



10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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.

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TWENTY-FIFTH 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 *Sarabande* Wilbur Held
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donene Blair
God of the open road,
God of the twisting path,
God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship!
In this hour, give us provision for the journey,
courage and faith and compassion,
and endurance to face any hardship.
Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,
protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.
Open us to you.

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.* EIN' FESTE BURG

1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3 And though this world with dev-ils filled should threat-en to un-do us,
 4 That word be-yond all earth-ly powers for-ev-er is a-bid-ing;

Our pres-ent help a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid-ing.

For still our an-cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow-er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus sets us free! With might-y power to
 The powers of e-vil grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may

great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth with-out an e-equal.
 save, vic-to-ri-ous o'er the grave, Christ will pre-vail tri-um-phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit-tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri-umph still; God's reign en-dures for-ev-er.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Jennifer Castle

Ken Collins (Friend of Gordon and Stanhope families), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Mary and Jon Eytinge and Family, Floyd Gossett, Jim Halfaker, John Holford (Father of Michelle Sarju), Michael Kaid, Darryl Marshall (Stepfather of Jennifer Castle), Don Miles, 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

We grieve with Jo, Mari, Alex, and the entire Mitchell family on the passing of Bob Mitchell.

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Dorothy Swanson on the anniversary of her passing.

(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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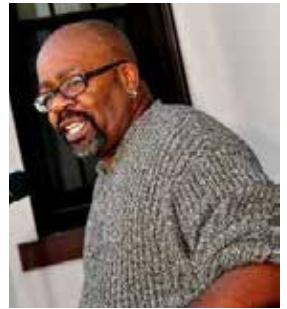
MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTIONDr. Tracy Simpson

WELCOME TO THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY Ara Lawrence

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Kevin Bechtold, Rev. Jennifer Castle

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *We Gather* by Rev. Louis Mitchell

We gather to remember
Your vibrant light & your soaring laughter
We gather to remember
The hands you held & lives you touched
We gather to remember
Your uncommon tenderness & your unwavering strength
We gather to remember
The sunrises that we greeted in revelry & the sunsets that we christened with our tears.
We gather to remember
That your essence will never be just a statistic, a number, a headline Your life was too big for that
You are not just an unsolved case or a misgendered news article
You are my sister, my brother, my kindred.
I'll hear you in the rustle of a skirt
I'll smell you in the warmth of my grandmother's kitchen
I'll taste you in the saltiness of my tears
I'll see you in the flowers' new bloom
I'll feel you in the heat of an embrace.
We are the stones that the builders rejected
We are the honey in the lion's belly
We are the sword in the stone
We are the rose that blooms in winter
We are the fresh spring in the desert.
Common and unique
Mundane and magical
Secular and sacred
Visible and hidden
Frightened and courageous
Endangered and eternal,
No song can fully contain the music of us
No portrait can fully capture the beauty of us
No law can regulate us out of existence
No act of harm can extinguish the flame of us,
Together, we grow supple and strong
Nurtured by our many gifts
Watered by our tears of becoming
Though pruned by circumstances



Rev. Mitchell is a pioneering “intentional man,” elder, and advocate, who has been involved in the fight for health, respect and self-determination since the late 1980s, with deep engagement in political, mental health, recovery, and black church contexts.

We continue to bloom anew In every season.
We are truth embodied
We are the intersections of all that is and ever was
The tapestry we weave with our lives,
Multi-textured and vibrant, Is the answer to questions, ancient and yet to come.
In our authenticity, in our joy,
Even in the midst of hardship
We are the embodiment of creation
Birthing a world and a time
Of safety, self-determination
Of love and celebration.
We gather to bear witness to our grief and anger together
Today we read these names with heavy hearts
We gather to celebrate you and your life
Knowing that your seeds have been planted
We gather to see the faces of those that remain
Trusting our ability to nurture each other
We gather to show the world
A time when there will be no need for this way of naming us
We gather to show the world and each other
That all of our lives are valuable.

(2013)

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE Luke 12:33-34
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Bechtold

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

ANTHEM Somewhere
by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim
Performed by Adé A Cônneré

MESSAGE Love in Action: Unburied Treasure Dr. Brown

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONDr. Brown

POSTLUDE. *Rigaudon*. André Campra

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting and Budget Approval Vote Save the date for an online congregational meeting that will be held December 5 after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and vote on the church's budget for 2022, as was outlined in the information session on November 7.

Your Voice Counts Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team is counting on you to guide us as we build a Good Neighbor Team to walk alongside a refugee family in our area in 2022. Please take our short survey to let us know your thoughts. Deadline for completion is midnight, November 21. Link to the survey at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (under the News tab, click on article, *Your Voice Counts*).

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

Calendars Requested With the Monroe Correctional Center inmate visitation program still on hold due to the pandemic, the opportunity remains to provide inmates with 2022 calendars — there is a big demand there for them. If you have any to spare, please call Chris Hanson at 509.679.7430 or email her: hansonchristineann@gmail.com to arrange pick up. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones' cubby hole in the mailroom (#1S). Thanks!

Toxic Positivity: Continue the Conversation As a follow up to our conversation in worship last Sunday, Dr. Tracy Simpson compiled a list of resources about toxic positivity (link to that resource page at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org — in the news feed, click on article “Toxic Positivity”). We know that we only scratched the surface of this large and complicated topic, and we will be working with the Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown to continue and expand the conversation we have begun.



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.