

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, OCTOBER 5, 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.



Help support the mission and ministries of Plymouth Church UCC.

Make a donation under the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org,
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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.*

*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*

House of the Rising Sun/"'ve Got Peace Like River

Dr. John-Carlos Perea, Indigenous flute; Dr. Stephen Price, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

World Communion Sunday, October 5, is the day Christians worldwide celebrate Holy Communion, recognizing their unity in Christ and the global community of faith. Gifts received will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and Alain Locke Initiative.

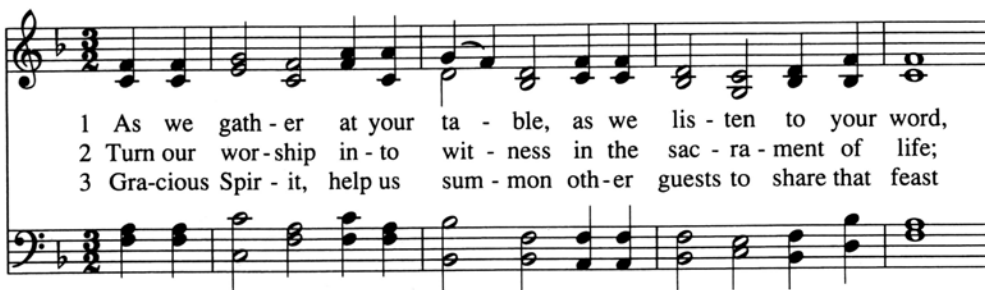
Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries), the voice for American Indian people in the UCC, and the remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries. .

The other half of the October 5 special offering will support the **Alain Locke Initiative (ALI)**. Their Mission is committed to empowering young Black queer men in the Seattle area through mentorship and holistic support and to guide them in navigating life's challenges, completing their education, and accessing career opportunities and scholarships. ALI aims to inspire these young men to live authentically and achieve their fullest potential. Read more at AlainLockeInitiative.org.

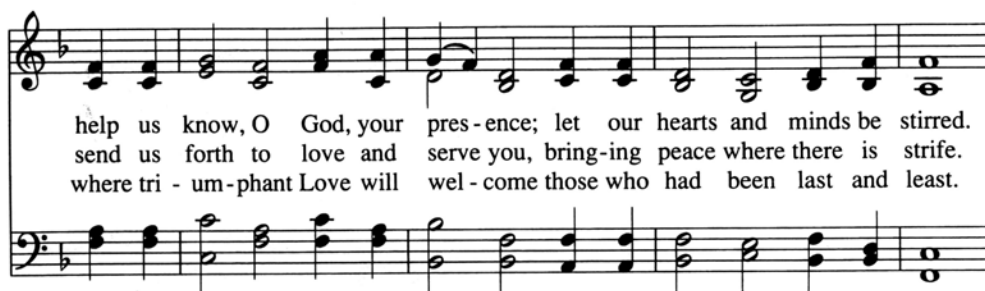
Your generous support truly makes a world of difference.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

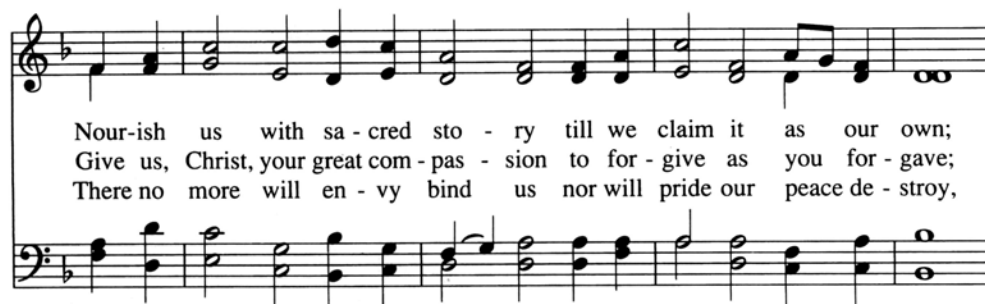
As We Gather at Your Table (NCH #332) BEACH SPRING



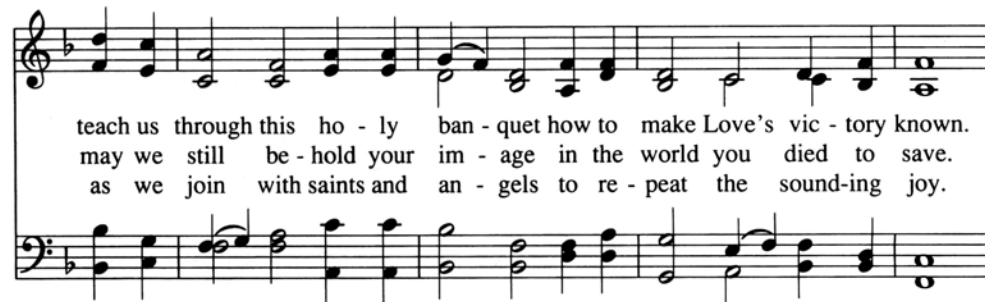
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP June Hayakawa-Fung
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 37)

One: Do not despair at the acts of the wicked–

Many: Trust in God. Scatter the seeds of justice in our world.

One: Do not desire or trust in the power of worldly empires–

Many: Delight in the power of God whose light fills our souls.

One: Do not embrace wrath or resentment; find patience in times of shadows–

All: Commit to the ways of God. Trust in the Holy One as Divine Love fills our earth.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
CELEBRACIÓN DE LA SAGRADA COMUNIÓN

INVITATION INVITACIÓN

COMMUNION PRAYER ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN

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, The Bagoyo Family (Family of Linda Rose Cook), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), 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 the family and friends of Dr. Maxine Mimms on the one- year anniversary of her passing.



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

**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

PALABRAS DE INSTITUCIÓN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN *HIMNO DE COMUNIÓN*

Let Us Break Bread Together African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGDr. Brown

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

O God, our hope, we give you thanks that you have prepared a table before us, a foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to knit together the kindom of God. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we sing, pray, and toil toward love embodied and peace made flesh. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *INTERLUDIO MUSICAL*

So The Day Dawn For Me.David Ashley White
The Plymouth Quartet

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Keeping Quiet, by Pablo Neruda
(Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month)

Ahora contaremos doce
y nos quedamos todos quietos.
Por una vez sobre la tierra
no hablemos en ningún idioma,
por un segundo detengámonos,
no movamos tanto los brazos.
Sería un minuto fragante,
sin prisa, sin locomotoras,
todos estaríamos juntos
en una inquietud instantánea.
Los pescadores del mar frío
no harían daño a las ballenas
y el trabajador de la sal / miraría sus manos rotas.
Los que preparan guerras verdes,
guerras de gas, guerras de fuego,
victorias sin sobrevivientes,
se pondrían un traje puro
y andarían con sus hermanos
por la sombra, sin hacer nada.



Pablo Neruda was a Chilean poet-diplomat and politician who won the 1971 Nobel Prize in Literature.

No se confunda lo que quiero
con la inacción definitiva:
la vida es sólo lo que se hace,
no quiero nada con la muerte.

Si no pudimos ser unánimes
moviendo tanto nuestras vidas,
tal vez no hacer nada una vez,
tal vez un gran silencio pueda
interrumpir esta tristeza,
este no entendernos jamás
y amenazarnos con la muerte,
tal vez la tierra nos enseñe
cuando todo parece muerto
y luego todo estaba vivo.

Ahora contaré hasta doce
y tú te callas y me voy.

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still
for once on the face of the earth,
let's not speak in any language;
let's stop for a second,
and not move our arms so much.
It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines;
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

Fishermen in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the man gathering salt
would not look at his hurt hands.

Those who prepare green wars,
wars with gas, wars with fire,
victories with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing.

What I want should not be confused
with total inactivity.
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.
Perhaps the earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Genesis 11:1-9 6
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Observing God came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And God said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Creator scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Holy One confused the language of all the earth, and from there the God scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Acts 2:1-8; 43-47
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

When You Believe, by Stephen Schwartz, arranged by Audrey Snyder
(from *The Prince Of Egypt*)
The Plymouth Choir

SERMON *SERMÓN* *Finding Communion* Dr. Brown

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SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE



Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 2. Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Add names using the online form (link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or sign the book in the Lounge. Please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months. Please send/sign names by Wednesday, October 29.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Come, We Who Love God's Name, Vss 1, 5 (NCH #382). . MARCHING TO ZION



1 Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known; To -

5 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; We're



geth - er God's great love pro - claim, to - geth - er God's great love pro -

trav - eling through Em - man - uel's ground, we're trav - eling through Em - man - uel's



claim, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.

ground to great - er worlds on high, to great-er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi - on; We're

We're march-ing on to Zi - on,



march-ing on-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

This Land is Your Land Woody Guthrie

Dr. John-Carlos Perea, Indigenous flute; Dr. Stephen Price, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovering Vanport The panel discussion on last summer's trip to Vanport led by Museum Without Walls has been rescheduled for after worship Sunday, October 12, in the Lounge. Come hear what the group learned about the destruction of Oregon's second-largest city in 1948.

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 Provide Comfort Bring donations for Comfort Bags for our neighbors this fall: non-perishable snacks, socks, gloves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene products. Please leave your donations in the bin at the Welcome Table in the Lounge.

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).

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@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.