

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, January 19, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Luke 4:16–27

“Jukebox Liberation”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

12 pm American Mosaic Series, Hildebrand Hall

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **PlymouthChurchSeattle.org**.

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

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), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), 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), William Chapman Nyaho, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark)



*bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.*

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## RISE AGAINST PROJECT 2025



*Honor the man and vision.*

Honor our nation's foremost human rights leader by gathering, marching and volunteering in the spirit of service and building equitable and inclusive community.

**Rally and March - We Rise AGAINST Project 2025**  
**Monday, January 20:**  
**11 am Rally at Garfield High School (400 23rd Ave, Seattle); 12:30 pm March**

The Seattle MLK Jr. Organizing Coalition is an all-volunteer organization composed of grassroots, labor, business, people of color, and progressive community organizations and volunteers from throughout the Puget Sound region. Annually, these groups come together and organize our community's largest tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown.

**MLK Day of Service 9 am-1 pm Monday, January 20**

Continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service by making January 20 a day of volunteer activism. Visit [ParentMap.com/Calendar/mlk-day-service-2025](https://ParentMap.com/Calendar/mlk-day-service-2025) to view a list of volunteer opportunities on MLK day all around the greater Seattle area, and sign up (preregistration required for most).

## ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16

Plan to attend Plymouth's 155th Annual Meeting Sunday, February 16, after worship in Hildebrand Hall and live online (the link to join online via Zoom will be shared closer to the meeting date.). Light lunch provided. The Annual Report will be reviewed, and your vote is needed to install new lay leadership and approve the 2025 budget for our church family. Celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025. Please join us for this important time to gather with our beloved community.



*155th Annual Meeting Sunday, February 16.*

## LEARN AND ACT

The crime of human trafficking hinges on the exploitation of another person. People often falsely believe “human trafficking” implies victims must be moved from one place to another to be a victim. Human trafficking does not require transportation to be considered a crime. It is a crime that can be committed against an individual who has never left his or her hometown.

Human trafficking is slavery. The U.S. Department of State uses the terms slavery or “modern-day slavery” to encompass all forms of trafficking. It has taken on different forms from sex trafficking to labor trafficking. Slave “owners” now have the ability to use different means of technology to provide slaves to people and organizations and the number of people enslaved and profits earned by traffickers is constantly growing.

Human traffickers use various forms of force, fraud, and coercion to control and exploit victims including:

- Imposing of debt
- Fraudulent employment opportunities
- False promises of love or a better life
- Psychological coercion
- Violence or threats of violence

You can help play a role in ending human trafficking by learning key indicators of the crime, raising awareness of human trafficking within your community or industry, and reporting suspected trafficking incidents.

Blue Campaign is a national public awareness campaign designed to educate the public, law enforcement, and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases.

Visit [DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign](https://DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign) to access a multitude of resources to educate and take action.

**To report suspected human trafficking, call 1-866-347-2423. To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).**





## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



On January 20, the annual commemoration of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy will coincide with the inauguration of President Donald Trump's second term. With this symbolic overlap, the United Church of Christ and a coalition of interfaith partners are hosting a national Interfaith Service and Moral Mass Meeting

to address this critical moment. It is an invitation for people of faith and moral conviction to rise together and respond to deep injustices that exist within the nation.

King's legacy demonstrates the need for people in the current moment to speak up, speak out, and be advocates, emphasized the UCC General Minister and President the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson: "As we step into what it means to have new leadership in the United States, we're also stepping into what it means to continue the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to continue to say that all are created equal, to continue to lend our voice to not being silent, to continue to hold space for understanding the interconnectedness of us as people. This event is about casting vision, it's about lending voice, and it's definitely about not becoming silent in the face of fear."

All are invited to join *For Such a Time As This: A Prophetic Response to America's Defining Moment* on January 20 at 4 pm PT (5 pm MT/6 pm CT/7 pm ET). **The livestream link will be posted on UCC.org on January 20.** The event will be held at the Healing Cathedral Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, the city that King visited several times and where he spent his last days supporting the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike before his assassination in April 1968.

Speakers from the interfaith service and mass moral meeting, in addition to Thompson, include:

- Bishop Yvette Flounder, presiding bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries;
- Bishop William J. Barber, II, president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival;
- Rev. Terri Hord-Owens, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);
- Rev. Sofia Betancourt, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association;
- Rev. Shaine Claiborne, co-founder and leader of Red Letter Christians;
- Rev. Moya Harris, director of Racial Justice for *Sojourners*.

Read more at [UCC.org](https://ucc.org).

## GET YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Plymouth's 2025 calendar featuring families of choice are available to pick up on Sunday for those who pre-ordered. Please stop by the office for your copy. The press run is limited, but more copies are for sale. Order yours today using the link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Each calendar is \$25.



Pick up your calendars this Sunday.

## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session is Sunday, February 9

Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes referred to as a sound bath. The next session is Sunday, February 9, after worship in Hildebrand Hall. Participants are encouraged to bring mats, blankets, or pillows.

Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes. **(Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of**

**Sunday service.) Suggested Donation \$20.**

## CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Lunar New Year Celebration highlights each zodiac animal and celebrates the year's symbolism in the historic Chinatown/International District. The festivities feature traditional dragon and lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, Japanese Taiko drumming, and other cultural performances.



Join the festivities February 22.

This year marks the transition to the Year of the Snake, and will be publicly celebrated in the International District from 11 am-4 pm Saturday, February 22. Vendor booths will line up along South King St., dance performances and music will take place throughout the day.

Hungry visitors can enjoy our food walk, sampling a wide variety of dishes from local businesses. With family-friendly activities, arts and crafts vendors, and cultural exhibits, the event offers something for everyone. Visit [SeattleChinatownID.com](https://SeattleChinatownID.com) to learn more.

## STAND AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

White Christian nationalism, the "belief in the idea that America was founded by Christians who modeled its laws and institutions after Protestant ideals with a mission to spread the religion and those ideals in the face of threats from non-whites, non-Christians, and immigrants" is a dangerous ideology and a threat to religious liberty. It aims to erode, if not erase, the vital distinction between religion and state by infusing the government with punitive and perilous principles that creates a two-tiered society we have not seen since colonial times. Further, white Christian nationalism seeks to grant its unique, unforgiving interpretation of Christianity a privileged role when enforcing policy for running schools, for making sexual and reproductive decisions, for administering border programs, for structuring our criminal justice system, and for (mis)using the military in foreign affairs.

This all may sound bizarre and fantastical, but some of these plans and pronouncements have deep roots in the social — specifically racist — history of the United States. White Christian nationalism threatens every effort to correct the systemic racial inequality in this country. And by interweaving racial and religious prejudice it looks alarmingly familiar — one need only recall those photographs of 40,000 Ku Klux Klan members marching down the streets of the nation's capital 99 years ago, on August 8, 1925.

A UCC-wide effort to present the gospel message as one of inclusion, forgiveness, and divinely inspired love called "THIS is Christianity," houses testimonials, stories, announcements, and worship resources for anyone and everyone who considers inclusion and loving care rather than division and renunciation to be the gospel's message for our time and place. Learn more and submit your testimonial at [ThisIsChristianity.org](https://ThisIsChristianity.org).

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Share prayers at [UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace](https://UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace).



## AMERICAN MOSAIC WORKSHOP SERIES CONTINUES

Engage in an experiential, life-transforming workshop series. Gain new insights and practical tools to build respect, inclusion and belonging in organizations and communities, including Plymouth Church Seattle. Sundays January 19, 26, February 2, 12-1:30 pm in Hildebrand Hall, led by Dr. Mark Smutny.



After worship every Sunday through Feb. 2.

Participants will:

- Unpack how stereotypes, unconscious biases, and microaggressions damage people and harm communities.
- Deepen understanding of racism and how it affects us personally.
- Examine privilege and power in human relationships through the Privilege for Sale Exercise.
- Explore how different cultures have different deeply embedded assumptions about conflict, communication, time, values, and leadership.
- Learn successful strategies for communicating with people from different cultures and national origins.
- Brainstorm opportunities for Plymouth Church to more fully understand and welcome people from our diverse neighborhoods.

We look forward to exploring these issues together with you every Sunday through February 2.

## BRING ITEMS FOR COMFORT BAGS



Bring your contributions on Sundays.

The Community and Care Board requests your help to provide items for comfort bags to be distributed to visitors in need. Please bring gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer, hand warmers, granola bars and other shelf-stable foods that don't require a can opener. Items can be left in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge on Sundays. Thank you for helping us reach out in care and compassion to the most vulnerable in our community.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Help staff a children and youth space in the Lounge during worship, with activities geared towards the youngest in our midst. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold: [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).