

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

“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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SUNDAY, JULY 18 2021
EIGHTH DAY 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 place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

PRELUDE..... *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*..... Wayne L. Wold

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Donene Blair

Leader: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

People: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness

People: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

All: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.

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

Plymouth Section Leaders

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Toni Arthur, Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, Floyd Gossett, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Michael Kaid, Isabelle Matson and Family, Bob Mitchell, Montecino Family, Pris Orr, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Cynthia Watson (Friend of Karen Clark)

We grieve with Karen Scott on the death of her mother, Sylvia Moore, last week.

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Hilda Blaikie on the anniversary of her passing.

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 an now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

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.

SHARING PEACE..... The peace of Christ be with you.

CONTEMPORARY VOICE..... Rev. Donene Blair

"The New Colossus"

By Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

SCRIPTURE READING II SAMUEL 7: 1-14A

(Translation by Robert Alter)

And it happened when the king was dwelling in his house and the Lord had granted him respite all around from his enemies, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See, pray, I dwell in a cedarwood house while the Ark of God dwells within curtains." And Nathan said to the king, "Whatever is in your heart, go, do, for the Lord is with you."

And it happened on that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go, say to My servant, to David, 'Thus says the Lord: Is it you who would build Me a house for Me to dwell in? For I have dwelled in no house from the day I brought up the Israelites out of Egypt until this day, but I have gone about in tent and tabernacle. Wherever I went about among all the Israelites, did I speak a word with any of the tribal chiefs of Israel whom I charged to shepherd My people Israel, saying, Why did you not build me a cedarwood house? And now, thus shall you say to My servant, to David, Thus says the Lord of Hosts: I Myself took you from the pasture, from following the flocks, to be prince over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut down your enemies before you. And I will make you a great name, like the name of the great of the earth. And I will set aside a place for My people, for Israel, and plant them, and they shall abide there and no longer quake, and the wicked shall no more afflict them as before, from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I will grant you respite from all your enemies, and the Lord declares that it is the Lord who will make you a house. When your days are full and you lie with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, who will issue from your loins, and I will make his kingship unshaken. He it is who will build a house for My name, and I will make the throne of his kingship unshaken forever.

ANTHEM..... *Power of Kindness*.....by MaMuse
Jenny Kaiton and Sari Breznau, vocals,
Leo Neer, drums,
Evan Florey-Barnes, bass

MESSAGE..... *The Power of Place*.....Rev. Kevin Bechtold

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION.....Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE..... *In Thee is Gladness*.....by J. S. Bach
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anti-Racist Giving Social (Justice) Happy Hour Wednesday, August 4; 5:30–7 pm PST: If you've already participated in an Anti-Racist Giving Workshop, this event is for you! We'll reflect on the successes and challenges of our current giving plans, spend time together updating or completing them, share resources and ideas, and discuss new opportunities for being involved in fundshifting work. **Link to register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.**

Hiroshima Day of Remembrance Friday, August 6, *From Hiroshima to Hope* will hold our annual commemoration of the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Green Lake in Seattle. Free — donations are welcome. The event takes place just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake's NW shore, West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North. COVID safety protocols will be followed. Masks will be required in accordance with Seattle Parks regulations for events, and for the safety of all. More information at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Practical Queer Theology Resources We were inspired by our time with Rev. Thomas in our June series on Practical Queer Theology. If you missed a session or want to review sessions, find links to videos and documents at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (In the news feed, click on article "Practical Queer Theology Resources").

Bible Study on Break The Wednesday morning Bible study group will take a break during the month of July. We resume 9 am Wednesday, August 4, on Zoom. If you would like more information or to be on the weekly email with links to the bible texts and Zoom meeting, please contact Jennifer Castle at JCas-tle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. All are welcome!

Reconcile and Reform Are you eager to gather, learn, and worship again with other Christians from around the country and the world who are working to advance LGBTQ inclusion in the church? Convene in person this fall for our Reconcile and Reform conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration is now open. The conference will be held October 28–30 at Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort in Phoenix. Read more and get tickets at ReformationProject.org/Conference.