



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

Contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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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EIGHTEENTH 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*

Berceuse, Op. 6 Cecile Chaminade
Peter Nelson-King, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kevin Bechtold
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 54)

One: Let us humble ourselves as we seek the presence
of the Sovereign God.

Many: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: The Holy One saves and delivers, vindicates and
redeems, listens and responds.

Many: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

One: Give thanks to Holy Love and worship our Maker.

All: God is our helper, the upholder of life.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

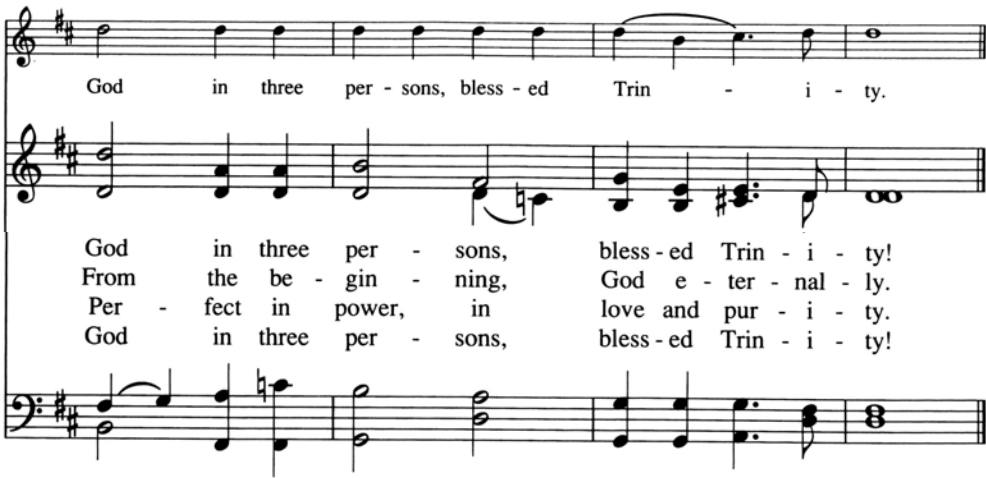
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

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!

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!



PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Holy Love, we confess that too often we become
fixated with our position in the world.

Many: **We love the exercise of our own power
and exert it over others rather for the benefit
of the common good and your kingdom.**

One: Transform our hearts to crave you as the
source of our power, and love the only good and
fulfilling demonstration of it.

All: **Make us your instruments of peace, joy,
and hope in the world and agents of new life.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Rev. Bechtold

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Image bearers of the divine, grace and mercy follow you in
anticipation of your repentance. Turn toward the ways of
justice and righteousness. Let Wisdom guide you and Holy
Love use you for the glory of God and the blessing of our
neighbors in humanity and in creation.

WELCOME BIENVENIDA Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLEDr. Brown
ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Christian and Kim Arvin (Son and Daughter-in-Law of Donene Blair), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), The Colwell Family, Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), 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), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), William Chapman Nyaho, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Jaime Rubio Sulficio

We grieve with the Mitchell-Putnam family on the passing of Dean Putnam, father of Alex, on September 13, 2024.

Our hearts are with Jerry Rice on the one-year anniversary of the passing of his uncle, Larry L. Rice.

Congratulations and love to the DeCook family on the arrival of Maren Claire! Mom (Robin), big sister (Mira) and grandma (Bev) are all doing well!



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 PEACERev. Bechtold
LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

Like the words of Psalm 54:6, we proclaim: “With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, Holy One, for it is good.” Let us give with the generosity of love made real, available, and free.

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 Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the gifts we
receive from you and pray you receive our gifts for
your kindom. May they be a blessing and gift in our
extended community and the world. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

Joyce Lee, flute

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Excerpts from “Talkin’ Loud and Saying Nothing,” by James Brown

Like a dull knife
Just ain’t cutting
Just talking loud
Then saying nothing
You can’t tell me
How to run my life down
You can’t tell me
How to keep my business sound
You can’t tell me
What I’m doing wrong
When you keep driving and
Singing that same old money song
You can’t tell me
Which way to go
Cause three times seven
And then some more

Don't tell me
How to do my thing
When you can't, can't
Can't do your own
You're like a dull knife
Jack, you just ain't cutting
You're just talking loud
Then saying nothing
Shape up your bag
Don't worry 'bout mine
My thing together
And a doing fine
Good luck to you
Just allow you're wrong
Then keep on singing that
Same old money song
Just saying nothing
Just saying nothing

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Dr. Brown

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

The Lamb from Songs of Innocence Leonard Enns
Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director ; Joyce Lee, flute

SERMON *SERMÓN*

Talking Loud and Saying Nothing Rev. Demontrice Bigham

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit, vs. 1 SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. *to Refrain*

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here
with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we
lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bigham

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Menuet Tendre Gaston Lemune
Peter Nelson-King, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore Vanport and Selma Take a deep dive into complex social history with upcoming educational trips to Vanport, Oregon Nov. 15-17, and Selma, Alabama, March 6-14, 2025, led by Museum Without Walls. Read more and reserve your place now in the news article at PymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Sound Medicine Meditation Tory Trujillo offers a deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation after worship in Hildebrand Hall **today**. Other monthly sessions are scheduled for Sundays, October 20 and November 17. Read more at PymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Please Remember to fill out your card to pledge your time, talent, and treasure and to express your desire to covenant with Plymouth. We are grateful for your commitment to Plymouth Church over the coming year and welcome you in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

Help with Plymouth Asylum Clinic Saturday, October 19, 9: am to 6:30 pm. Asylum seekers from many countries will be assisted with completing asylum applications.. Volunteers are need in many capacities! See news article at PymouthChurchSeattle.org. Contact Janet Gwilym J.Gwilym@hotmail.com.

2025 Calendars Sought for Inmates The inmates at Monroe Correctional Facility really appreciate current calendars. If you receive free calendars in the mail you won't use, would you please donate them? Drop them in the box at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Christine Hanson: HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm The Zoom link in the news article at PymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

School Supplies Needed The Community and Care Board will collect donations of school supplies every Sunday now through the end of September. All donations are appreciated.

Honoring 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.

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@PymouthChurchSeattle.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@PymouthChurchSeattle.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.



All people are
created in
God's image
and are holy
and beloved.

**That includes
you.**

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.