

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, February 26, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

9 am Music Devotional, Hildebrand Hall

Service this Sunday and Next in Hildebrand Hall

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 21-25; 3:1-7

“Literally”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:45 am Movies That Move

Immediately following worship on February 26, we will view “*I Am Not Your Negro*.” This viewing will be in-person only, with online discussion to follow Wednesday, March 1, via Zoom.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://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.



## CARE TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU



Let us know what we can do for you.

Your Plymouth Care Team is committed to responding to all care concerns that come our way. Please use the Plymouth Care Line phone number to get in touch with the Care Team should anything arise: 206.639.7739. Messages are checked at least once a day and the Care Team makes every attempt to

follow up as soon as we are able. Please call and leave a message if there is something you need help with, or feel we should be aware of. The Plymouth Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute crises, call 988 or text “Home” to the Crisis Care Line at 741741. Members of the Care Team are:

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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), 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)

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Sara McKenzie who passed away February 21.

Our hearts are with Richard and Catie Wilson on the passing of their son, Charlie.

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

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS



Walk with us on the Lenten journey.

The traditions of Lent are derived from the season's origin as a time when the church prepared candidates, or “catechumens,” for their baptism into the Body of Christ. It eventually became a season of preparation not only for catechumens but also for the whole congregation. Self-examination, study, fasting,

prayer and works of love are disciplines historically associated with Lent. Conversion—literally, the “turning around” or reorientation of our lives towards God—is the theme of Lent. Both as individuals and as a community, we look inward and reflect on our readiness to follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. The forty days of Lent correspond to the forty-day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness and the forty-year journey of Israel from slavery to a new community.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the congregation as a symbol that we have come from dust and one day will return to dust. It is one of many Lenten and Easter customs that remind us of our historical connection with Jewish tradition. With this sobering reminder of life's fragility, we begin a spiritual quest that continues until the Easter Vigil.

Our theme for Lent this year is “Longing.” We give thanks for all you bring on the Lenten journey with Plymouth UCC. Invite friends and family to join on Sundays at 10:30 am, in person or live online. ✦

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

Plymouth has purchased a limited number of print editions of the UCC Daily Devotional, “*Running from Empty*,” along with the pdf edition available for download. If you can download the pdf, please request the link; print copies are intended for those who are technologically challenged or deprived. To get a link to the pdf or a print copy, please contact

Diane Jacobsen: [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.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.

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



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

*Join the Movement toward Racial Justice is an invitation to demonstrate God's love and to partner with others who are working for the transformation of racism in our world so that we might foster flourishing lives for all.*

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. “Part of what inspired the theme is noticing how many courageous conversations Jesus has over the course of the Gospels, and he seems to lean into that space. What does it look like to build the skills to be in the spaces Jesus was in and the values that were at the heart of his ministry when he was being challenged?” Courageous conversations show up within many elements of JTM's work toward antiracism.

People are invited to follow along through the United Church of Christ's social media channels. JTM also has 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](https://JoinTheMovementUCC.org). ✦



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 this upcoming special musical performance:

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). ✦

VIRTUAL ECO-FORUM FEBRUARY 26

Worried about global warming? Want to understand how our waste connects to climate change and how to deal with it? Join University Congregational UCC’s Sacred Earth Matters group on **Sunday, February 26 at 12 noon via Zoom** when Heather Trim from Zero Waste Washington will talk about current bills underway in the legislature and how best to get the attention of legislators and let them know of our concerns.

Heather is an expert in environmental legislation and has first-hand knowledge of advocacy processes that work. She will be focusing on 3 bills:

- Washington Recycling & Packaging Act (WRAP) — HB 1131/SB 5154
- Environmental Management & Recycling of Batteries — SB 5144
- Reducing Plastic Pollution — HB 1047

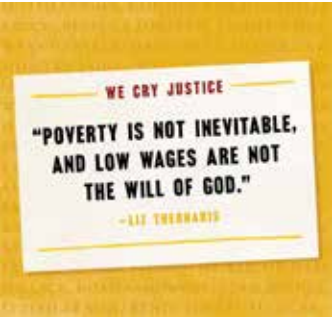
Link and ID number to join in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✦



Art by Ricardo Levins Morales

WE CRY JUSTICE

Please join hosts Aaron Scott and Rev. Erica Williams 6–7:30 pm Thursday, March 23 at Plymouth, for “Cries From the Wilderness: A Teach-In Based on the Book We Cry Justice,” an event to raise awareness about the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice. Registration is required for this event. Find link to register in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



For the last two decades, the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice has helped to develop leaders from the ranks of the poor, connecting them in a wide network of grassroots and religious organizations and political efforts. We come together through organizing campaigns, mobilizations, convenings, educational programs, faith gatherings, arts and culture, research and scholarship, and more; we come together across historic lines of division like race, religion, age, and geography, in order to build up the unity and organization of the poor in this country.

The result is a national network that reaches into thousands of communities, increasingly impacts the moral and political narrative, influences elected officials at every level of government, and anchors one of the most promising social movements of our time. ✦

GET CREATIVE TOGETHER

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, hosts a series of online discussions about matters of great interest to the life and health of the church called “Create PlaySpace with the President.”



Over the next four months, on 8 Wednesdays from 1 pm ET (10 am PT) you are invited to gather for an hour in virtual space to discuss with others vital perspectives and emerging strategies in key areas of our shared life. A leader in the area to be discussed will begin the hour with a brief presentation to prime the pump for the discussion that will follow.

All voices will be welcome. You will want to participate whether you have something important to contribute or whether you are just curious about hearing what others are thinking. Find a schedule of topics and presenters and instructions to join at UCC.org. ✦

UCC ON THE SCENE

The United Church of Christ is offering prayers and relief for the region encompassing Turkey and Syria as the death toll continues to climb following one of the strongest earthquakes in 100 years. The number of people killed has passed 47,000. Responders who have worked hard in the cold weather continue to rescue victims from the ruins as the odds of survival begin to wane over a week since the Feb. 6 quake. Many survivors are struggling to find enough food, water and basic amenities.



Response teams are in for the long haul

The UCC has issued an appeal to assist those affected in the region. You can be certain that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. Find links to support this response at **Support.UCC.org**. You may also text **UCCDISASTER to 41444**.

Global Ministries, the overseas ministry of the UCC, released a statement offering prayers and support for partners in response to the tragedy. Read more at UCC.org. ✦

BE THE CHURCH



Covenant giving includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are a few volunteer opportunities. Contact Toni Arthur, 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 ✦

CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Members of the Plymouth community are invited to meet with Council members to ask questions, make suggestions, and express their hopes for Plymouth. Council members are available online via Zoom **7–8 pm the second Wednesday of each month**. Email Diane Jacobsen by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✦

CONTINUE EXPLORING BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE

Black History Month is an opportunity for us all to recognize, honor, and celebrate the many ways in which our Black, African, and African American neighbors and communities contribute to the vibrancy and cultural depth of our city. Check out the list below of ways to become involved year-round in celebrating Black culture in Seattle.



Friends at Horizon House keep the faith.

- **Northwest African American Museum (NAAM):** Closed during the pandemic, NAAM re-opened to the public on Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year. Located in the historic Colman School building, NAAM is grounded in a mission to “use heritage to heal,” aiming to preserve the connection of people of African descent to their home in the Pacific Northwest.
- **Call to Conscience Black History Month Museum:** This February, Rainier Avenue Radio will be converting the entire Columbia City Theater into the “Call to Conscience Black History Month Museum.” The museum will celebrate the achievements and the achievers of the Pacific Northwest while recognizing the Black excellence that shines in the region today. The museum runs Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 am–7 pm.
- **Henry Exhibition from Nina Chanel Abney:** Head to the Henry Art Gallery for an exhibition of Nina Chanel Abney’s work, “*Fishing Was His Life*.” Abney’s work includes paintings, prints, and large-scale murals with themes of politics, race, sexuality, and celebrity. The exhibition runs through March 5.
- **Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI):** Through April 30, MOHAI presents an exhibit entitled “*From the Ground Up: Black Architects and Designers*,” shining a light on the many ways Black architects have shaped our cityscapes.
- **Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP):** MoPOP’s “*Contact High*” exhibition explores four decades of photography, from the late 1970s to today, documenting a revolution not just in music, but in politics, race relations, fashion, and culture.
- **Seattle Center Armory:** Visit the Seattle Center Armory for “*A Seattle History Worth Preserving: Buffalo Soldiers Exhibit*.” This display focuses on the immense contribution the heroic Black soldiers had serving in the US military.

These are only a few suggestions. See the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for a list of local Black-owned businesses to visit and other resources. ✦