

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, February 19, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

9 am Music Devotional, Hildebrand Hall

*Transfiguration Sunday*

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:45 am Coffee Hour

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

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

### TREATS AND HELP NEEDED

If you can provide purchased, pre-packaged food and arrange it on a platter in the kitchen before worship for coffee hour following worship, please contact Toni Arthur:

TAArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Your help with this ministry of hospitality is appreciated!



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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Emily Blaine-Davis, Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Lauren Davis, Mark and JT Edwards, Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Megan French (niece of Sue Jones) & David Dixon & Family, Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Michelle J. Bennett, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Mamadou Diakhate (Friend of Floyd Gossett), Montecino Family, Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), Abby Scott (Friend of Anne Mohundro), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

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



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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## MUSIC NOTES



Joe Williams, Director of Music & Arts

Joe Williams, Plymouth's Director of Music and Arts, invites you to *Music Devotional*, a new program at 9 am on Sundays in Hildebrand Hall (keep reading the *Herald* and website for more info on this developing program). He also invites you to enjoy these upcoming special musical performances.

### *Voices of Diversity: A Celebration of Classical Music's Underrepresented Composers*

Friday, February 24 at 7:30 pm

Chapel of St. Ignatius on the Seattle University campus

Seattle University Performing Arts and Arts Leadership presents *Voices of Diversity: A Celebration of Classical Music's Underrepresented Composers*, featuring Christian Howes, violin, and Joseph Williams, piano, in a free concert, Friday, February 24 at 7:30 pm, in the Chapel of St. Ignatius on the SU campus. No advance reservations needed. The concert will also be broadcast live on Classical KING.

The program includes compositions by Florence Price (1887 – 1953), Irene Britton Smith (1907 – 1999), Adrian Gordon (b. 1983), Joseph Bologne Chevalier de Saint-Georges (1745 – 1799), Dr. Immanuel T. Abraham (b. 1990) and Tomoko Omura (b. 1980.)

### *From his Heart's Deep Core: The Music of Richard Thompson and others, Inspired by the Life and Writing of Paul Laurence Dunbar*

Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 pm

Tagney Jones Hall at the Opera Center

General Public: \$45, Subscribers: \$40

Seattle Opera favorites Martin Bakari (*The Marriage of Figaro*) and Ellaina Lewis (*Blue*) team up with Tacoma pianist Joe Williams (last here with tenor Joshua Stewart in 2022) for a special night of opera, classical art song, and jazz. The program will feature music from Richard Thompson and other composers, including settings of Paul Laurence Dunbar's poetry, which has resonated with and inspired artists for generations across many musical genres. ✨

## WELCOME, WINIFRED MIXON

Plymouth is pleased to welcome Winifred Mixon as our new Director of Finance. Winifred has an extensive background as a CPA and has worked in the field of financial management for over 20 years. Her work has taken her across the globe. She has travelled extensively, and lived and worked in West and Central Africa for more than a decade. Winifred is also an avid reader and loves libraries. In addition to a Business Degree, she has a Masters in Library and information Science and worked in libraries for several years.

Winifred looks forward to bringing her skills and background to Plymouth Church. Please take time to welcome her to the life and ministry of Plymouth UCC. ✨



Winifred Mixon, Director of Finance

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND



### *Bible Study at Top Golf Renton*

Please join us for Bible study and fun at Renton Top Golf this Saturday, February 18, 4 to 6 pm (780 Logan Ave N, Renton). This event is limited to people age 21 and older. There will be space for 10, and participants are responsible for their own

food and drink. Please RSVP to Diane Jacobsen: DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

**Movies that Move** Immediately following worship on February 26, we will view "I Am Not Your Negro" in Hildebrand Hall. This event will be in-person only, with online discussion to follow Wednesday, March 1 via Zoom.

**Teach-in for Lent** The Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice, a sponsor of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, will host a teach-in for Lent around their devotional "We Cry Justice," 6-7:30 pm Thursday, March 23 at Plymouth. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details. ✨



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# BLACK HISTORY: THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF SANKOFA



Looking back, moving forward

Celebrations of Black History Month originated as a corrective to the absence of people of African descent in American cultural historical education. At Join the Movement, we honor Black History Month as an intentional opportunity to engage in the antiracist practice of *Sankofa*. From the Akan people of Ghana, *Sankofa* means “to go

back and get it.” *Sankofa* implies that the quest for knowledge is based on critical examination and patient investigation. It is not enough to simply learn about Black History; we must also bring that history forward and ask what it means — how it changes us — today.

In this era, where cultural historical education is increasingly targeted by those seeking to maintain the systems and structures of white supremacy, we cannot underestimate the importance of our *Sankofa* antiracism practices. As Christians, our scriptures are filled with *Sankofa* invitations like, “Remember that you were slaves in Egypt,” and “Do this in remembrance of me.” Just as our Holy Communion celebrations invite us to go back and get the radical practices of Jesus so that our lives might be shaped by the kingdom vision in the present, so, too, we are called in each moment to the life-changing sacred work of bringing history forward.

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In Mississippi during the summer of 1964, an incredible intergenerational movement unfolded that would give rise to life-long activism for many participants. As violence aimed at squelching the civil rights struggle in Mississippi increased, organizers established Freedom Schools to register disenfranchised voters of African descent. The curriculum, aimed at middle- and high-school aged children, was designed to empower students to think and act politically and give expression to their experiences creatively.

This Black History Month, we invite you into the antiracist spiritual practice of *Sankofa*, offering the opportunity for all to “go back and get” the wisdom from the Freedom Schools for building an intergenerational movement toward racial justice here and now. The *Sankofa* symbol is a mythical bird with its feet planted forward and its head turned backwards. Thus, the Akan believe the past serves as a guide for the future. As this forward march proceeds, the knowledge of the past must never be forgotten. Read more and get involved with Join The Movement at [JoinTheMovementUCC.org](http://JoinTheMovementUCC.org). ✦

# UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

Hello Plymouth! This is a brief note to give you an update on the formation of the Developer Selection Committee (DSC). Council has received a terrific batch of self-nominations and the designated Council workgroup will be meeting this week to review them all. The workgroup will make our recommendation on the DSC slate at the next full Council meeting on February 22.



The process continues.

We will provide another update once the DSC is formed and the new committee members have had a chance to meet and get their bearings. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions or comments for Council either through our email address ([council@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:council@plymouthchurchseattle.org)) or to me ([tracysimpson7@gmail.com](mailto:tracysimpson7@gmail.com)).

Peace and love, Tracy Simpson, Plymouth Moderator ✦

# FAITH IN ACTION!



Faith communities across the state showed up to advocate for justice.

We are grateful to the amazing advocates who made the trek to Olympia yesterday for Interfaith Advocacy Day – a joyful return to in-person advocacy. We are also grateful to those who viewed online and took action remotely. All brought their experiences, knowledge, and passion for justice to decision-makers.

We were delighted to be visited by 41st District Rep. My-Linh Thai, whose passionate message resonated with ours: that love guides her policymaking decisions as she calls on her colleagues to do what is right. Advocates caucused with others from their legislative district and planned their afternoon meetings with legislators.

We remain grateful to the WA Poor Peoples’ Campaign for bringing members to advocate with FAN, as we echoed their chant: “Forward Together! Not One Step Back!” Let’s keep the momentum going through the rest of session and throughout the year. Read more and get involved at [FanWa.org](http://FanWa.org). ✦

# UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated. Cost is \$350 per person. Next workshop will be held **March 16-18**. Find full schedule and link to register at [PinwSeattle.org](http://PinwSeattle.org). ✦

# JOIN COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

Lent is a season when many people take on a new spiritual discipline. When it begins this year on Wednesday, February 22, Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice is inviting people to take up the spiritual practice of courageous conversations.



Visit [JoinTheMovementUCC.org](http://JoinTheMovementUCC.org)

Each day during Lent, Join the Movement will offer daily prompts that encourage antiracist conversations. These will include a reflection question, a prayer and a reference to a time when Jesus engaged in courageous conversations. Examples of prompts include “When did you discover your race?” and “What about your racial/cultural/ethnic background brings you joy?”

“The invitation is to use those prompts to have courageous conversations with friends, family, people who you are in community with, or even just to journal and have this conversation with yourself,” said Sharon Fennema, JTM curator.

People are invited to follow along through the United Church of Christ’s social media channels. JTM will also make a discussion guide available with suggestions for using these resources in groups during Lent, which will include covenants participants can agree to practice to create space for generative dialogue. Read more at [JoinTheMovementUCC.org](http://JoinTheMovementUCC.org). ✦

# BE THE CHURCH



We will never change the world by just going to church.  
We will only change the world by being the Church.

Covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are some available volunteer opportunities. Contact Toni Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), to get started:

- Participating in money counting after worship
- Preparing communion (first Sundays)
- Becoming a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Answering phones 2 days a week from 10 am–2 pm
- Cleaning/decluttering (short-term commitment)
- Food preparation and service on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry ✦

# THANK YOU, PLYMOUTH

Dear Plymouth Congregation, Thank you so much for all of your cards, gifts, and emails to mark my retirement as Plymouth Librarian! I am touched that so many of you took the time to express your appreciation for the job that I did. Believe me when I say it was a labor of love.



Suzanne Sanderson, Librarian Emerita

I know that the Library will continue to flourish. If you want to be a part of its mission, please contact the Library Committee’s chair, Melony Joyce, or any of its members: Ingrid Holmlund, Kathy Rood, Carrie Stultz, or Don Bell. And for those of you who are missing reading the Library blog, there are a couple of years’ of articles on the Plymouth website. I bet there are some you never got around to reading! My best wishes to all of you.

—Suzanne Sanderson, Librarian Emerita ✦

# CALL TO CONSCIENCE



This February, Rainier Avenue Radio converts the Columbia City Theater (4916 Rainier Ave S, Seattle) into the Call to Conscience Black History Month Museum to celebrate the achievements and the achievers of the Pacific Northwest, recognizing the Black excellence that shines in the region today. Featuring

installations by organizations like the Black Heritage Society of Washington, Tacoma’s Buffalo Soldier Museum and [BlackPast.org](http://BlackPast.org). Museum runs Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 am–7 pm. Tickets and info at [CallToConscience.world](http://CallToConscience.world). ✦

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Plymouth Church acknowledges the land that we occupy, which was stewarded by the Duwamish people, the first stewards of this land. We also offer a labor acknowledgement for the African American enslaved upon whose backs this country gained much of its wealth, as well as the work and lives of others who emigrated to this country. In our journey to become more fully the church, we honor our social location of power and privilege, and our position to do justice within and in the world, and recognize that such a statement is only the beginning of the work to which we are called. ✦

