

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JULY 25, 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 25 2021
NINTH 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..... Variations on "Come, O Fount" (Nettleton).....by Undine Smith Moore

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

INVOCATION.....June Hayakawa Fung

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled;
we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found.
Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives,
just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish
that remained after feeding the five thousand. Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.

HYMN..... *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*.....TUNE: NETTLETON

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 & 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),
Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)*

Our hearts are with Michelle Carlill at the passing of her wife, Dianne Carlill, on July 19.

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Hilda Blaikie on the one year 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.

Blessing the Fragments

Cup your hands together, and you will see the shape
this blessing wants to take. Basket, bowl, vessel:
it cannot help but hold itself open
to welcome what comes.

This blessing knows the secret
of the fragments that find their way
into its keeping, the wholeness
that may hide in what has been
left behind, the persistence of plenty
where there seemed only lack.

Look into the hollows of your hands
and ask what wants to be
gathered there, what abundance waits
among the scraps that come to you,
what feast will offer itself
from the fragments that remain.

—Jan Richardson

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHNJOHN 6:1-21 (NRSV)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

ANTHEM..... *Wanting Memories*.....by Y.M. Barnwell

Soul Choir, Directed by Sari Breznau,
Edited by Doug Arney

MESSAGE..... *Enough?*..... Min. Jennifer Castle

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Min. Castle

POSTLUDE..... *Jubilate*.....by Fela Sowande

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



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 is taking 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 JCastle@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.

Plymouth Reads Summer Challenge The Plymouth Reads Team has decided to wait until fall to read and share *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. Receiving the radical love of James Baldwin and the call from Ibram X. Kendi to do antiracist work has left the team feeling we have personal work to do before we embark on this final book. We invite you to join us. Read suggestions at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.