



PLYMOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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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TWENTY-FIRST 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.*

You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

PRELUDE *Prelude No. 2 in G* Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donene Blair

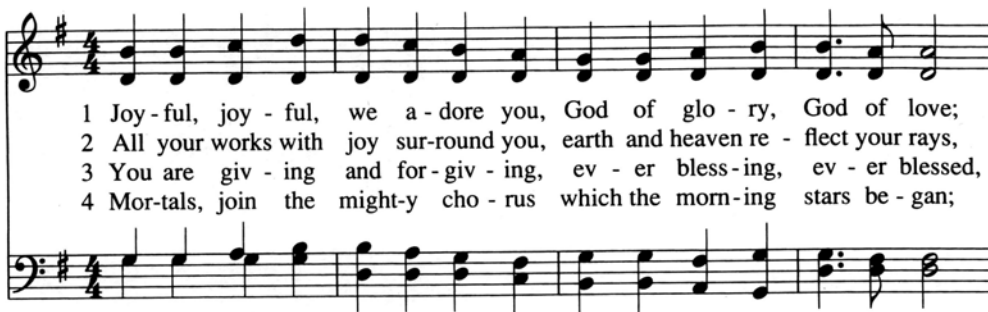
God, you are our refuge.
You are the shore in sight,
you are the hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.
God, you are our strength.
You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.
God, you are our help in time of trouble.
We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,
we call on you from the wildness and the deep,
we call on you to meet us in this place!

— *God You Are* by Claudio Carvalhaes

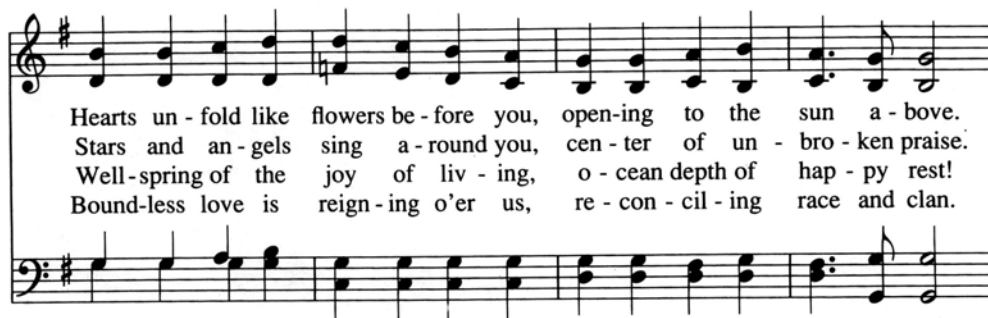


*Cláudio Carvalhaes
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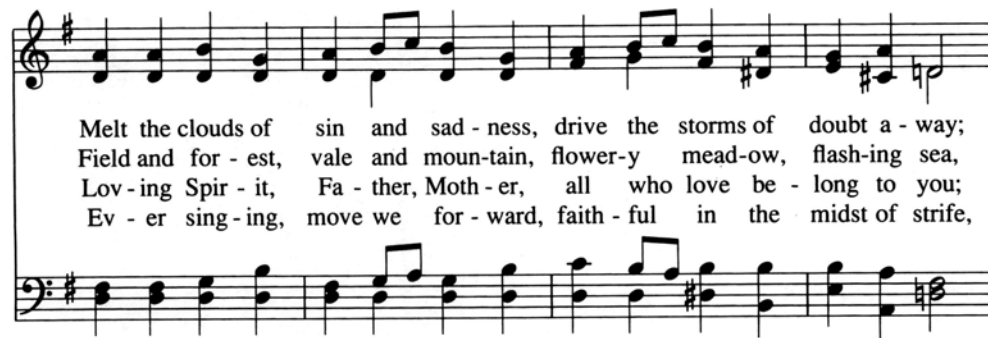
HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You.* HYMN TO JOY
Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos



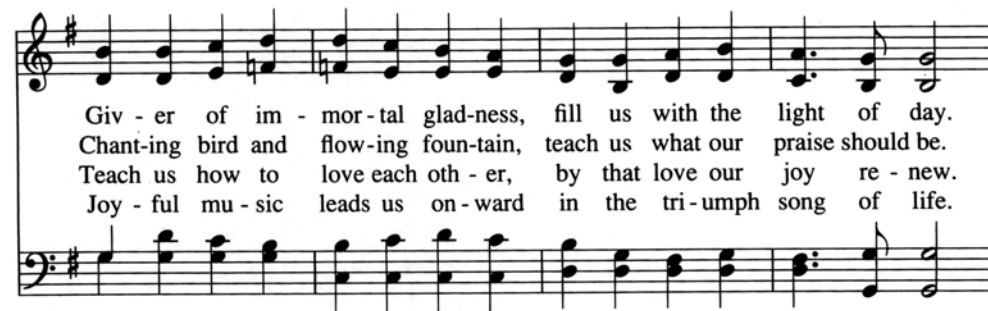
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Kevin Bechtold

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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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 7. Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Fill out the simple form at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to add names (*please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months*). Please send by Wednesday, November 3.

There Could Be Holy Fallout, by Hafiz

We are often in a battle.
So often defending every side of the Fort,
It may seem, all alone.
Sit down, my dear,
Take a few deep breaths,
Think about a loyal friend.
Where is your music,
Your pet, a brush?
Surely one who has lasted as long as you
Knows some avenue or place inside
That can give a sweet respite.
If you cannot slay your panic,
Then say within
As convincingly as you can,
“It is all God’s will!”
Now pick up your life again,
Let whatever is out there
Come charging in,
Laugh and spit into the air,
There could be holy fallout.
Throw those ladders like tiny match sticks
With “just” phantoms upon them
Who might be trying to scale your heart.
Your love has an eloquent tone.
The sky and I want to hear it!
If you still feel helpless
Give our battle cry again,
I have shouted it a myriad of times,
“It is all,
It is all the Beloved’s will!”
What is that luminous rain I see
All around you in the future
Sweeping in from the east plain?
It looks like, O it looks like
Holy fallout
Filling your mouth and palms
With Joy!



Hafiz was a 14th century Persian poet who lauded the joys of love and wine and targeted hypocrisy.

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-13
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Blair

The Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans is a countercultural declaration. It points to the global renaissance of a human family whose identity is based on God’s act of reconciling with humanity. The good news Jesus brings is a corrective to the modern focus on individualism because it advocates for the transformation of the entire human family. We are called to a life that celebrates and appreciates the diversity of gifts and talents of all, to joyfully work together to build the Kin-dom of God.

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Can Be Kind David Friedman
Elizabeth Nestlerode, Soloist; Wanda Griffiths, Piano
Video editing by Gummi Ibsen

MESSAGEBegin Again Be TransformedDr. Brown

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONDr. Brown

POSTLUDE.Festive Trumpet TuneDavid German
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.)

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

Reflect, Reveal, Rejoice! Once again we will be creating a daily devotional for Advent made up of submissions from the Plymouth community. Our theme is Reflect, Reveal, Rejoice! Here is the question we would like you to answer in your submission: **What has been revealed to you in this time of pandemic?** Answers can be submitted in words, in poetry, in photography, in art. Submissions are due Wednesday, November 17. Please email your submission to JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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.

Tech Volunteers Needed to assist with Sunday Services. If you'd like to get involved with audio/visual projects to support Sunday services and special events, please contact the church office.

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.

Come Together with Love and Hospitality 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.

Homestead Community Land Trust preserves and advances access to permanently affordable home ownership as a means to create thriving, equitable and inclusive communities. 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.

Better Together: Operation Nightwatch Lunch-In Like peanut butter & jelly, we are better together when tackling the problems of homelessness. Attend our PB&J Lunch-In Wednesday, October 20, 2021, noon – 1 pm Together, everybody doing their part, we can impact the lives of people suffering on the streets. It takes all of us – donors, friends, family, staff, volunteers, cookie bakers, hat knitters, grocery store gleaners, van drivers, homeless people themselves. We all have a role to play in creating a better city. Are you in? Visit SeattleNightwatch.org for information and registration.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.

Forgive often. **Reject racism.**

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

Let's Celebrate
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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.