

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

# 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.**

**Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

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WORLD COMMUNION 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 from [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com) or “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

**PRELUDE**

*Medley: Takiotoshi (Traditional Chinese) & Mama Criso . . . . . Yayo Jofre  
Duo Takinai, shakuhachi and panpipe*

**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung**

One: Welcome, beloved friends, on this holy day.

**Many: Every day is holy, and today we come to  
offer thanks; to sing and pray.**

One: Welcome, on the World Communion Sunday to  
this time set apart,

**Many: A time to remember those we love, and  
time to remember the holy promises of God.**


One: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance,  
justice and joy,

**Many: The table where we cannot be justice if it  
is just us.**


One: Behold, how good and pleasant it is,

**All: When siblings can dwell together in unity.**


HYMN . . . . . *The Church's One Foundation* . . . . . AURELIA




1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



**WELCOME. . . . .Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**

*Plymouth Church acknowledges that we occupy the unceded land of its first stewards, the Duwamish of the Coast Salish people. We vow our solidarity with the Duwamish in their honorable quest to become a federally recognized tribe. Plymouth Church also offer a labor acknowledgement for the African American enslaved upon whose backs this country gained much of its wealth, as well as the work and lives of other minoritized peoples who emigrated to this country. In our journey to become more fully the church, we honor our social location of power and privilege, and our position to do justice within our church and in the world, and recognize that such a statement is only the beginning of the work to which we are called.*

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Dr. Brown, Rev. Kevin Bechtold**

*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*

## **INVITATION**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark & JT Edwards, JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie), Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Lucian Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), The Keith Family (Friends of Mari Mitchell and Alex), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Paula Orrego, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), Joshua Robinson (Grandson of Patricia Valentine), Jose Robles and Family, Rachel Sebastian (Friend of Jeanette Hagen), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), Bob Woodruff, Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper), Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)*

*We remember Ann Reynolds and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her mother, Jeanne Reynolds.*

*Our hearts are with Kathy Rood, on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her father, Paul Joseph Rood, Jr.*



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

**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

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . . .***Aliriña . . . . .* Origin: Bolivia

Duo Takinai, Panpipes, percussion, voice

Soplo de viento en las alturas	Pachakamak alumbro
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Voces lejanas trayendo vienen	La luz de la creacion
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Grito ancestral de redencion	En los andes se escucha
Waiyayayai. ....	En los andes se escucha
Por nuestra sangre que sufre y llora	Todas las voces cantando
Por nuestra sangre que sufre y llora	Todas las voces cantando
En las visions de achachilas	Aliriña waiyayai
En las visions de achachilas	Arsuñay waiwaiwai
Un dia el tiempo se volvera	
Waiyayayai. ....	
Vision cercana los rotos templos	
En las alturas se danzaran	
Los tiempos grandes de el esplendor	
Pachakamak viene alumbrando	
Milles de voces alumbran	
Desde el dia de creacion	
Aliriñaaaaaa~~~~	

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . .**Rev. Kevin Bechtold

**Holy God, bless all your people at the table, and the meal  
we shared, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence;  
nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your  
unrestrained gifts of abundance and grace. Amen!**

**SHARING OF PEACE . . . . . “Peace be with you”**

*Those online are invited to put greetings in the chat on the website or on YouTube.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

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*To set up a one time or recurring donation to Plymouth Church  
click on the “Give” link on [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or  
CashApp your donation to \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.  
We give thanks for your generosity.*

**OFFERING MUSIC**

*Boat Song . . . . . Charisse Baldoria*  
In Recognition of Filipino American History Month  
Joe Williams, piano

**DOXOLOGY**

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**

**May our giving this day and our living reflect our  
desire to be on the path that would be recognized as  
faithful and just. Amen.**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE**

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*Do Not Lose Heart, We Were Made for These Times*  
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*Mis estimados queridos, My Esteemed Ones:  
Do not lose heart. We were made for these times.*

I have heard from so many recently who are deeply and properly bewildered. They are concerned about the state of affairs in our world right now. It is true, one has to have [a strong constitution] to withstand much of what passes for “good” in our culture today. Abject disregard of what the soul finds most precious and irreplaceable and the corruption of principled ideals have become, in some large societal arenas, “the new normal,” the grotesquerie of the week.

It is hard to say which one of the current egregious matters has rocked people’s worlds and beliefs more. Ours is a time of almost daily jaw-dropping astonishment and often righteous rage over the latest degradations of what matters most to civilized, visionary people.

..You are right in your assessments. The lustre and hubris some have aspired to while endorsing acts so heinous against children, elders, everyday people, the poor, the unguarded, the helpless, is breathtaking.

Yet ... I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. Most particularly because, the fact is – we were made for these times...

We all have a heritage and history of being gutted, and yet remember this especially ... we have also, of necessity, perfected the knack of resurrection...

Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely.

It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good. What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts – adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take “everyone on Earth” to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale...

In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But ... that is not what great ships are built for.

...This comes with much love and prayer that you remember Who you came from, and why you came to this beautiful, needful Earth.



*Clarissa Pinkola Estés is an American writer, Jungian psychoanalyst, and lifelong activist in service of the voiceless.*

**READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE . . . . .Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20**  
(NRSV Translation) read by Monique Johnson

Jesus called the crowd saying to them, “Listen and understand: It is not what enters the mouth that defiles a [human] rather, it is what exits the mouth that defiles a [person].”

(translated to Samoan) ...*o le mea e alu atu i le gutu e leaga ai le tagata.*

Japanese:

人を汚すのは口から出るものです。

*Hito o yogosu no wa kuchi kara deru monodesu.*

Then Peter said to him, “Explain to us this parable.” So Jesus said, “Are you all also still lacking understanding? Do you not see everything that enters the mouth goes into the stomach and exits into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth comes forth from the heart and this is what defiles a [mortal].

Spanish: *Pero lo que sale de la boca sale del corazón y esto es lo que contamina al mortal.*

Italian: *Ma ciò che esce dalla bocca esce dal cuore ed è ciò che contamina un mortale.*

For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile people, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a [being].”



**ANTHEM.** . . . . . *Cantarina* . . . . . Willy Claire

Duo Takinai, Guitar, flute, drum, voice

Desde que me vi en tus ojos  
Voy de desvelo en desvelo  
Con la ilusión de que un día  
Quieras llevarme a tu cielo  
Por besar tus labios rojos  
Por ser parte de tu aliento  
Dejaría todo  
Porque vengas a mi encuentro  
Desde que cantas mi nombre  
Cuando me nombra tu boca  
Voy lloviéndome en tu cuerpo  
Mientras persigo tu sombra  
Si la suerte me acompaña  
Y tu corazón me abriga  
Viviría abrazado a tus encantos  
Vida mía  
Déjame besarte el alma  
Regalarte mil mañanas  
Bañadas del canto  
Y el rocío de mi voz  
Ven a fundirte a mis brazos  
Ven a calmar mi dolor  
Por besar tus labios rojos  
Por ser parte de tu aliento  
Dejaría todo  
Porque vengas a mi encuentro

**MESSAGE** . . . . . *You Eat What You Are* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*Love Train* . . . . . The O'Jays

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . . Dr. Brown

## REVIVAL FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION



A coalition of congregations and partners are hosting a 4-night revival, with each night beginning at 7 pm. Our theme is *"Reclaiming the Welfare of the City: A Revival for Racial Reconciliation,"* based on Jeremiah 29. Revival includes vibrant music, powerful preaching, creative expression, and multi-racial community building.

- **October 3** at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Yolanda Norton preaching.
- **October 4** at Quest Church in Ballard, theatrical presentation, *Story of An Off Brand Band*.
- **October 5** at Plymouth UCC, Rev. Steve Jerbi preaching.
- **October 6** at University Congregational UCC, Rev. Joe Kim preaching.

Details and RSVPs in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## MAKING VISIBLE THE FIFTH STRAND

Plymouth Church Seattle UCC welcomes the Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk Sunday, October 15. Plymouth and The Pacific Northwest Conference invites congregations to learn the often untold story about our Afro-Christian roots in the shaping of the UCC faith tradition.

- **Sunday, October 15, 10:30 am:** The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk preaching at Plymouth Church UCC, in-person and online.
- **After Worship at Plymouth:** Presentation by The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk, editor, *Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ* (Pilgrim Press, 2023), on the Convention's Franklinton Center at Bricks in nurturing racial equity and justice. In-person, interactive, hybrid event. Introduction by Rev. Joanne Braxton, PhD, President of the Braxton Institute for Sustainability, Resiliency and Joy.
- **Monday, October 16:** Dialogue on Resisting and Thriving. Mother Delk leads a small group conversation about the significance of the Franklinton Center at Bricks as a fundamental UCC resource for the Conference. Facilitated by Dr. Braxton. For Conference leaders, congregants, friends of the Conference. TBA. Maximum 20 participants. To sign up: [JBraxton@BraxtonInstitute.org](mailto:JBraxton@BraxtonInstitute.org).



The Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk was first Black woman ordained in the United Church of Christ, and the second woman to hold a national leadership role in our denomination. Mother Delk, as she is respectfully known, contributed to many programs that focused on ecumenism, racial justice, anti-poverty, and the full inclusion of marginalized persons in religious life. She continues to mentor other women leaders and advocate for the LGBTQ participation in church leadership.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Meet the Artist*** After worship **today**, all are invited to meet painter Laurie Davenport. Her solo exhibition, on display at Plymouth Church from Oct 1-Nov 19, aims to humanize individuals experiencing homelessness. We are pleased to announce 50% of all proceeds from art sales will go directly to Plymouth Healing Communities.

***Blessing of the Animals*** Bring your pets (or a photo of them) to the 10:30 am service October 8 for the Blessing of the Animals. In the selfless and unconditional love of our companions, we catch a glimpse of God's love. Please let the church office know if you plan to bring your animal. Email [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Read more at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***We Care*** The Community and Care Board continues our Plymouth tradition of sending "We Care Packages" to graduated high school seniors. Please bring cards, notes, and small items (snacks, tea or coffee, gift cards, etc.) to the church by October 14.

***God Says Now!*** Come to Plymouth 7 pm Thursday, Oct 26, to hear Father Anne discuss why ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church matters. At 8 pm there will be an element of action, followed by Mass at 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Read more in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Join Prison Visitations*** Consider joining biweekly visits to the Monroe Prison. We visit every other Friday, getting together in Monroe first, then meeting with inmates in the prison from 1-3 pm. This is a serious, meaningful justice commitment. Contact Christine Hanson, [HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com](mailto:HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com), or 509-679-7430.

***Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline*** Join an online event October 29 to discuss ways for communities to unite and break down the oppressive systems that lead to youth incarceration. Read more and register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Licks of Fire*** Join us as we end medical debt for the most impacted in the Pacific Northwest, the South, and in places where the crisis of medical debt looms. Read how you can get involved in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Plymouth Knitting Group*** invites all knitters, experienced or beginners, to our monthly gatherings. We supply yarn, needles and instructors. While enjoying conversation we craft prayer shawls for those needing comfort, and other items for charities. Interested? Call or email Betty Behmke ([bpbehmke@gmail.com](mailto:bpbehmke@gmail.com); 206-236-0172) or Andrea Snyder ([asnyder9625@gmail.com](mailto:asnyder9625@gmail.com); 206-769-5973).

***Undoing Institutionalized Racism Workshops*** are designed to educate, challenge and empower people to "undo" the racist structures that hinder effective social change. Next workshop is **October 4-6**. Plymouth scholarships available. Schedule and link to register at [PinwSeattle.org](http://PinwSeattle.org).



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.