



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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.

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Impromptu in C Major No.2, Op.78. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Dr. Stephen Price, organist

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev Kevin Bechtold
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 146)

One: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust the Holy One!

One: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Follow the Holy One!

One: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God's glory and for life abundantly!

All: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise the Holy One!

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

O Mighty God, When I Survey In Wonder (#35) O STORE GOD



1 O might-y God, when I sur-vey in won - der the world that
 2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thun-der peal - ing, your light-ning
 3 The Bi - ble tells the sto - ry of your bless - ing so free - ly
 4 And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dis - pers - ing, you will re -



formed when once the word you said, The strands of life all wo-ven close to -
 pow - er bursts in bright sur - prise; When cool - ing rain, your gen - tle love re -
 shed up - on all hu - man life; Your con - stant mer - cy, ev - ery care ad -
 veal what we but dim - ly see; With trum - pet call, our great re - birth an -



geth - er, the whole cre - a - tion at your ta - ble fed,
 veal - ing, re - flects your prom - ise, arc - ing through the skies, (1-3) My soul cries
 dress - ing, re - liev - ing bur - dened souls from sin and strife.
 nounc - ing, we shall re - join you for e - ter - ni - ty, (4) Then we will



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! My soul cries
 sing your praise for - ev - er more, O might-y God! O might-y God! Then we will



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God!
 sing your praise for - ev - er - more, O might-y God! O might-y God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Rev. Bechtold

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: God of mercy and possibilities, forgive us for
clinging to the measures of success and security in
our world rather than trusting in the abundance
of your creation.

**Many: Help us to recognize the kindom coming
and our role as participants in your realm.**

One: Liberate us from the bonds of consumerism,
scarcity, and self-centeredness,

**All: and make us vessels of your love come alive
in the world.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Bechtold

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Beloved, you are inheritors of the kindom of God. You
receive riches beyond compare. The Holy One journeys
with you and enables you to grow in grace, peace, and
contentment. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bechtold

ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

A Prayer After a Turbulent Election

By Kaeley McEvoy

Ageless God, we seek the wisdom of Shiphrah and Puah,
midwives who defied Pharaoh's orders and instead protected life.

Like the Hebrew women living under empire, teach us
how to create systems of mutual aid, community care, and
resistance.

Help us center the vulnerable, so that all may experience
abundant life, resisting the pain of empire.

We know, O God, that white supremacy, xenophobia, and
homophobia must be defeated, no matter who holds dominion.

Give us strength to resist whenever a child of God is
dehumanized.

God who is greater than all kings, may we remember the
wisdom of our ancestors — their songs, prayers,
and guidance.

May we remember your words to Moses when he feared
Pharaoh's wrath:
“I will be with you.”

In times of trial, faith has always found a way.

Along with the midwives, we hold on to the witness of Miriam,
who in fleeing Egypt had the forethought to grab her tambourine,
knowing that one day joy would be necessary.

God of liberation, we know that one day the captives shall be free.
We know that one day your peace shall have the final word.
Until that day, may we hold each other tightly,
work for your beloved community to reign supreme,
and live together in pursuit of peace for all of God's children.

Amen.

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), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark)



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 June Hayakawa-Fung
*LLAMADO A LA OFERTA Y COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ***

In the Creator, there is no lack of any good thing. When we consider our resources as part of God's abundance, we nurture generosity within us. Let us give to support the mutual needs of our faith community, the expansion of ministry, and the benefit of the world that God so loves.

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 Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
*ORACIÓN DE DEDICACIÓN***

God of generosity and giver of gifts, receive our offerings as a reflection of our gratitude and trust in your sovereignty. Like the widow and Elijah, may the jars that sustain us never empty and never fail. May we witness the miracle of your provision through our generosity and for your glory. Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC *OFRECIENDO MÚSICA*

Improvisation by Dr. Stephen Price
Dr. Stephen Price, organ

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*



Alice Walker is an American novelist, short story writer, poet, and social activist. She became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, for her novel *The Color Purple*.

“Some periods of our growth are so confusing that we don’t even recognize that growth is what is happening. We may feel hostile or angry or weepy and hysterical, or we may feel depressed. It would never occur to us, unless we stumbled on a book or person who explained it to us, that we were in fact in the process of change, of actually becoming larger, spiritually, than we were before. Whenever we grow, we tend to feel it, as a young seed must feel the weight and inertia of the earth as it seeks to break out of its shell on its way to becoming a plant. Often the feeling is anything but pleasant. But what is most unpleasant is the not knowing what is happening . . . Those long periods when something inside ourselves seems to be waiting, holding its breath, unsure about what the next step should be, eventually become the periods we wait for, for it is in those periods that we realize that we are being prepared for the next phase of our life and that, in all probability, a new level of the personality is about to be revealed.” —*Alice Walker, Living by the Word: Essays*

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Matthew 6:28-34 (Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Dr. Brown

[Jesus asked,] now why do you all worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither labor nor spin. Yet I tell you all, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Now if the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven God so clothes, will not God do much more for you all of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For all these the Gentiles strive and indeed your heavenly Provider knows that of you need all these. But strive first for the reign of God and God’s righteousness and all these will be given to you all. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow has worries of its own. Sufficient is the trouble of this day.”

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO* *How Firm A Foundation* Trad. American melody, harmonized from Tabor 1866 Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

SERMON *SERMÓN* Dr. Brown *For Those Whose Backs Are Against the Wall*

RITUAL *Cast Your Cares Upon the Water*

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

I Want Jesus to Go with Me (#490) African American Spiritual

Unison




1 I want Je - sus to go with me;
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



I want Je - sus to go with me;
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,



O I want Je - sus to go with me.
O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Carillon de Westminster No.6, Op.54 Louis Vierne
Dr. Stephen Price, organ



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 both in person and online. Link to join online in the news article, *Let's Hear from You*, at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Upcoming dates: January 5, 12, 19 & 26; February 2.

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. **Register with deposit by November 15.**

Plymouth Welcome Circle seeks help to find a 4 bedroom, 2 bath house within the Seattle city limits for the Afghan family we have been supporting. Landlord needs to accept a housing voucher (Section 8). Contact Janet Gwilym with leads: J.Gwilym@hotmail.com.

Hear Organist Stephen Price in recital 7:30 pm Tuesday, November 12, at Plymouth, with Rachel Lee Priday. Program includes Suite for Violin and Organ, Op. 150, by Joseph Rheinberger, and solo organ works from the French Symphonic tradition. Free admission. Bring friends for an evening of sublime music at Plymouth.

The Power of Me Seattle Trans and Nonbinary Choral Ensemble presents memorial concerts for Trans Day of Remembrance: 3 pm Saturday, Nov 16, and 7:30 pm Wednesday, Nov 20. Both at University Congregational Church (4515 16th Ave NE Seattle). Tickets and info at StanceSeattle.org.

Join Puget Brass 7-9 pm Saturday, December 7, at Plymouth UCC for a program of brass and organ music supporting Plymouth Immigration Ministry. Free admission. Donations of cash, check, non-perishable food, and toiletries accepted. See PugetBrass.org/Events for more info.

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.

Sound Medicine Meditation Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation after worship in Hildebrand Hall. Next session is scheduled for Sunday, November 24.

Pathway to Freedom Film screening at Plymouth, 5-7 pm Sunday, December 8, followed by a panel discussion on justice activism. Pizza, salad and refreshments served. Donations accepted to help the mission of Families Shoulder to Shoulder. Kindly RSVP to ciara@familiesshouldertoshoulder.org.

Support Duwamish Arts The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way in Southwest Seattle, 98106) will host their annual Native Art Market on Friday, November 29, Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: [peaceonearth](http://peaceonearth.org).

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.