



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Morning Has Brokenarranged/improvised by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP June Hayakawa-Fung
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation
of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our
rock and redeemer.

**Many: For we seek your presence, the company of
this community, and the renewal of our
minds and spirits.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation
of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our
rock and redeemer.

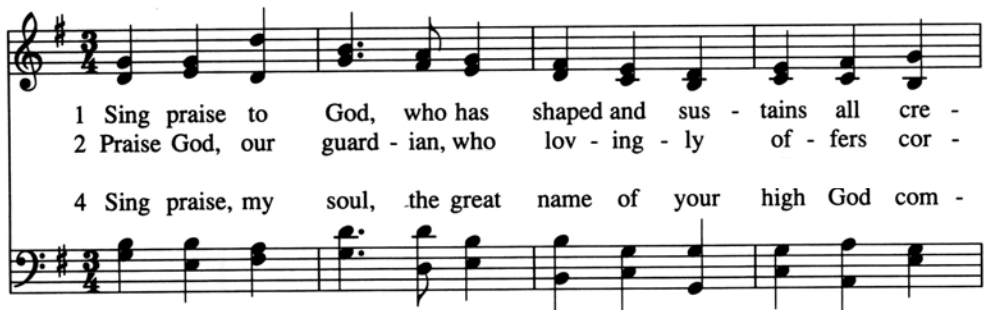
**Many: For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and
instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in
the present, and consider the future.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation
of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our
rock and redeemer.

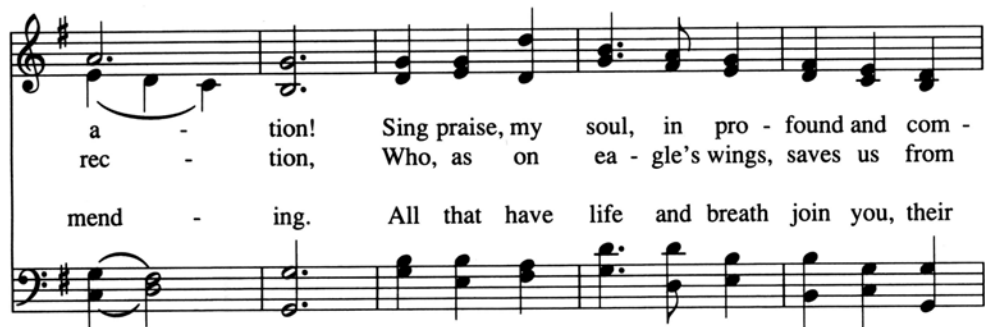
**All: For wherever we gather in your name, we
find holy ground; whenever we call you,
we find a fresh encounter; however we
know you, we find belonging. Praise God!**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

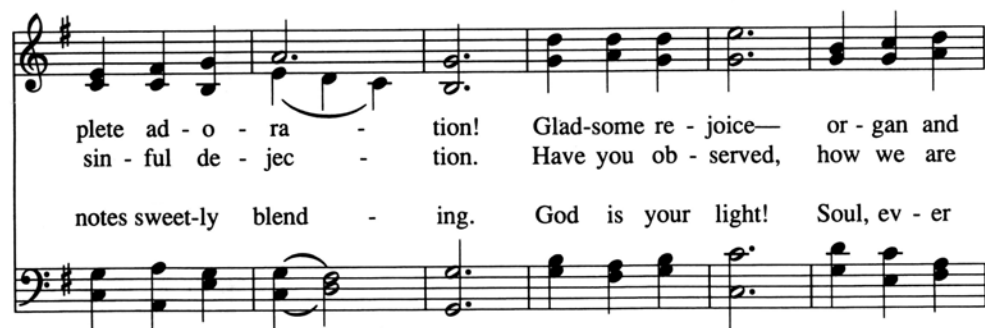
Sing Praise to God, vss 1, 2, 4. LOBE DEN HERREN



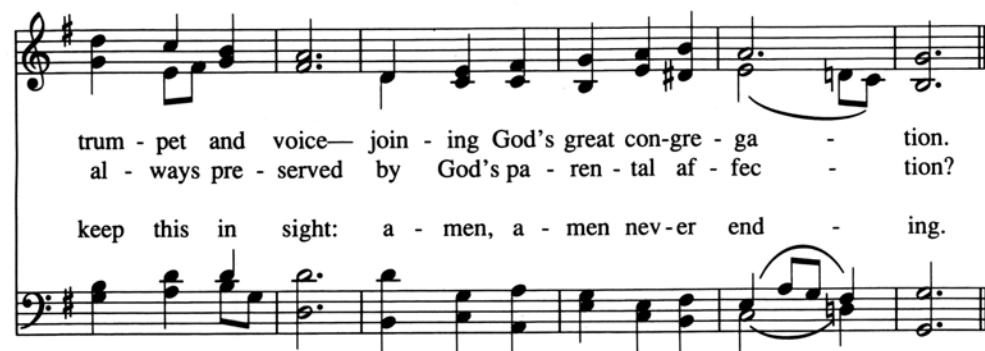
1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -



a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their



plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad-some re - joice— or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 notes sweet-ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er



trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con-gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev-er end - ing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for
repentance and repair.

**Many: We have confused seeking the common good
with controlling our neighbor.**

One: We have conflated unity with uniformity.

**Many: We have cosigned on societal norms that
divide, segregate, and exclude rather
than becoming agents of cultural change to
bridge, welcome, and belong.**

One: Transform our hearts and stir our souls.

**All: Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and
reconciliation to make things right with our
neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the
path of belonging.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Wonderfully and fearfully made humans, you are not bound
by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of your past. Even
our embedded biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies
shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to
the kindom and the kindom belongs to you. Press forward with
the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of
God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all. **Amen.**

WELCOME BIENVENIDA Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CELEBRACIÓN DE CUMPLEAÑOS/ANIVERSARIO

Happy birthday to you;
Anniversary, too!

We are so excited to share them with you.
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday to you!

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 Hayden McManus and family on the passing of her father, Tom Lemly, on September 18. A December memorial will be held.

Our hearts are with Gary Robins and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of his mother, Charlotte.



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 PEACEMs. Hayakawa-Fung
LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

James 5:16 reminds us that, “The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation’s abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

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*

**Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer,
receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your
kindom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our
territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration
of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand arranged/improvised by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Grief, by Barbara Crooker



*Barbara Crooker is the
author of eight books
of poetry.*

is a river you wade in until you get to the other side
But I am here, stuck in the middle, water parting
around my ankles, moving downstream
over the flat rocks. I'm not able to lift a foot,
move on. Instead, I'm going to stay here
in the shallows with my sorrow, nurture it
like a cranky baby, rock it in my arms.
I don't want it to grow up, go to school, get married.
It's mine. Yes, the October sunlight wraps me
in its yellow shawl, and the air is sweet
as a golden Tokay. On the other side,
there are apples, grapes, walnuts,
and the rocks are warm from the sun.
But I'm going to stand here,
growing colder, until every inch
of my skin is numb. I can't cross over.
Then you really will be gone.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Mark 9:14-29
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Now when they [Jesus, John and Peter] came to the disciples [after the Transfiguration], they saw a great crowd around them, and some scholars arguing with them. And the whole crowd of women, children, and men saw Jesus; they were immediately overcome with awe and they ran forward to greet him.

Then Jesus asked them, “What are you all arguing about with them?” Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my child to you who has a spirit of speechlessness. And whenever it overtakes my child, it throws them down and they foam and grind their teeth and my child becomes paralyzed, and I asked your disciples to cast it out and your disciples were not able.” Then Jesus answered them, saying, “O faithless generation! How much longer must I be among you all? How much longer must I bear with you all? Bring the child to me.” And they brought the child to Jesus. When the spirit saw the child, immediately it threw the child into convulsions who then fell on the ground rolling and foaming. Then Jesus asked the parent, “How long has this been happening?” And the parent said, “From childhood. Often has it cast the child into fire and into water, to destroy the child; yet if you are able to do anything to help us, have pity on us.” Jesus said to the parent, “If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the child’s parent cried out [with tears], “I believe; help my unbelief!” Now when Jesus saw that a crowd of women, children, and men came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit of speechlessness and deafness, I command you, come out of the child, and never enter the child, again!” After crying out and throwing the child into more convulsions it came out and the child was like the dead, so much so that many said, “He is dead.” Yet Jesus took the child by the hand and lifted the child up, and the child was able to stand. When Jesus had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why were we not able to cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come by nothing but prayer [and fasting].”

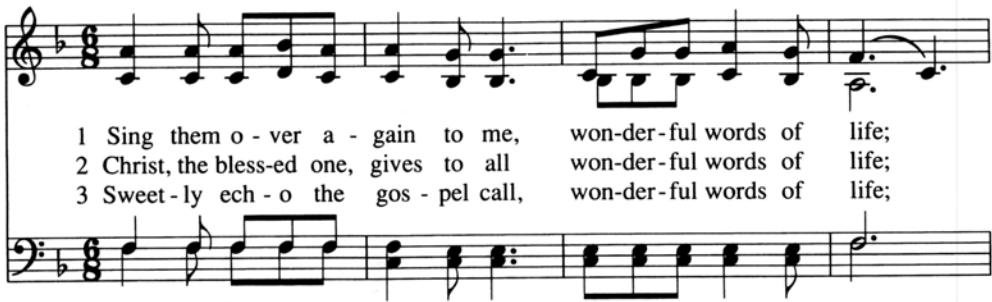
ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

The Call from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams
Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* Rev. Bechtold

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

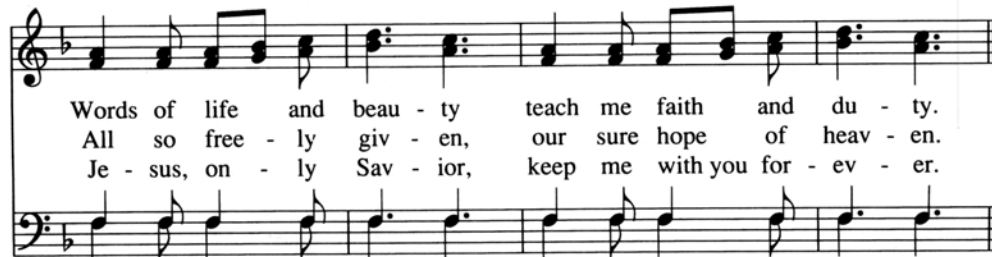
Wonderful Words of Life WORDS OF LIFE



1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won-der-ful words of life;
2 Christ, the bless-ed one, gives to all won-der-ful words of life;
3 Sweet-ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won-der-ful words of life;



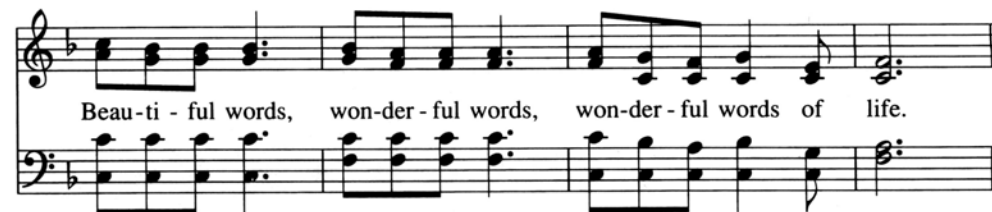
let me more of their beau - ty see, won-der-ful words of life;
sin - ner, wake to the lov - ing call, won-der-ful words of life;
of - fer par-don and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life;



Words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
All so free - ly giv - en, our sure hope of heav - en.
Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, keep me with you for - ev - er.



Refrain
Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.



Beau-ti - ful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Improvisation on a Familiar Hymn Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore Selma and Bloody Sunday with an educational trip to Selma, Alabama, March 6-14, 2025, led by Museum Without Walls. Read more and reserve your place now in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. **PLEASE NOTE: The trip to Vanport is postponed. Information on new dates will be shared when available.**

Order Free COVID Tests Now Every US household is eligible to order 4 at-home tests completely free — you won't even pay for shipping. Read more and order tests at CovidTests.gov.

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 PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Contact Janet Gwilym J.Gwilym@hotmail.com.

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 and welcome you in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

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 PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

Honoring Our Sacred Stories Join women of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC at Pilgrim Firs, October 4-6. Registration deadline is October 1. 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. Contact Toni Arthur: TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

The Plymouth Church Library is open before and after worship every Sunday morning.

BE A BLESSING

PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.

DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE.

LEAD WITH LOVE. PRACTICE PEACE.

BE THE LIGHT. WORK FOR JUSTICE.

ENCOURAGE OTHERS. BE JOYFUL.



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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.