



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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.

Contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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

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10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ACCESS AWARENESS SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Romance Sans ParolesRené de Boisdeffre
Peter Nelson-King, piano

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Kevin Bechtold
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 90)

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast
love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.

**Many: The Holy One meets us in the stillness
of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter,
in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the
hope of our presence.**

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast
love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.

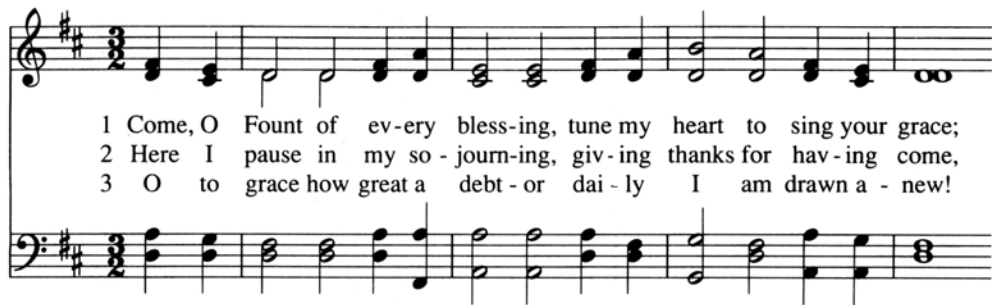
**Many: The Creator sustains us with mercy,
reassures us with compassion, and
challenges us with grace.**

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast
love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.

**All: Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in
truth, through pain and despair, with the
fullness of our being.**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

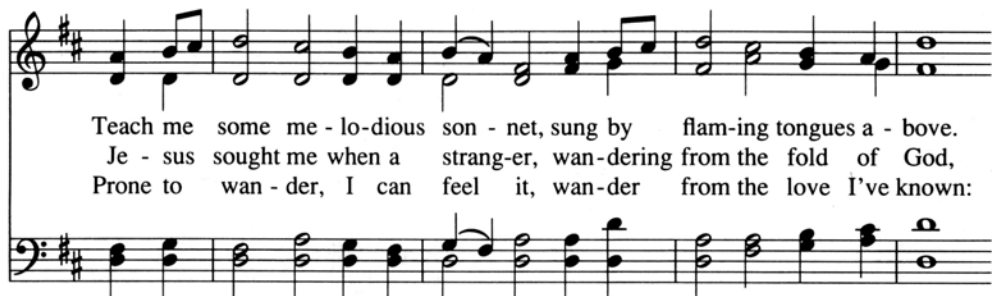
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#459) NETTLETON



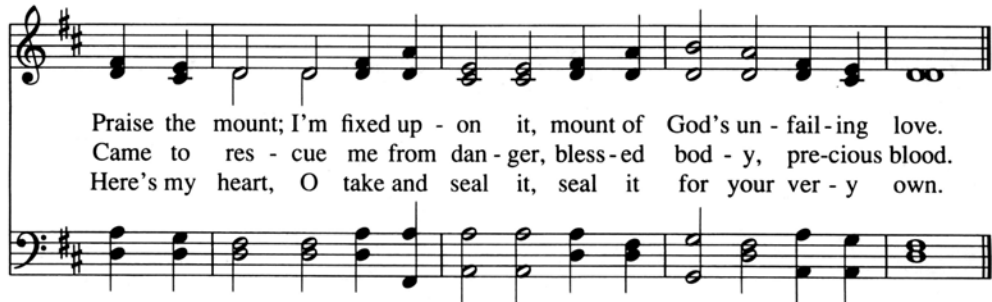
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status.

Many: We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires.

One: Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of the lost.

All: Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kindom is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Rev. Bechtold

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Dear One, God is with you. Hear these words of assurance from 1 Corinthians 10:13, “No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.” **Amen.**

WELCOME BIENVENIDA Rev. Bechtold

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Donene Blair

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Christian and Kim Arvin (Son and Daughter-in-Law of Donene Blair), Conni Bentley (Sister-in-law of Al Bentley), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), The Colwell Family, 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), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), William Chapman Nyaho, Denny Palmason (Brother of Jon Palmason), Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Jaime Rubio Sulficio

We grieve the recent passing of Dr. Maxine Mimms.



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 kindom
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 PEACE Janet Gwilym

LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

Generosity is a spiritual gift that may be cultivated, grown, and
nurtured. Let us plant seeds today with our gifts that will bloom and
provide a harvest beyond our expectation or imagination.

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 Janet Gwilym

ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN

**Gracious God, may the gifts we bring be magnified
and do miracles in our community. Use them for
restoration and hope as your kindom is demonstrated
before us all. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

Impromptu Ernő Dohnányi
Peter Nelson-King, piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

Caged Bird, by Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
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Maya Angelou was an American memoirist, poet, and civil rights activist. She published essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

On the following day [after the precession into Jerusalem], when they [Jesus and his disciples] came from Bethany, Jesus was hungry. And seeing a fig tree from afar bearing leaves, Jesus went, perhaps to find anything on it, and when he came to it nothing did he find but leaves for it was not the time for figs. And he spoke to it, saying, “Never again will anyone eat fruit from you.” And his disciples heard it.

Now they passed by in the morning and saw the fig tree dried up to its roots. And Peter remembering said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” Then Jesus answering told them, “Have faith in God. Truly I tell you all, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that they will come to pass, it will be done for you. Because of this I tell you all, all of whatever you all pray and ask, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you all stand praying, forgive, if someone has anything against anyone, so that your Reconciler in heaven may also forgive you all your trespasses.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

Broken Wings, by Richard Page, Steve George, and John Lang
Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Director

SERMON *SERMÓN*. . . . *Flying from the End of Your Rope*Dr. Brown

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Be Not Dismayed (#460) vss 1, 2 MARTIN



1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;



Be-neath God's wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.

Refrain



God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
take care of you

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN*Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Conte de Jadis. Albert Chandelier
Peter Nelson-King, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Ready for Picture Day Plan to attend church in person on October 20 for picture day. Please dress in black (some black shirts will be available to borrow). If you can't make it next Sunday, plan to be present for make-up day on November 3.

Nurture The Soul The second Sunday of October is designated Access Awareness Sunday in the United Church of Christ calendar, a day for celebrating the disability community and advocating for greater access. Read more at UCCDM.org.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month Let your hard-working and beloved Plymouth clergy know they are appreciated.

Sign the Book of Life Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the Book of Life. Add names online using the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or sign the book at Plymouth in the Lounge by October 30.

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 PymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Sound Medicine Meditation Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation after worship in Hildebrand Hall. Fall sessions are scheduled for Sundays October 20 and November 17. Read more at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Orbit and Oracle: A Reimagining of Ancient Astronomical Legends Hear The Esoterics in concert at 8 pm Saturday, October 19 at Plymouth UCC. More information and tickets at TheEsoterics.org.

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.

2025 Calendars Sought for Inmates The inmates at Monroe Correctional Facility appreciate current calendars. If you get free calendars in the mail you won't use, please drop them in the box at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Christine Hanson: HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

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



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.