



PLYMOUTH
United Church of Christ

10:30 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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.

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MAJESTY OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

For the Beauty of the Earth arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

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!

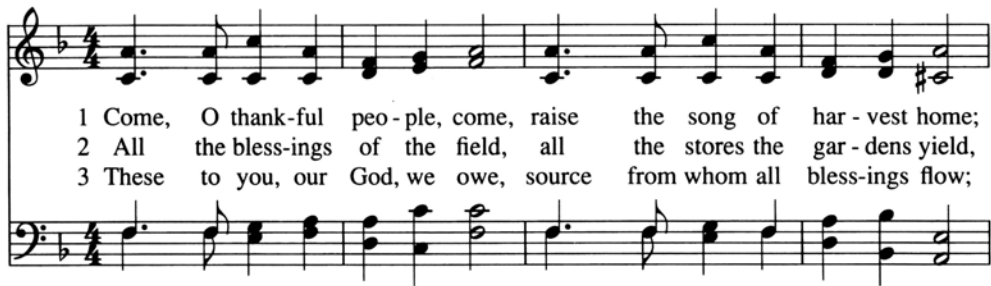
CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kevin Bechtold
LLAMADO A ADORAR

(Inspired by Psalm 132)

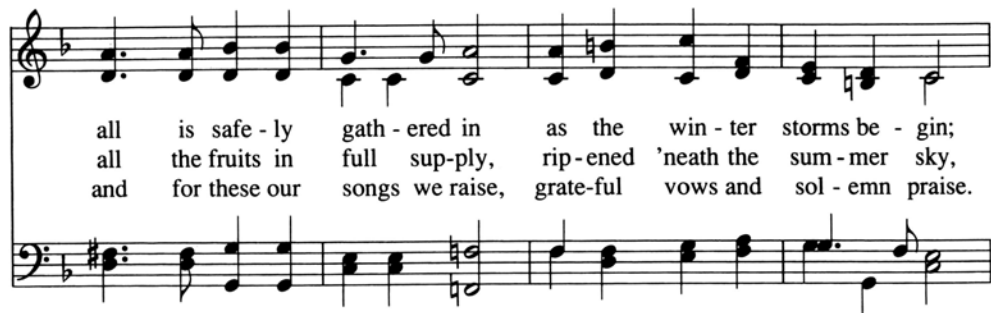
- One: Rise up, O God, dwell in the praise of your people.
Make your home in our worship.
- Many: Let your people be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**
- One: Rise up, O God, remind us of your covenant and your
commands. May your presence be a balm and your
direction our guide.
- Many: Let your people be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**
- One: Rise up, O God, reign with power, wisdom and love.
May your kingdom come full and complete.
- All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*

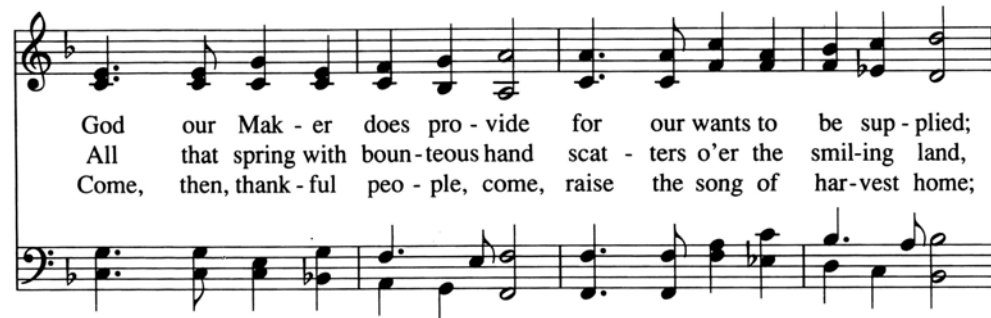
Come, O Thankful People, Come (#422) ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



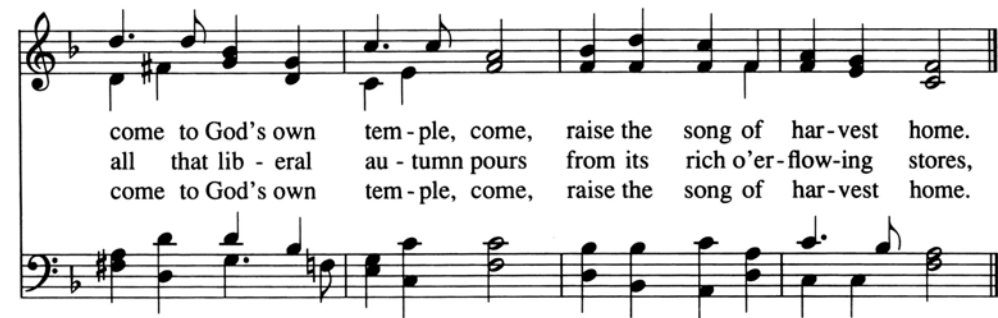
1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,
3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;



all is safe-ly gath-ered in as the win-ter storms be-gin;
all the fruits in full sup-ply, rip-ened 'neath the sum-mer sky,
and for these our songs we raise, grate-ful vows and sol-lemn praise.



God our Mak-er does pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;
All that spring with boun-teous hand scat-ters o'er the smil-ing land,
Come, then, thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
all that lib-eral au-tumn pours from its rich o'er-flow-ing stores,
come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION. June Hayakawa-Fung

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Magnificent God, your greatness humbles us. Your love can be overwhelming and incomprehensible. Your attentive care takes our breath.

Many: **We recognize that we sometimes suppress the holiness you have embedded in us.**

One: We keep silent when our witness could make a difference. We turn away when the pain we observe in others becomes more than we can bear.

All: **Renew our spirits, strengthen our resolve, and fortify our compassion to put testimony on our lips, in our posts, and through our lives for your kindom.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE. Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

Dear ones, God is sovereign and has chosen you to be a vessel of love, hope, and healing in the world. Creator has prepared you, and Spirit journeys beside you. And, as a community, we engage this work collectively. You are not alone. Heaven and earth join you with strength and grace. Rest in the peace and joy the reigns in Christ and through Christ as the kindom comes. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bechtold

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

Our hearts are with RL, friend of Karen Clark on the one-year anniversary of their passing.



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

Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Having
received the bounty of creation, share a measure of the
gifts God has given to fulfill unmet needs, to declare God's
goodness in tangible ways, and to testify to the kingdom.

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

**Generous God, we give you thanks for the
opportunity to give our offering, to participate in
ministry through our material resources, and to show
our trust in your provision. Help us be good stewards
and generous givers in your name and for your glory.
Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC OFRECIENDO MUSICA

Thank You, Lord arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson. piano

CONTEMPORARY VOICE VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA

Litany of Contradictory Things, by Michael Moynahan

Wheat and weeds:
let them grow together.
Israelis and Palestinians:
let them grow together.
Ukrainians and Russians:
let them grow together.
Blacks and Whites of globalization:
let them grow together.
Pros and Contras of Central America:
let them grow together.
Documented and undocumented immigrants:
let them grow together.
Immigrants and Indigenous:
let them grow together.
Revolutionaries and reactionaries:
let them grow together.
Russians and Americans:
let them grow together.
Republicans and Democrats of the United States:
let them grow together.
Religious leaders who lay and lighten burdens:
let them grow together.
Disciples prone to boasts and betrayals:
let them grow together.
People who wound and heal:
let them grow together.
Those whose thinking is similar and contrary:
let them grow together.

Days of sparseness and days of plenty:
let them grow together.
Winter, spring, summer, fall:
let them grow together.
All the seasons of one's life:
let them grow together.
Joys and sorrow, laughter and tears:
let them grow together.
Doubt and faith:
let them grow together.
Virtue and vice:
let them grow together.
Contemplation and action:
let them grow together.
Giving and receiving:
let them grow together.
The helpful and the helpless:
let them grow together.
Wisdom of the East and West:
let them grow together.
All contrarities of the Spirit:
let them grow together..

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* . . . 2 Kings 24:8, 11-17
(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation) read by Laura Shigeta

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old at his reign. He reigned three months in Jerusalem and the name of his mother was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

Now King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to the city while his troops were besieging it. Then King Jehoiachin of Judah surrendered to the king of Babylon, himself and his mother and his slaves and his officers and his officials. The king of Babylon took him [captive] in the eighth year of his reign.

He brought out from there the treasures of the house of the HOLY ONE OF OLD and the treasures of the king's house; he cut up all the vessels of gold in the temple of the HOLY ONE which King Solomon of Israel had made, just as the HOLY ONE had spoken. Nebuchadnezzar took into exile all Jerusalem, all the officials, all the warriors, ten thousand exiled women and men, all the artisans, and the smiths; no one remained except the poorest people of the land.

He took Jehoiachin into exile to Babylon; the king's mother, the king's women, his officials, and the elite of the land he took into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. The king of Babylon took into exile to Babylon all the valiant warriors, seven thousand, the artisans and the smiths, one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war. The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place and changed his name to Zedekiah.

ANTHEM EL HIMNO *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*
Tune: CORONATION, text by Edward Perronet
Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Choir Director

SERMON SERMÓN Laura Shigeta

HYMN OF COMMITMENT HIMNO DE COMPROMISO

In the Bulb There Is A Flower (#433) PROMISE

Unison



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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BENEDICTION BENDICIÓN Laura Shigeta

POSTLUDE POSTLUDIO

Thanksgiving Hymn arranged by Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepare for Advent Please join the work party at Plymouth 11 am-1 pm Tuesday, November 26, to decorate the church building in preparation for Advent (beginning Sunday, December 1). Questions? Contact June Hayakawa-Fung.

Sound Medicine Meditation Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation **today** after worship in Hildebrand Hall. Suggested donation \$20.

Festival of Hope — Alternative Holiday Fair Noon-3 pm **today** at Keystone Church (5019 Keystone Pl N, Seattle). You are invited to a unique, not-for-profit holiday fair. Browse and shop knowing the money you spend supports hunger relief and self-help projects.

Support Duwamish Arts The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way in Southwest Seattle, 98106) hosts their annual Native Art Market 10 am-5 pm November 29-December 1.

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.

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.

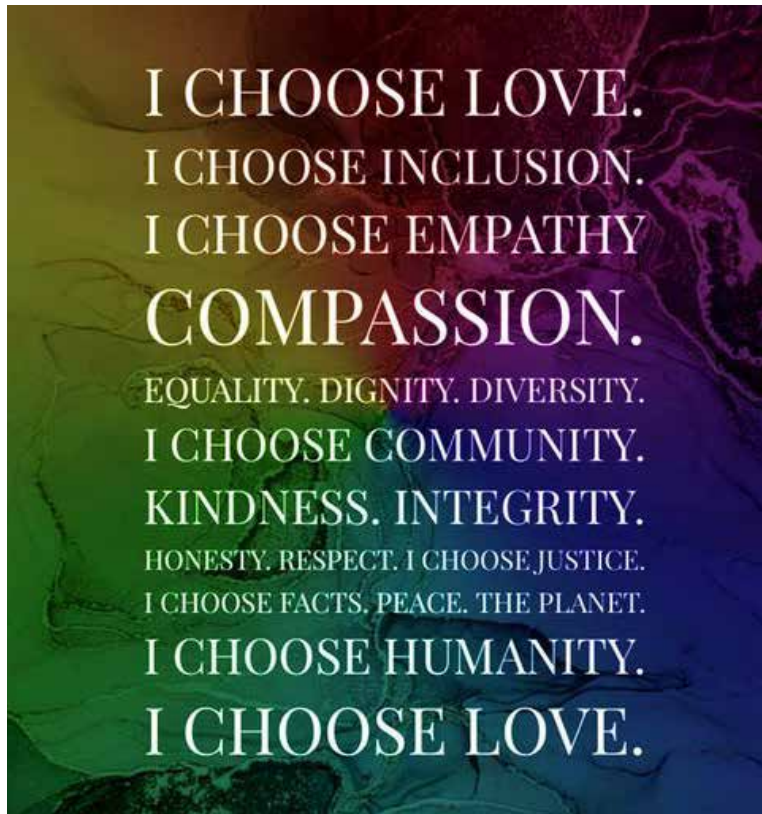
Blue Christmas Come to Plymouth 4-5 pm on the longest night, Saturday, December 21, for a concert to benefit those struggling through the holidays. Featuring Nelda Swiggett, Clif Swiggett and Michael Glynn, with guest vocalist Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown. Watch for more details soon.

The Gospel Magnificat Enjoy two performances of a gospel jazz setting of the Cantic of Mary by Kent Stevenson. 4 pm Sun., Dec. 8 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church (75th & Greenwood Ave N) and 7 pm Sat. Dec. 14 at First Baptist (1111 Harvard Ave). \$25 at the door (\$15 students), More info: 206-519-4575.

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.

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.

Born to be Wild Conference Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs January 31-February 2, 2025, led by Pastor Bill Comfort. All believers, seekers and doubters who identify as male are welcome. Registration is now open. Link to register and more info in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



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.