

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 3, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Third Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of Communion

Joshua 6:15-17, 23, 25

“Sister Speak”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

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.

*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.*



1217 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

SPREAD EASTER JOY



Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Each Easter, Plymouth encourages folks to visit and deliver a cheerful flower to those members who are isolated and who have suffered a loss. Please be a part of this important tradition and look for the cards and take a plant on Easter Sunday.

You can support this tradition by making a donation in the name of loved ones. Names of donors and those honored will be listed in the *Herald*. Please email names of those to be honored to Robert Turner at RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or include a note with your check to the church. You can also donate online (Click the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, then click the green “Make a Gift” button and choose “Flower Fund” from the drop-down menu). Thank you.

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

*Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark & JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Vance McDill, James McDowell (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Ian Nelson (Son of Diane Nelson), Paula Orrego, **Nancy Parker**, Jean and Richard Paul (Parents of Beth Paul-Russell), James Prater (Friend of Kathy Rood & Jerome Robinson), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Kathy Rood, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon)*

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Debbie Poletti, who passed away February 26. There will be a gathering to celebrate her life at 4 pm Sunday, March 3, Horizon House Chapel.

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MARCH TO STAY ALIVE



devastation. More than 2.5 million Washingtonians experience poverty or low wealth here in one of the wealthiest states of the nation and we cannot and will not be silent. Bring family and friends and make ourselves heard!

Meet at Sylvester Park at 11 am Saturday, March 2:

615 Washington St. SE Olympia. The march route is along Capitol Way S. from Sylvester Park to the Capitol steps, 7-8 blocks. Clergy are asked to wear their clergy attire.

This is a peaceful protest and violence will not be tolerated. Learn more and review our Covenant of Nonviolence prior to joining us on March 2 at PoorPeoplesCampaign.org.

The Five Evils: Our Demands and Priorities:

- **Systemic Racism** There are fewer voting rights today than there were 50 years ago when the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act were passed.
- **Poverty** As the U.S. economy has grown, wealth inequality has expanded, the costs of living have increased, and social programs have been cut dramatically.
- **Ecological Devastation** 3.8 million U.S. households cannot afford clean water.
- **The War Economy** Currently 53 cents of every federal discretionary dollar goes to military spending and only 15 cents is spent on anti-poverty programs.
- **Our Distorted National Morality** Many people die every year from anti-poor policies, while religious and “Christian” agendas deliberately divert attention from key issues and challenges.

Visit WashingtonPPC.org to learn more about these priorities and strategies to address them. [🌐](#)

ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP

Social Justice Fund, the Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW), and Plymouth Church lead a workshop to address questions like:

- How do we decide when, where, and how much to give?
- How do our social and racial identities shape our relationships with money and giving?

Through learning and discussion, you’ll gain the tools to begin building your personal social justice giving plan.

6-8 pm (PST) Wednesday, March 6, via Zoom. Register using link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Open to all, this workshop has been designed specifically for folks who benefit from the history of white wealth accumulation. Registration fee on a sliding scale of \$5-\$50. You will be redirected to the payment page after filling out the initial form. Money raised will be redistributed as part of the workshop. [🌐](#)

2024: HOW DID WE GET HERE?



can organize ourselves to confront the staggering rise of poverty, inequality and a renewed rise of white Christian nationalism. [🌐](#)

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. Roles include leading litanies, reading Scripture and contemporary voices, and assisting as needed. If you feel called to serve Plymouth and deepen your spiritual life by assisting in worship leadership, contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. [🌐](#)



CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY



The National Women’s History Month’s theme for 2024 celebrates “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.” The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

Women from every background have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice. Many feel the critical need to speak up and work harder for fairness in our institutions and social interactions.

During 2024, we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity. We know people change with the help of families, teachers and friends, and that young people in particular need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view as they grow up.

Today, equity, diversity and inclusion are powerful driving forces that are having a wide-ranging impact on our country. As members of families, civic and community groups, businesses and legislative bodies, women are in the forefront of reevaluating the status quo. They are looking anew at what harmful social policies and behaviors exist and, often subtly, determine our future. In response, women across the nation are developing innovative programs and projects within corporations, the military, federal agencies and educational organizations to address these injustices.

We honor local women from the past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices and legislation reflecting these values. Following decades of discrimination, we are proud to celebrate women who work for basic inclusion, equality and fairness. Who are the women in your community that you will honor?

Read more at NationalWomensHistoryAlliance.org.

KEEP THE SHELVES STOCKED

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items. The pantries provide an outward display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or who are under-resourced. Feel free to add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown



Your kindness makes a world of difference.

NEW ART COMING TO PLYMOUTH

“Portrait: A Tribute to Women in History” by Joey M. Robinson will be on display at Plymouth Church from March 17–May 5. This free public exhibit will consist of 12 acrylic and canvas paintings depicting abstract illustrated figures. From artists to inventors, this new series pays homage to notable women who inspired American history. An expert of color and contrast, Seattle-based artist Joey M. Robinson crafts images that are stark, primitive and powerful.

Joey M. Robinson is an abstract painter, portrait artist, photographer and storyteller currently residing in Seattle, Washington. In 2005 Robinson’s *Black Maids Tribute* at the Art Institute of Seattle told in simple words and stark, compelling images, the stories of African American women who served as domestic servants. Read more about the artist at JoeyMRobinson.com.



“Elizabeth Keckley,”
from the *Black Maids Tribute*
(courtesy of the artist)

ROOT SHOCK



Free webinar 4:30 pm March 19.

Root Shock examines 3 different U.S. cities to unmask the crippling results of decades-old disinvestment in communities of color and the urban renewal practices that ultimately destroyed these neighborhoods for the advantage of developers and the elite. This program is designed to speak to “what we can do about it” and how communities impacted by displacement can make a substantive for repair.

March 19, 2024 04:30 PM PST. Link to register for this free webinar in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

PLYMOUTH COOKS

Do you like to cook? Have a favorite food to make? Share with us and be a part of the first-ever Plymouth cookbook! Send us old family recipes, or ones you’ve created yourself. Be sure to include the list of ingredients and instructions. Please let us know something about the dish — what makes it special to you. Often, the story behind the recipes we love is a vital ingredient. Send as many as you want and give others a chance to experience the specialties of your kitchen. Send to Robert Turner: RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



Let us know what’s cooking!

PASSION SYMPHONY MARCH 2

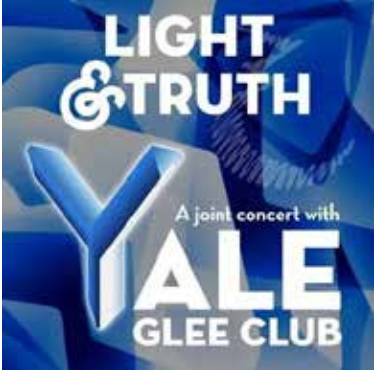
Come to Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, March 2, for a solo concert by virtuoso organist Wayne Marshall presenting the great *Passion Symphony* by French organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. Admission includes talk, performance, wine and appetizers.

Please join us for an evening of unforgettable music. Tickets at SeattleChamberOrchestra.org.



Wayne Marshall performs March 2.

LIGHT AND TRUTH



The Esoterics welcome the Yale Glee Club to the Pacific Northwest with concerts in both Seattle and Tacoma. The choruses will each sing a set of their own music, and then combine forces, forming an ensemble of more than 100 voices! Catch the performance at Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, March 9. Please join us for this unforgettable concert! Tickets at TheEsoterics.org.

REFUGEE ARTISAN INITIATIVE GALA

Refugee Artisan Initiative partners with refugee and immigrant women to foster an inclusive, prosperous transition to the US through artisan skills training and micro business development. Join Plymouth’s Sponsor Circle at their Inaugural Gala, featuring a global meal, live auction, and dessert. Meet the artisans, and support the mission.



Join the Gala 6 pm Friday, March 22

Refugee Artisan Initiative Inaugural Gala

6 pm Friday, March 22

Mercer Island Community Center
8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island

Our Afghan family has benefited greatly from the support of the Refugee Artisan Initiative. The Sponsor Circle from Plymouth is buying a table at the fundraiser. We have one seat left, the cost is \$156. If that is a bit much you can just buy an individual ticket for \$125. Please help us fill our table. Contact Christine Hanson, HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com if you are interested.

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

BRING GIFT CARDS DURING LENT

During the coming weeks of Lent, the Immigration Ministry Team is conducting a *Gift Card Transformation Campaign*. Unspent cards collected will be distributed to families in the immigration process that we are already helping. All cards will be gratefully accepted.

There will be a basket for the cards on the offering table each Sunday. If you are inspired to purchase cards to contribute, consider cards for grocery stores, drug stores or Visa cash cards.

It would help to have the amounts if you know them written on the cards. Please feel free to mail any gift cards to Plymouth (1217 6th Ave. Seattle, 98101) with a note indicating they are for IMT. Thanks in advance for making our immigrant friends feel welcomed. —Vicki Shoettle, Immigration Ministry Team



Bring unused gift cards for migrant siblings.