.

From there, Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

ANTHEM. *I Believe* Mark Miller
Chancel Choir, Christ Church, Summit New Jersey
edited by Jeff Shook
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MESSAGE *The Protest Prerogative* Dr. Brown

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE
There Is A Fountain arranged by Sandra Eithun
Performed by Good Vibrations High School Bell Choir



CELEBRATE THE ORDINATION OF JENNIFER CASTLE



The Pacific Northwest Conference UCC
and Plymouth Church UCC
joyfully invite you to attend the Ordination of

Jennifer Castle

3 pm (PDT) September 26 via Zoom
Visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for link to RSVP
(required to receive information on joining the service)
or email Jennifer:
JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help People of Afghanistan and Haiti Volunteers are needed to help our Afghan allies as they arrive in the United States. They need things like rides from the airport, food, and apartment set-up help. Please volunteer if you can, or share with others who might be able to help. On August 14, 2021 the people of Ayiti/Haiti experienced another devastating earthquake. They need our prayers, love and solidarity. Visit the News Page at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and click on “Help People of Afghanistan and Haiti” for direct links to donate and get involved.

World Communion Sunday Special Offering is one of four special offerings throughout the church year to support national and local ministries within the United Church of Christ. Our gifts in the month of October will be divided evenly between **Neighbors in Need** and **Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund**.

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. Please reach out to Caroline Becker (Becker144@comcast.net; 206.679.9782) or Mike Pierson (MikePierson2@gmail.com; 206.604.8673).

Standing in the Gap You are invited to Standing in the Gap, Recovery Café’s online educational and fundraising event 7:30–9 am Wednesday, September 15. Join us 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.

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 safely in person this fall for our Reconcile and Reform conference in Phoenix, Arizona (new COVID protocols have been put in place). Register now for the October 28–30 conference in Phoenix. Read more and get tickets at ReformationProject.org/Conference.

**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.**