

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 5, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

9 am Music Devotional, Hildebrand Hall

Service this Sunday in Hildebrand Hall

Second Sunday in Lent

Matthew 14:13–21

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

11:45 am Coffee Hour

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.

*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.*

## SHARE WITH SENIORS



Share your passion and skills.

Pike Market Senior Center, located in the heart of Pike Place Market, is looking for willing folks to share their passions through facilitating workshops, lectures and skill sharing. We are developing opportunities to expand the minds, and increase socialization opportunities, of our members and need your help. All of our programming

is offered without cost to members. We can tailor volunteer commitments that work for you.

We serve a diverse and vibrant slice of the downtown community. Please contact Zoe Freeman for more information: [Zoe@pm-sc-dt-fb.org](mailto:Zoe@pm-sc-dt-fb.org).

Learn about Pike Market Senior Center at [Pm-sc-fb.org](https://Pm-sc-fb.org). ✨

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Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), **Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard)**, Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Mark and JT Edwards, Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Diane Folkert & Family, Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Abby Scott (Friend of Anne Mohundro), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Mamadou Diakhate (Friend of Floyd Gossett), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), **Eric Minea (Cousin of Kristine Dazinger)**, Montecino Family, Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

Our hearts are with Roberta Devine and family on the one-year anniversary of the loss of her husband, John Devine.



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## DEVELOPER SELECTION COMMITTEE NAMED



A wonderful group has stepped up to serve.

Dear Plymouth Community, On behalf of your Congregational Council I am delighted to introduce the wonderful group of Plymouth

faithfuls that has stepped up to serve on the Developer Selection Committee. In alphabetical order by their first names, the DSC members are:

- Bing Tso
- David Guthrie
- Dorothy Woods
- Marcia Almquist
- Melony Joyce
- Ruth Williamson
- Tom Maul

The DSC will be meeting together for the first time very soon and once they have decided as a group how they will organize themselves and their basic game plan, an update will go out to the congregation. In the meantime, I hope you will join me expressing gratitude and extending blessings to each of the DSC members as they begin work on the next phase of our redevelopment journey.

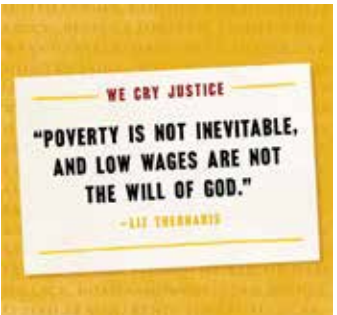
Peace and love to you all,  
Tracy Simpson, Plymouth UCC Moderator ✨

## 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. **Next opportunity is 7 pm March 8.** Email Diane Jacobsen by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✨

## 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](https://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. ✨

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION

We will gather virtually on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 pm to discuss the movie “*I Am Not Your Negro*,” our selection this month for Movies That Move. If you were not able to attend the Feb. 26 screening, you can view on Amazon Prime or YouTube. This discussion was originally scheduled for March 1. Thank you for your flexibility in joining us on March 8 instead.

Find link to join via Zoom, as well as a discussion guide, in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✨





MARCH CELEBRATES  
WOMEN'S HISTORY



Women's History Month can trace its roots back to 1857. During this time, women from various New York City factories protested poor working conditions. The first Women's Day celebration in the U.S. was March 8, 1909. Women's groups and historians lobbied for national recognition in 1980. In February of that year, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. Congress designated the entire month of March Women's History Month in 1987.

Although gender is a socially constructed concept that changes and evolves throughout our lives, there is no shortage of nuanced and dynamic conversations to be had about women, gender, inequality, and injustice. Throughout history, women have been erased and excluded, and women of color, transgender women, and queer women have been subjected to even more harmful oppression than their white, cisgender sisters.

To truly embrace and understand the value of Women's History Month, we must approach our celebrations with intersectionality and intention. With that in mind, Women's History Month is both a time to confront the ongoing injustices that plague women around the world — and an invitation to celebrate and rejoice in our shared humanity as women.

The Women's History theme for 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." From the earliest storytellers through pioneering journalists, our experiences have been captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers. These include authors, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers throughout time. Their dedication and shared desire to give voice to the voiceless are critical to keeping us informed, entertained, and aware.

Women have long been instrumental in passing on our heritage and communicating the lessons of those who came before us. Women's stories, and the larger human story, expand and strengthen our connections with each other. ✦



FROM HIS HEART'S DEEP CORE

Seattle Opera presents *From his Heart's Deep Core: The Music of Richard Thompson and others, Inspired by the Life and Writing of Paul Laurence Dunbar*, 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 4, 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. Tickets and more info at [SeattleOpera.org](http://SeattleOpera.org). ✦



Elliana Lewis, Martin Bakari, Joe Williams

YOU'RE INVITED

Please join us for The Church Council of Greater Seattle's Annual Assembly Tuesday, March 28 6-7:30 pm We will meet online again this year via Zoom, and we encourage you to join us from wherever you may be — all are welcome!

Our theme this year is "Bridge to Flourishing." We will celebrate our work with congregations through the Faith Land Initiative, fostering deep discernment toward transformational stewardship of land. We will recognize the reach of our walking alongside immigrant communities through our Accompaniment Program. We will share about our process for creating new bylaws by the end of 2023, reflecting a new model for shared leadership, decision-making and structuring for our work together.

We invite all to participate. Please read more and find link to RSVP at [TheChurchCouncil.org](http://TheChurchCouncil.org). ✦



ALL ABOARD!



Ride the bus March 5

Horizon House residents can ride the charter bus to Plymouth **the first Sunday of every month**. The bus will pick you up at Horizon House and bring you to Plymouth in time for the 10:30 am service and return you to Horizon House afterward. ✦

RIP MEDICAL DEBT

The United Church of Christ continues to assist people struggling to get out from under medical debt. The latest effort touched more than 6,500 families in Illinois. They recently have received letters learning that their medical debt has been abolished, courtesy of the churches of the Illinois Conference UCC.



Thirty three churches and 36 individuals funded the Conference's primary buy of \$41,707 — which wiped out almost \$6 million in debt for households in 78 of Illinois' 102 counties. The donations were sent through the National Setting to UCC partner, RIP Medical Debt, a non-profit which buys up debt on the secondary market for pennies on the dollar.

The Conference fundraising campaign took place over the course of 10 weeks in late 2021, just before the UCC wrapped up a two-year collaborative effort that has eliminated more than \$124 million in medical debt across the country. The UCC has teamed up with RIP more than a dozen times since 2019 and is the non-profit's largest faith-based partner. Read more at [UCC.org](http://UCC.org). ✦

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:

- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown** ([KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org))
- **Rev. Kevin Bechtold** ([KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)).
- **Rev. Donene Blair** ([DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org))
- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung** ([JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) ✦

LOOKING TOWARD SUMMER

It's not too early to start thinking about spring and summer at Camp N-Sid Sen, the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC camp and retreat center on Lake Coeur d'Alene north of Harrison, Idaho. N-Sid-Sen means "Point of Inspiration" in the the language of the indigenous Coeur d'Alene people. The well-appointed camp offers 300 acres of woodland and waterfront activities, faith-based immersion experiences, low-tech fun in God's inspiring creation and meaningful connections among fellow participants.



Volunteers needed this summer. Apply now.

The 2023 theme is "*FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit-Filled Life.*" Volunteers are needed to serve as summer session directors, cabin leaders, chaplains, nurses and other resource persons. We also seek young adults as the paid summer hospitality team for mid-June through August. Van transportation to and from N-Sid-Sen for those in Western Washington will be provided in the Greater Seattle-Tacoma area.

In April we welcome the Rev. Dr. Pam Peterson (she/her) as our new Designated Managing Director of N-Sid-Sen. Pam comes to us from the Montana Northern-Wyoming Conference of the UCC where she most recently served as the pastor of Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ.

For more information, email [Office@N-Sid-Sen.org](mailto:Office@N-Sid-Sen.org) or visit [N-Sid-Sen.org](http://N-Sid-Sen.org). ✦

SPREAD EASTER JOY



Painting by Fiona Craig.

Plymouth's Community and Care Board delivers cheerful Easter flowers to folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. We are arranging to make deliveries to Horizon House and other senior living facilities, and to some individuals. If you can safely deliver Easter flowers, please email June Hayakawa-Fung at [JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

You can support this ministry 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](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), or include a note with your check to the church. You can also donate online. Thank you for helping continue this tradition. ✦