

*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 21, 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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10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

**PRELUDE *PRELUDIO***

*Meditation.* . . . . . Dr. Lee Peterson  
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

**WELCOME *BIENVENIDA*** . . . . . Rev. Kevin Bechtold

**SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

**OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA***

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* (NCH #86) . . . . . LAUDES DOMINI



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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

*(Inspired by Psalm 113)*

One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!

**Many: Who is like our God...seated on high?**

One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

**Many: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.**

One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

**All: The Redeemer pours out love and justice,  
compassion and conviction, hope and salvation.  
Praise the Holy One!**

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

One: Redeemer, forgive us for defiling your holy ground.

**Many: We have not cared for your creation, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not been faithful with the gifts you have given to us.**

One: We ask you not to clean our slate but to renew our hearts.

**All: Soften the hardness this world encourages us to wrap around our hearts, and replace it with compassion, empathy, and accountability to our neighbor, siblings, and creation. Awaken a new life within us.**

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

Beloved, a new life is possible. The Holy One has planted compassion within our hearts. We need only allow ourselves to come alive to the hope and joy that transformation promises us. Receive the grace of God to release fear of failure in order to try and fail and try again to be all that God will empower us to be. **Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER RESPONSE

*I Love the Lord* . . . . . Arr. Richard Smallwood  
The Plymouth Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** . . . . . Rev. Bechtold

### ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

*All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation, 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), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Denise Johnson (Friend of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Debbie Longworth (Sister of Mo Longworth), Robert Malae, Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Bing Tso, Rev. Harriet Walton (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)*

*Our hearts are with Hayden McManus and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her father, Tom Lemly.*



A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father)  
are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Prayer of Jesus.



### 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.**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . Naomi Finkelstein  
**VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA**

Why, COMPASSIONATE ONE, do you stand afar?  
Why do you hide yourself in hard times?  
In arrogance the wicked harass the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.  
For the wicked praise their [every] inmost desire,  
extorts gain and blesses those who despise the CREATOR OF ALL.  
The wicked turn up their nose and do not seek [God];  
There is no God in all their thoughts.  
Their ways prosper all the time;  
your judgments are on high, beyond them;  
all their foes scoff at them.  
They say in their heart, “We shall not be shaken;  
nor [see] evil down through the generations.”  
Cursing fills their mouths along with and deceit and oppression;  
under their tongues are trouble and iniquity.  
They sit in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places they murder the innocent.  
Their eyes surveil the vulnerable.  
They lie-in-wait in secret like a lion in its den;  
they lie-in-wait that they may snatch the poor;  
they snatch the poor and drag them off in their net.  
They stoop, they crouch,  
and the vulnerable fall prey through their might.  
They say in their heart, “God has forgotten,  
she has hidden her face, she will never see it.”  
Rise up, FAITHFUL GOD; dear God, lift up your hand;  
forget not the oppressed.  
Why do the wicked despise God,  
and say in their hearts you shall not find out?  
You see, you regard trouble and grief,  
to take [it] into your hands.  
Upon you the vulnerable entrust themselves;  
to the orphan you have ever [only] been their helper.

**ANTHEM *EL HIMNO***

*Grace* . . . . . Mark Hayes  
The Plymouth Choir

**SERMON *SERMON*** . . . . . Rev. Erica Williams

# HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

*I've Got a Feeling* (NCH #458) . . . . . I'VE GOT A FEELING

*Leader (Unison)*

1 I've got a feel - ing, ev - ery -

*Leader (Unison)*

2 Je - sus al - read - y told me, ev - ery -

3 The Spir - it has con - firmed it, ev - ery -

*All (Harmony; see st. 2-3)*

thing is gon-na be all right. O . . . . I've got a

*All (Harmony)*

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I've got a feel - ing, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

Je - sus al - read - y told me, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

Spir - it has con - firmed it, ev - ery - thing is gon-na be all right,

(1-3) be all right, be all right, be all right.



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

**POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO***

*Going Forth* . . . . . Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Creatively Maladjusted*** Join 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.

***Help Make a Home*** Donate new and gently used household goods to Plymouth Housing's Supply Closet through September 26. Drop off items at 2121 Third Ave, Seattle, 9 am-4 pm Monday-Friday. Read more in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***A Church that Reads Together Leads Together*** Purchase your copy of *Black Prophetic Fire* by Cornel West. Discussions of the book will begin soon, so begin reading today! Available at Beacon Press: [Beacon.org](http://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 in the Lounge. See list of most requested items in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Make a World of Difference*** Our World Communion Sunday Special Offering on October 5 will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and Alain Locke Initiative. Read more in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***No Kings!*** Join the nationwide protest in Seattle on October 18 to make clear we will not be intimidated and will stand up for democracy and the rights of all people. Keep checking our website and reading the *Herald* for updates.

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

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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.