

10:30 AM      SUNDAY, JULY 11, 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.

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SEVENTH 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 ..... Offertory..... Dr. H. Leslie Adams

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

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

Leader: Come, let us come into the House of the Holy One with song and dance.

**People: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers,  
and all that dwells within.**

Leader: The Lord of the Dance beckons us to join in this time of celebration and joy...

**People: That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.**

Leader: We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.

**People: We seek to know God's faithfulness and wisdom.**

**All: Let us enter God's rhythm of life and follow in the ways of the Word. God will bring  
us home where dancing and joy will never end!**

HYMN..... *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*..... TUNE: ST. THOMAS

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 mourn with Patricia Valentine on the passing of Frank Jones.*

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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Holy One, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CONTEMPORARY VOICE

### *"The Peace Orchestra has an Intellectual Neighbor"*

A reading from Mari Matsuda, one of the founders of Critical Race Theory

"In the early 1980's there were almost no law professors of color. A few of us began meeting and theorizing about the dialectical relationship between white supremacy and the US legal system. We came out of freedom struggles, and we defined freedom broadly to include the end of all forms of subordination. We imagined a world in which all human beings are valued and upheld. Our teachers were generations of freedom fighters before us and we took our genealogy seriously as we pushed, argued, cooked our way into a new mode of analysis called critical race theory. We were and are feminists, and when feminism met critical race theory, it expanded into intersectionality.

"With Kimberle' Crenshaw slinging pots and pans in her kitchen I watched a new idea emerge: The systemic devaluation of our sister who is poor, Black, female, queer is not just a matter of one oppression piling on another. The entire structure of colonization finds its perpetual motion miracle by deploying interlocking subordination. Multiple oppressions supercharge the colonizer's system, allowing it to morph and disrupt resistance at every turn, breaking our coalitions and occluding our thoughts. Freedom is not coming unless we take on the entire beast.

"It's an ugly thing, the beast we saw when we called out its name, but seeing it was the first step in seeing its vulnerability. There are more of us, always have been, and we have power. Critical race theory is what happens when you take your hands off your eyes in the scary movie, and start laughing at the absurdity of the premise. We are laughing, and fighting, and writing, and marching, now four decades into this project."

### **READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK.....MARK 6:14-29**

(Common English Bible translation)

Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah." Still others were saying, "He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets." But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life."

He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip. Herod had married her, but John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry your brother's wife!" So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn't. This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John's words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him.

Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod's birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee's leading residents. Herod's daughter Herodias came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, "Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." Then he swore to her, "Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom."

She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?"

"John the Baptist's head," Herodias replied.

Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a plate, right this minute." Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn't want to refuse her. So he ordered a guard to bring John's head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John's head, brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.

**ANTHEM**..... *With a Voice of Singing*.....by Martin Shaw  
Plymouth Chancel Choir;  
Wanda Griffiths, Director;  
Doug Arney, Video Editor

**MESSAGE**..... *Fighting With History's Ghosts*..... Rev. Dr. Yuki Schwartz

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**..... Dr. Schwartz

**POSTLUDE**..... *Let Us Be Joyful*.....by Sidney S Campbell  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Rooted in Love*** is the theme for General Synod which runs from July 11-18. This is a unique opportunity to experience this biennial event without having to travel to another city. All the details, including registration, can be found at [GeneralSynod.org](http://GeneralSynod.org).

***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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [jcas-tle@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:jcas-tle@plymouthchurchseattle.org). All are welcome!

***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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).