



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Adonai Ro'i arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* 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 Dr. Brown
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 34)

- One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God
at all times.
- Many: We praise God who is with us. We honor
God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.**
- One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in
the Holy One.
- Many: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries
with grace, mercy, and compassion.**
- One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify
God with me.
- Many: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch
and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

This Is the Day (#84) THIS IS THE DAY

Unison
E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E \flat

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

A \flat E \flat A \flat

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. June Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference.

Many: Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with intractability.

One: Forgive us for hearts closed with isolation.

All: Open our hearts fully to compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kindom come.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved, your heart bears the heart of God. With the Holy One's grace, heartbreak can transform into compassion, mutuality, and ministry that makes the love of God real in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Brown

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), 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), William Chapman Nyaho, Denny Palmason (Brother of Jon Palmason), Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Jaime Rubio Sulficio

Our hearts are with Pam Mitchell and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her husband, Don Mitchell.



A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer.



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 kingdom
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 Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
*LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

Generosity begins as a decision from the heart. It reflects care and concern for the needs of the world as well as trust for the abundance and plenty of God's creation. Let us give from the gifts we have been given as a sign and act of faithfulness.

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 Dr. Brown
*ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN***

**Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust,
and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of
praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts
be warmed through our giving. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

R'tzei Stephen Richards
Meaghan Guterman, soprano
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

A SENDING

The church is a family, in the best sense of the word.
United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior,
we are siblings.
And, for a time, Plymouth Church has been your home.
Like every human family,
our church family is formed and reformed over time:
as members in covenant are born, as they die,
as members in covenant are adopted into our family,
and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.
For a time, Kristine Danzinger and Rev. Donene Blair have shared
with us good times and bad,
we have shared each other's joys and sorrows,
we have lightened each other's heavy loads.
Together we have laughed and cried,
together we have worshiped and praised God,
together we have lived.

Congregation:

**We feel sorrow in your leaving,
yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase
of your life.
We will miss your presence, love and support,
yet we know you will remain a part of us in the spirit.**

Congregation and Pastor:

**In this bittersweet moment, we will send you with our prayers
to pave your way...**

Pastor:

Let us pray:
O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people.
We humbly place in your hands Kristine and Donene of this
congregation
who are leaving us.
Keep and preserve them, O God,
in all health and safety, both of body and soul;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you. **Amen.**

CONTEMPORARY VOICE VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA

An Eye for an Eye is Too many Eyes — a poem for Torah Portion Mishpatim

by Rick Lupert



*Rick Lupert is a
Southern California
poet, song leader and
graphic designer.*

We could go on like this forever
an elbow for an elbow, a spleen for
a spleen, an eyelash for an eyelash
a toe for a toe (it would have to be
the same toe), a breath for a breath
a lip for a lip, a neck for a neck,
you should stop me because I
could go on forever, a glance for
a glance, a knee for a knee,
a wrinkle for a wrinkle, a buttock
for a buttock (see, you really
should have stopped me.)

I'm not sure what our need is
for an assemblage of equal
punishments for equal crimes.
I have no use for someone's eye.
I'd like to give the loud talkers
my headache instead of more
loud words. I'd like to give
knowledge and opportunity
to those who are stuck
feeling their only out is
to steal my sheep. As an aside
I'd love some sheep who feel
free with the wool so I could
knit some sweaters for those
cold cold judges who spend
all their time making laws.
My donkey fell into a pit.
What are we going to
do about that?

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Matthew 5:38-42

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Rev. Kevin Bechtold

[Jesus said,] “You all have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye’ and ‘a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you: Do not set yourself against the wicked. But when someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other to them also. And when someone wants you to be judged and take your coat, let your other clothing go as well. And when someone forces you to go one mile, go the second mile too. Give to those who ask from you, and those who want to borrow from you, do not refuse.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

When You Believe, from *The Prince Of Egypt* Stephen Schwartz
Plymouth Choir; Meaghan Guterman, soprano soloist
Eliza Woodyard, Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* Rev. Bechtold

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

Be Now My Vision (#451) SLANE

Unison



1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Be Now My Vision arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Congregational Conversations with our consultant, Dr. Mark Smutny, as we work on our future strategic planning and engagement. The first conversation is **TODAY**, following worship. Upcoming dates: November 3 & 10; December 14 (Saturday, 9 am–2 pm); January 5, 12, 19 & 26; February 2.

New Members will be received during worship Sunday, November 3. All who want to covenant with Plymouth UCC are invited to contact June Hayakawa-Fung. We are grateful for your commitment and welcome you in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

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 PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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.

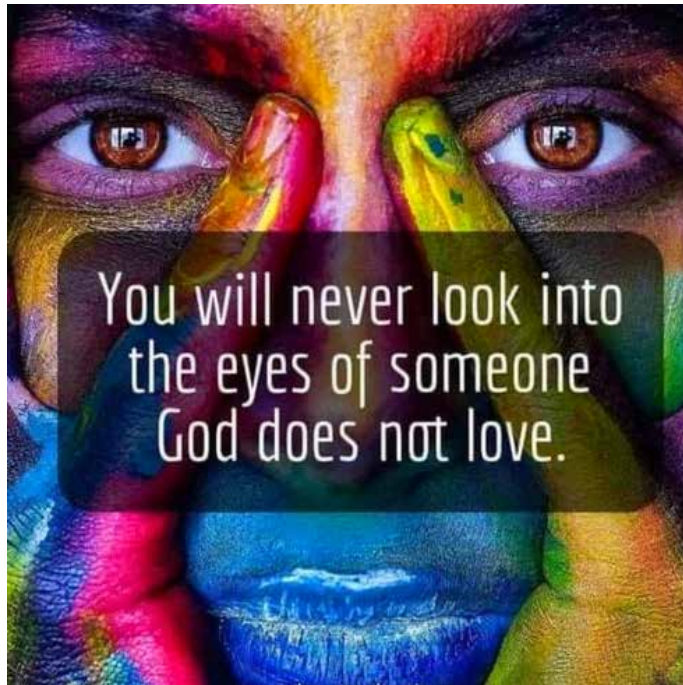
Please Remember to fill out your card to pledge your time, talent, and treasure and to express your desire to covenant with Plymouth.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

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.

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.



You will never look into
the eyes of someone
God does not love.

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.