

Creatively

Maladjusted

*"There are some things within our social order
to which I am proud to be maladjusted..."*

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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
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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

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

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our worship. For those with us online, before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you.

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Meditation from Collage for Organ Eurydice Osterman
Dr. Stephen Price, organ

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

MUSIC NOTES



The composer of today’s Prelude, Dr. Eurydice Osterman (b. 1950), is a Fulbright scholar, published author and composer whose works have been read and performed around the world. She was the first African American female to graduate with a Doctorate in Composition from the University of Alabama.



Amy Beach (1867-1944) composed today’s Choral Benediction. Beach was the first successful American female composer of large-scale art music. Despite her fame and recognition during her lifetime, Beach was largely neglected after her death, until interest revived in recent decades

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Holy, Holy, Holy, (NCH #277).....NICAEA



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CALL TO WORSHIP June Hayakawa-Fung

LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Jeremiah 18 and Psalm 139)

One: We come into your house, Divine Potter. We are your clay.

Many: **We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.
Mold us again!**

One: We bring our burdens and concerns, our hopes and
dreams, our doubts and our delights.

Many: **We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.
Hold us in your sure and righteous hand!**

One: We seek your wisdom. Reveal your direction and our path.

All: **We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works.
Rebuild and replant us!**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

INVITATION *INVITACIÓN*

COMMUNION PRAYER *ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN*

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), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Floyd Gossett, Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Don Lemn, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Robert Malae, Dale and Jinny Sewell, Sue Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Rev. Harriet Walton (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)



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

**Holy One, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy Kindom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMPARTIR EL PAN Y LA COPA

OPENING PRAYER RESPONSE

I Love the Lord, Verse 1 Arr. Richard Smallwood
The Plymouth Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

**We thank you, O God,
for this feast of love and resistance.
Here we have tasted bread for the journey,
and drink of courage.
Send us now as a creatively maladjusted people,
so that with boldness and compassion
we may join you in remaking the world for the better.
Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER RESPONSE

I Love the Lord, Verse 2 Arr. Richard Smallwood
The Plymouth Choir

MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

Creatively Maladjusted: Why I Give.Rev. Craig Rennebohm

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

“...Modern psychology has a word that is probably used more than any other word in psychology. It is the word maladjusted. It is the ring and cry of modern child psychology and certainly we all want to avoid the maladjusted life. We all want to live a well-adjusted life in order to avoid the neurotic and schizophrenic personalities. But I must honestly say there are some things in our nation and the world to which I am proud to be maladjusted and wish all people of goodwill would be maladjusted until the good society is realized.



“I never intend to adjust myself to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to become adjusted to a religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few, leaving millions of people smothering in an air-tight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence...

“...we need maladjusted people where these problems are concerned. It may well be that our whole world is need of the formation of a new organization, the International Association for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment. Those who will be as maladjusted as the prophet Amos, who in the midst of the injustices of his day cried the words that echoed across the centuries, “Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.” ... As maladjusted as Jesus Christ, who could say to the people around the Galilean hills, “Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. Pray for them that despitefully use you.” And through such maladjustment, we will be able to emerge from the bleak and desolate midnight of one’s inhumanity to another into the bright and glittering daybreak of freedom and justice.” —*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS*Isaiah 40:6-11

Read by Mari Mitchell, Robert Malae, Robyne Curry

A [heavenly] voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
[The voice replied] All people are grass,
their fidelity is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the FIRE OF SINAI blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Climb a high mountain,
 O woman of Zion who proclaims good news!
 Raise your voice with power,
 O woman of Jerusalem who proclaims good news!
 Raise it, daughter! Fear not, daughter!
 Say to the cities of Judah, daughter,
 “Here is your God!”
 See, the Sovereign REDEEMER comes with might,
 whose arm rules for God;
 whose reward is with God,
 and God’s reparation comes before.
 She will feed her flock like a shepherd;
 she will gather the lambs in her arms,
 and carry them in her bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

AlleluiaRandall Thompson
 The Plymouth Choir

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Creatively Maladjusted*..... Dr. Brown

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP IN COVENANT

INVITACIÓN A LA MEMBRESÍA EN EL PACTO

(Service continues next page)

WE ALL NEED SOMEONE TO LEAN ON

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).

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

God Be With You, vs 1, 4 (NCH #81)..... GOD BE WITH YOU



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

4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,



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

Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore 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*

Peace I Leave With You..... Amy Beach

The Plymouth Choir

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Finale from Symphony No. 2 for Organ Erland Hildén

Dr. Stephen Price, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enjoy Lunch after worship today, a special time to gather with friends and covenant with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

Welcome Home! You are invited you to participate in our 2025 stewardship campaign: Creatively Maladjusted. Your financial generosity helps fuel ministries of justice, love, inclusion, music, and worship. Join us as we seek to raise \$500,000 and embody courageous, creative generosity.

Detention Lottery The Church Council of Greater Seattle invites you Detention Lottery 4 pm today, 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.

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 from Beacon Press: Beacon.org.

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 requested items in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The Power of Connection Support Plymouth Housing Noon–1:30 pm Wednesday, September 17. This inspiring event brings together our region’s forward-thinking community to take meaningful steps toward ending homelessness. Visit PlymouthHousing.org for more info.

Advocate for a Moral Budget Join Faith Action Network for Moral Budget Advocacy Week, September 22-26. Details and registration in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

No Kings! Help make history October 18 with the largest nationwide protest our country has ever seen. Last June the No Kings protest mobilized millions, and we’re going bigger in October to protect our democracy from a fascist takeover. Keep checking our website and the *Herald* for updates.

Please Remember Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Please send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC / PO Box 21368 / Seattle WA 98111.

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: TAArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.





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.