



PLYMOUTH CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

# 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.**

**The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.**

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

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.*

*The quiet is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.*

*Thank you for entering this space, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship. 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 for your preparation.

**PRELUDE**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ . . . . LINSTAD (Jamaican Folk Song)*

Setting by Mark Sedio

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP.** . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair

God is not what you think  
or even what you believe,  
because God is  
a word unspoken,  
a thought unthought,  
a belief unbelieved.  
So if you wish to know  
this God, practice wonder,  
do what is good, and  
cultivate silence.  
The rest will follow.

# HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ . . . . Linstead (Jamaican Folk Song)

Sari Breznau, Elias Bullock

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble staff. Above the staff, the chords C, F, G, Dm, G, C, and G are indicated. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three verses of text. The first verse is "1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:". The second verse is "2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,". The third verse is "3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,". The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The accompaniment is written on a single bass staff, consisting of quarter and eighth notes.

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The chords C, F, G, Dm7, C, G, and C are indicated above the staff. The lyrics continue with "bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard." "teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press." "gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!". The melody and accompaniment continue with the same rhythmic patterns.

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)  
Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

The third system of the musical score is the refrain. It is marked "Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)". The chords C, C7, F, Dm, G, C, F, and C are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!". The melody and accompaniment continue with the same rhythmic patterns.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. Brown, Rev. Blair, Rev. Jennifer Castle

*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

*Brenda Daniels (Cousin of Michael Gordon), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Mary and Jon Eytinge and Family, Chloe Fung, Keisha Gordon (Daughter of Michael Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Juno Griswold, John Holford (Father of Michelle Sarju), Michael Kaid, Darryl Marshall (Stepfather of Jennifer Castle), Bob Mitchell, Jo Mitchell, Montecino Family, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Lydia Stuckey (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Patricia Valentine, Ruth, Eppie, and Keddy Williamson*

(Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.)



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



### LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy One, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom 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;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.** . . . . . Rev. Castle

**Let us pray. Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.  
We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your  
life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the  
visions God has laid on our hearts. Help us to feed as  
we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved, bless as we have been  
blessed. It is in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

# HYMN

*My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)* . . . . . ENDLESS SONG  
Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All



**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION** . . . . . Bing Tso  
World Communion Special Offering

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Deacon Indigo Brown  
*Singing to the Night*, by Jan Richardson

Who would have thought  
the sky could be so pierced,  
or that it could pour forth such  
light through the breach  
whose shape matched  
so precisely the hole in the heart  
that had ached for long ages,  
weary from all its emptying?  
And what had once been  
a wound  
opened now  
like a door  
or a dream,  
radiant in its welcome,  
singing to the night  
that would prove itself  
at last  
not endless.

Call the piercing a star.  
Call it the place the light begins.  
Call it the point that tethers us  
to this sheltering sky.  
Call it the hope that keeps  
holding us to this broken,  
blessed earth,  
that keeps turning us  
toward this world  
luminous beneath its shadows.  
Call it the vigil fire  
kept in that place  
where every last thing  
will be mended  
and we will see one another  
finally whole,  
shining like  
the noonday sun.



*Jan Richardson is an artist,  
writer, and ordained minister in  
the United Methodist Church.*

**READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE . . . . . Revelation 21:1-5**  
(NRSV translation) Rev. Kevin Bechtold

*Belief in a heavenly Jerusalem was widespread in biblical times. What is so striking in Revelation is that this heavenly city descends from heaven to earth. The promise of a new heaven and new earth gives a radiant image of resurrection and renewal. The city of God's new creation invites all to enter as citizens and inherit its blessings, as God's beloved community.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a betrothed one adorned for their intended. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
The Eternal will dwell with them;  
they will be the Holy One's peoples,  
and the Eternal Godself will be with them;  
God will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also they said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

**ANTHEM**

Tabla special music . . . . .Anil Prasad

**MESSAGE**

*Begin Again: What We See Is What We Get.* . . . . . Dr. Brown

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise Our God, Rise Up Rejoicing* . . . . . Setting by David Cherwien  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ





# MULTI-FAITH DIALOGUE FOR A MORE HUMANE JUSTICE SYSTEM

## A Film, A Conversation and a Call To Action

Once you register for this event you will receive a private link to view the film, *Since I Been Down* at your convenience between October 16 and October 19. (Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).)

Then, we will come together 7-8:30 pm October 24, for a conversation with multi-faith leaders to discuss *Since I Been Down* and identify ways to take action to transform our justice system.

After a conversation with the featured panelists, attendees will come together for a call to action. We will leave with a better understanding of the criminal justice laws in Washington State and concrete ways we can all take action towards a system of transformative justice.



*Eye-opening film to view and discuss.*

### About *Since I Been Down*

Meet Kimonti Carter. Joined a gang at age 11. At age 18, sentenced to 700 years in prison for his role in a drive by shooting in 1997. Against all odds, Kimonti became an inspirational role model within the prison system. As a leader of the Black Prisoners' Caucus, at age 34, Kimonti founded TEACH (Taking Education and Creating History), a remarkably innovative prisoner education program.

This film, told by the people who have lived these conditions unravels why children commit violent crime and how these children — now adults — are breaking free from their fate by creating a model of justice that is transforming their lives, our humanity and the quality of life for all our children.

Featured Panelists:

- Gilda Sheppard, Director/Executive Producer/Writer of *Since I Been Down*
- Tonya Wilson, Re-entry Outreach Coordinator, The Freedom Project
- Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, Herzl-Ner Tamid
- Dr. Mark Jones, The Sunyata Group
- Rabbi Rachel Nussbaum, Kavana Cooperative
- Rev. Kelle Brown, Plymouth Church Seattle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***World Communion Sunday*** is one of four special offerings throughout the church year to support national and local ministries within the United Church of Christ. Our gifts in the month of October will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and UCC Earthquake Relief in Haiti.

***Make the Connection*** Move from distance to greater connection at Plymouth by sharing your gifts on a governance committee. Meet new and old friends (online for now) while you help guide our congregation. This Fall say YES when a Nominating Committee member contacts you, or you can reach out to one of us: Michael Gordon, Tom Maul, Judy Bentley, Carol Mooney, Ann Palmason.

***Help Show We Care*** Please join us in sending love and uplifting messages to our graduated seniors by contributing cards, notes, and small items (snack items, tea or coffee, gift cards, school supplies, etc.). Contributions can be sent to June Hayakawa-Fung at Plymouth Church by October 13. Our 2021 graduated seniors are: Asa Buehler, Chander Boyd-Fliegel, Chloe Fung, Calvin Guthrie, Nate Korahais, Max Maher, and Annabelle Russell. –Community and Care Board

***Plymouth Reads Final Book in Series on Racial Justice*** Mark your calendars: on Saturday, October 16 at 3 pm, Plymouth Reads will gather for the last time in its series on racial justice. The theme is, "A Universal Body of Belonging: Plymouth Church seeking Racial Justice." Register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Come Together with Love and Hospitality*** Families from Afghanistan will be arriving here over the next 6 months. One of the “hands on” ways you can help is by assembling “Restart Kits” containing items families will need to settle into their new homes. Read more and volunteer at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (in the news section click on "Come Together with Love and Hospitality" for direct links to get involved).

***Honor Hispanic Heritage*** Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. The 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month theme, “Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope” invites us to celebrate Hispanic heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for a list of events in and around Seattle.

***Homestead Community Land Trust*** preserves and advances access to permanently affordable home ownership as a means to create thriving, equitable and inclusive communities. Banish the spectre of the affordable housing crisis and raise money and awareness by playing Home Games 2021 Halloween Edition, with play in-person or at-home options. 6 pm October 29, in person at SoDo Park or online. Visit [HomesteadCLT.org](https://HomesteadCLT.org) to learn more and sign up.

## GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH UCC

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

**CASH APP** Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

**CHECK BY MAIL** Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101

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.