

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 2, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Transfiguration Sunday
Sacrament of Communion

Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5

Join us in the Sanctuary at noon March 5 for a simple
Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes.

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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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., 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), Eleanor Fordyce, 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, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Michael and Elizabeth Gordon and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of their sister, Charon Washington.

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

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.

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LENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK



Ash Wednesday service at noon March 5

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. 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 essence of Lent. Both as individuals and as a community, we look inward and reflect on our readiness to follow Jesus in the journey towards the cross. Our theme for Lent this year is "Challenging Chaos."

On Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), 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. With this sobering reminder of life's fragility, we begin a spiritual quest that continues until Easter, when new members are often welcomed and the entire congregation joins in a reaffirmation of faith. You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary at **noon March 5** for a simple Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes. We give thanks for all you bring on the Lenten journey with Plymouth UCC. Invite friends and family to Ash Wednesday at noon March 5 and every Sunday at 10:30 am. 🌍

WISDOM FOR WILD DAYS

Amid a news cycle filled with stories that can overwhelm, the United Church of Christ offers Lent resources to meet the moment. Lent provides space for lament — something that can serve us well in this time.

"Movement Wisdom for Wild Days," a 40-day Lenten journey of grounding, guidance, and discernment is now available from Join The Movement. This downloadable document is available free at JoinTheMovementUCC.org. 🌍



PEOPLE HAVE POWER!

The People's Union USA is a movement for the people, and by the people, and we need every voice in this fight. If you believe in taking back power, breaking free from economic control, and building a future where the people, not corporations, decide the direction of this country, join us. We are stronger together.

Turn it off! For one day we show them who really holds the power. The full 24 hours of February 28:

- Do not make any purchases
- Do not shop online, or in-store
- No Amazon, no Walmart, no Best Buy: Nowhere!

Do not spend money on:

- Fast Food
- Gas
- Major Retailers
- Do not use credit or debit cards.

What you can do:

- Only buy essentials of absolutely necessary (food, medicine, emergency supplies)
- If you must spend, **ONLY** support small, local businesses.

Why this matters:

- Corporations and banks only care about their bottom line.
- If we disrupt the economy for just ONE day, it sends a powerful message.
- If they don't listen (they won't) we make the next blackout longer.

February 28, *The 24 Hour Economic Black Out Begins!* More at ThePeoplesUnionUSA.com. 🌍

REMINDER

Please remember that Plymouth Church UCC has a PO Box.
Send all postal correspondence to:

Plymouth Church UCC
P O Box 21368
Seattle WA 98111



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 UCC.

CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY



The National Women’s History Month’s theme for 2025 is *Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations*. This theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an

inspiration for all generations — both past and present.

Throughout history, the process of information sharing has been a powerful catalyst for change. An honest, open examination of new insights and knowledge can create a framework for collaboration. This, in turn, promotes the well-being of groups, businesses, communities, and society as a whole.

From classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action. Our 2025 theme spotlights the contributions women have made to the American educational system, the free marketplace of ideas, and the very fabric of our democracy.

Ways to participate in *Moving Forward Together*:

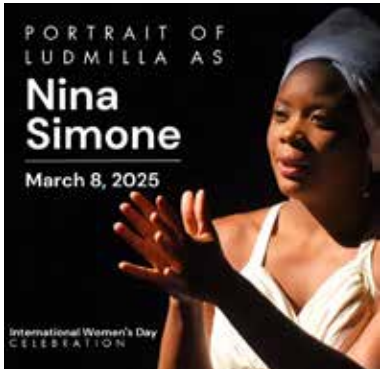
- **Honor:** Recognize the achievements and contributions of women educators, mentors, and leaders.
- **Inspire:** Motivate all generations to pursue education and leadership roles.
- **Educate:** Raise awareness about the unheralded legacies of women from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds.
- **Unite:** Bring together communities to explore, share, and celebrate women’s history and achievements.
- **Envision:** Create a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation. 🌍

SPECIAL WOMEN’S DAY CONCERT

The Alliance Française de Seattle is excited to welcome a production of *Portrait of Ludmilla as Nina Simone* to Seattle for one night only to celebrate International Women’s Day.

7 pm Saturday, March 8, Center Theatre at Seattle Center Armory. \$35, \$25 for members of the Alliance.

More info and tickets using the link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. 🌍



STANDING UP, SPEAKING OUT

Thank you to everyone who showed up to Interfaith Advocacy Day February 20! The day was filled with inspiration, learning, and powerful advocacy as more than 200 attendees roamed the Capitol halls, met with their legislators, and connected with one another to amplify their collective voices.

Interfaith collaboration is the bedrock of our work and we know our voices are stronger when we advocate together.

We know that we must continue advocating for policies that advance justice, compassion, and sustainability. As the state budget deficit looms we continue to urge our legislators and the governor to champion progressive revenue and maintain funding for vital social safety net programs.

Read more and get involved at Fanwa.org. 🌍



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TRANS LIFELINE



Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. For 10 years, we have been building community-based alternatives to the ways trans people have been policed, pathologized, and targeted by oppressive systems at every turn. With the current presidential

administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

Fear and anxiety are running high. But as one of the largest trans-led direct service provider to trans folks in North America, we are determined to remain steadfast in our politics of care. Community support has always sustained our work. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at TransLifeline.org. Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people. 🌍

WEAVING OUR STRENGTHS

Join the Church Council of Greater Seattle for a day of workshops and reflection on the community organizing principles and anti-racism values that ground us in transformational change for liberation and justice. Saturday, March 8 at University Congregational United Church of Christ (4515 16th Ave NE). More information at TheChurchCouncil.org. 🌍

PROVIDE COMFORT

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. **Help assemble bags during worship each Sunday in March.**

Thank you for helping us reach out in care and compassion to the most vulnerable in our community. 🌍



Pack bags during worship each Sunday in March.

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: **206-639-7739**. Messages checked daily. The Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute crises, call 988. Members of the Care Team are:

- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown** (KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)
- **Rev. Kevin Bechtold** (KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).
- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung** (JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) 🌍

ORBIT AND ORACLE

Hear The Esoterics in concert at 8 pm Saturday, March 8 at Plymouth UCC, performing *Orbit and Oracle: A Reimagining of Ancient Astronomical Legends*. German composer Michael Ostrzyga is hosted in Seattle by The Esoterics for a concert of astronomical proportion! These pieces explore the astronomical and mythological aspects of each planet and the god or goddess for which they are named, while exploring where science and belief intersect. More information and tickets at TheEsoterics.org. 🌍



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

“Civil rights may be at the core of equal justice movements, and they may elevate an equity agenda that protects our children from racial and gender discrimination, but they do not have the capacity to fully redistribute power and eradicate racial inequity. There is only one practice that can do that. Love.” —Monique Morris



February 25

- Hiram Revels, first Black US Senator, sworn in, 1870
- Martin Luther King was ordained as a Baptist minister, 1948

February 26

- The right to vote for Black people sent to states for ratification, 1869
- Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. This week would later become Black History Month, 1926

February 27

- Marion Anderson, singer, born in Philadelphia 1897.
- Charlotte Ray, first Black woman lawyer, graduated Howard University, 1872

February 28

- Arkansas legislature required free blacks to choose between exile and enslavement, 1859
- Richard Spikes invented the automatic gear shift, 1932
- Hattie McDaniel became the first Black person to win an Academy Award, 1940 🌍

STRONGER TOGETHER

Immigrant justice means creating a state where everyone—no matter where they are from—can live with dignity, access opportunity, and feel a sense of belonging. Now more than ever, the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network is determined to provide unwavering support and resources to immigrant and refugee communities.

The urgency of this work is all around us. Harmful policies, systemic inequities, detentions, deportations, and everyday injustices impact individuals, families, and entire communities. Every gift you contribute fuels this fight for justice. Thank you for showing up for immigrants in this critical moment. Visit Waisn.org to learn more and make a donation. 🌍



Your support brings help and hope.