



PLYMOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 for updates.

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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.*

PRELUDE

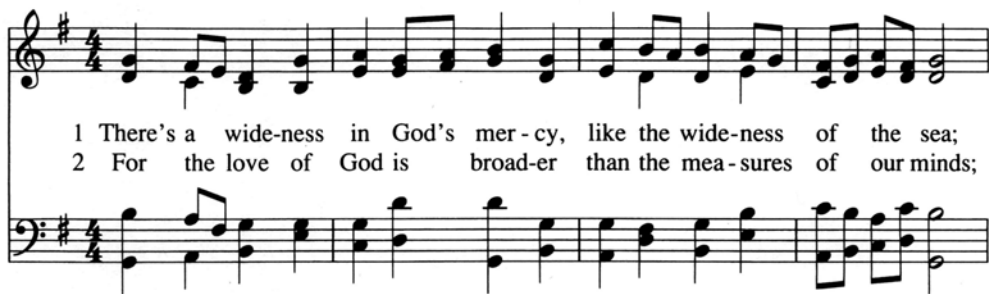
Trumpet Tune: Blow Up the Trumpet in the New Moon (Psalm 81:3)
by Douglas E. Wagner; Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

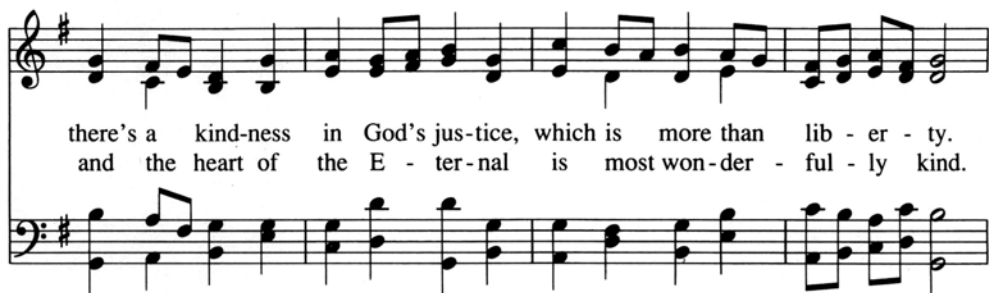
CALL TO WORSHIP. Rev. Jennifer Castle

Come!
Come into the place where God listens!
Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes!
Come as you are
Broken, whole
Sick, well
Satisfied or with deep needs
Come to sing
Come to cry
Come to hear
Come to see
Come and be ready or
Come to be made ready
We are here
God is here, too

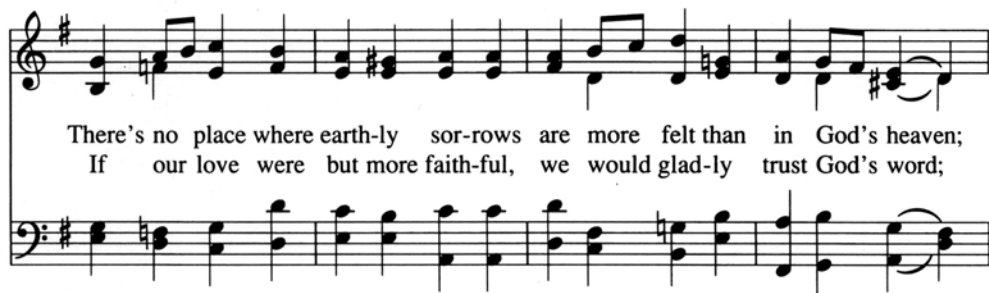
HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE
Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos



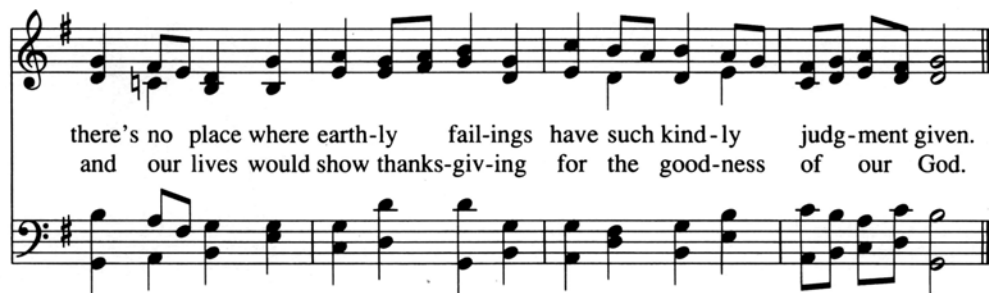
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Donene Blair

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

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 kin-dom 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.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision traditional Irish hymn
Palmason Family

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by John Hargrave

And a woman spoke, saying Tell us of Pain.

And he said:

Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.
Even as the stone of the fruit must break, that its heart may stand in the sun, so must you know pain.

And could you keep your heart in wonder at the daily miracles of your life, your pain would not seem less wondrous than your joy;

And you would accept the seasons of your heart, even as you have always accepted the seasons that pass over the fields.

And you would watch with serenity through the winters of your grief.

Much of your pain is self-chosen,

It is the bitter potion by which the physician within you heals your sick self.

Therefore trust the physician, and drink their remedy in silence and tranquility:

For their hand, though heavy and hard, is guided by the tender hand of the Unseen,

And the cup they bring, though it burn your lips, has been fashioned of the clay which the Potter has moistened with God's own sacred tears. —From *The Prophet*, by Kahlil Gibran



Kahlil Gibran was a Lebanese-American writer, poet and visual artist, also considered a philosopher although he himself rejected the title.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE Luke 5:33-39
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Castle

From the very outset of Jesus' ministry, Jesus received criticism for doing things differently, for trying to change things. Time after time, the religious leaders of that day questioned Jesus, even to the point of condemnation, for trying to do something new. But the old law has fulfilled its purpose. Jesus brings a new wineskin to hold grace. Grace is flexible, encompassing all circumstances and people, allowing us to be joyful in our ministry.

Then they said to him, “John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.” Jesus said to them, “You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”

ANTHEM

O-o-h Child Five Stairsteps
Performed by Plymouth Singers, Directed by Sari Breznau

MESSAGE

Begin Again: Holding the Tension Dr. Brown

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

BENEDICTIONDr. Brown

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord)Setting by Johann Gottfried Walther
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



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.. 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

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

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.)

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

Join Plymouth Reads Online Discussion 3 pm Saturday, October 16, gather via Zoom to discuss *A Universal Body of Belonging: Plymouth Church seeking Racial Justice*. Learn details and register to receive link to the event at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

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.

World Communion Special Offering Our gifts in the month of October will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and UCC Earthquake Relief in Haiti.

Help Welcome Our New Neighbors One of the “hands on” ways you can help welcome and support refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan is by assembling “Restart Kits” containing items families will need to settle into their new homes. Read more and volunteer at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Honor Hispanic Heritage 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 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. Help 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 to learn more and sign up.



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.