



**10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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.**

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team  
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TWENTY-SECOND 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**

*The Lone Wild Bird* . . . . . Setting by Edwin T. Childs  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

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

Happy birthday to you;  
Anniversary, too!  
We are so excited to share them with you.  
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.  
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)  
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)  
Happy birthday to you!

**CALL TO WORSHIP.** . . . . . June Hayakawa-Fung

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| God of life,<br>whose love enfolds us,<br>and spirit fills us,<br>we praise your holy name.      | God of love,<br>whose patience humbles us,<br>and touch can heal us,<br>we praise your holy name.                    |
| God of joy,<br>whose sunrise wakes us,<br>and sunset amazes us,<br>we praise your holy name.     | God of peace,<br>who breaks down barriers,<br>and walls that divide us,<br>we praise your holy name.                 |
| God of hope,<br>whose promise sustains us,<br>and power upholds us,<br>we praise your holy name. | God of eternity,<br>who has always loved us,<br>and continues to love us,<br>we ask you to be present as we worship. |

**HYMN . . . . . O For a World . . . . . AZMON**

Plymouth Section Leaders



1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair**

*Brenda Daniels (Cousin of Michael Gordon), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Mary and Jon Eytinge and Family, 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), Jose Robles and Family, Lydia Stuckey (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Patricia Valentine*

*Our hearts are with the Tousley family on the recent passing of Sarah.*

*Our hearts are with Anne Mohundro and family on the one year anniversary of Jim's death.*

(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.



We are among the builders, we do silos and missile silos,  
we do tall towers and large granaries, we do pyramids and  
monuments and steeples and high-rises, we build because we  
are able, because it looks good, because it feels good, because  
we have so much stuff to store, we need bigger, better barns.  
We make it tall and shiny and beautiful only to discover that  
moth and rust consume, only to discover that shiny surface  
turns empty shell, only to discover that storage is for goods  
that melt and sour.

We end closer to empty-handed than we imagined.

As we are able we turn from our cities to you, we turn from  
our successes to you, we turn from our reason to you, we  
turn from our power to you. To you, to you, to you, to you,  
our help is in no other save in you alone.

You only, you enough, you in your generosity.

Whom have we in heaven but you? There is nothing on  
earth that we desire other than you.

O God, hear our trust and our thanks and our readiness to  
obey. Amen.

—*Close to Being Empty-Handed*, by Walter Brueggemann  
from his prayer collection, *Prayers for a Privileged People*

## 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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**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION** . . . . . Al Bentley

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

*The Moment*, by Margaret Atwood

The moment when, after many years  
of hard work and a long voyage  
you stand in the centre of your room,  
house, half-acre, square mile, island, country,  
knowing at last how you got there,  
and say, I own this,

is the same moment the trees unloose  
their soft arms from around you,  
the birds take back their language,  
the cliffs fissure and collapse,  
the air moves back from you like a wave  
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper. You own nothing.  
You were a visitor, time after time  
climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming.  
We never belonged to you.  
You never found us.

It was always the other way round.



*Margaret Atwood is a Canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, essayist, teacher, environmental activist, and inventor.*

**READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE** . . . . . Acts 4:32-37

(NRSV translation)

read by Rev. Blair

*The Resurrection calls and enables us to perform powerful acts that meet human needs. No other passage depicts the ideal of sharing with the Christ-following community so vividly. For the early church depicted in Acts, the resurrection of Christ is less a creedal article of faith than a creative force of community formation and fellowship. What a remarkable group! They held everything “in common,” yet were notably uncommon by social standards.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

## ANTHEM

*One Fine Day* . . . . .David Byrne and Brian Eno  
Plymouth Soul Choir, Directed by Sari Breznau; Tim Keller, Soloist

**MESSAGE** . . . . .Rev. Kevin Bechtold

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . .Rev. Bechtold

**POSTLUDE.** . . . . .*Toccata in Seven* . . . . .John Rutter  
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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Multi-faith Dialogue for a More Humane Justice System*** If you have watched the film, *Since I Been Down*, use the link sent when you registered to come together 7-8:30 pm **TODAY**, for a conversation with multi-faith leaders to identify ways to take action to transform our justice system. Panelists include Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown.

***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. Use the simple form at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to add names (please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the last 12 months). Please send by Wednesday, November 3.

***Reopening Survey: Let's Hear from You*** As we move towards resuming in-person worship, we are asking each household to complete a survey to help us better understand what is on the hearts and minds of the Plymouth community. The survey will help us understand how you are feeling about in-person gathering, and what we should prioritize as we consider in-person and digital worship experiences. Please complete the survey by midnight on October 31. Link to the survey at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Empty Nest Group Forming*** Empty nester's grief is often an overlooked component in the lives of parents and guardians. A difficult period of transition, there is need for emotional support. Whether your nest is just emptied, or it has been a while, you are welcome to join us. We will meet on Zoom 10 am to 11:30 am, four Saturdays, starting Saturday, November 6. Vicki Schoettle will serve as facilitator and Toni Arthur and June Hayakawa-Fung are the staff contacts. Let us know you want to join and we will send you the link.

***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](mailto: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.

***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.





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.