

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 10, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Kings 17:8-16

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

12:30 pm Sound Medicine Meditation, Hildebrand Hall

**Holy Week and Easter at Plymouth**

Palm Sunday, March 24: Service at 10:30 am

Good Friday, March 29: Service at 2 pm,  
Labyrinth Walk Before and After

Easter Sunday, March 31: Service at 10:30 am

### HELP LEAD WORSHIP

The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. If you feel called to serve Plymouth and deepen your spiritual life by assisting in worship leadership, contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@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.



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Return Service Requested

## 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)

Our hearts are with Michael and Elizabeth Gordon and family on the loss of their sister, Charon Washington on March 1.

We remember Jerry Rice and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of his Great-Uncle William N. Rice.

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## DR. BROWN OFFERS PRAYER IN OLYMPIA



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and Rep. Jamila Taylor

On February 28, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown was invited by Representative Jamila Taylor to pray before the State Legislature in Olympia. Dr. Brown infused the heart of the Poor People's Campaign into her prayer:

O Source of Life,  
From the shores of the great ocean to the peaks of snowy mountains, through the fields

of bounty to where deserts and rivers meet, we honor the stewards of this land and the labor of those from whom we benefit.

This day, make us instruments of transformation.

Where there is brokenness, may we create unity;

Where there is injustice, equity, inclusion and belonging;

Where there is poverty, may we tap into our great abundance;

Make us instruments of inspiration, champions of compassion and grace.

Where there is suffering, may there be healing laced with hope.

May we stand with the marginalized,

And speak, and sing, and create possibilities that work fiercely against oppression,

May this state be one where all are valued and heard,

And treated with dignity and respect.

May we be known as the place where everybody has a right to live,

Where we acknowledge that we are a new unsettling force for positive change,

Where we awaken the sleeping giant without fear,

And know that justice is what love looks like in public.

May we rise with shared voice and power, forward together, not one step back,

So that joy and hope are palpable and within our reach.

O Source of Life, make us instruments of transformation.

May it be so.

Blessed be.

## WOMEN MAKING HISTORY

"Women Making History: Champions of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"

This free webinar series is presented by The National Women's History Alliance. Donations are appreciated.

**4 pm (PT) March 13, Session 1: "Pioneers and Dynamic Proponents of Inclusive Activism"**

Explore the historical context of women who have long advocated for equity, diversity, and inclusion. Discuss their contributions in the fight against bias and discrimination, and how their efforts have shaped society. Link to register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**4 pm (PT) March 27, Session 2: "Empowering the Next Generation"** How women of today are nurturing inclusive values for the future and within young people. And how historical legacy inspires, and current work provides diverse perspectives and fosters a sense of belonging for future generations. Link to register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## FORWARD TOGETHER!

Prior to helping lead the Poor People's Campaign rally in Olympia on March 2, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown joined Yuko Kodama on KBCS to discuss the history and spirit of the Poor People's Campaign. Dr. Brown tells the origin of the movement under Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and its revival in the past decade under Rev. Dr. William Barber and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, among others. The movement is vital for democracy, she explains: "We need to lift up those in poverty. No one running for office ever even says the word 'poor.' How can poor people feel empowered to get out and vote when they're so ignored, when their voices have been muted?"

Link to the interview in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



Free webinar series March 13 & 27



Listen to an interview with Dr. Brown



## BRING GIFT CARDS DURING LENT



Bring unused gift cards for migrant siblings.

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 🌍

## 2024: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

At Plymouth 2–4 pm Saturday, March 16, join Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and a panel of scholars, including Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, as they present and discuss Cedar Monroe’s new book, *Trash: A Poor White Journey*. Together they will discuss the moment we are in, how we got here, and how we can organize ourselves to confront the staggering rise of poverty, inequality and a renewed rise of white Christian nationalism. 🌍



## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Butterfly Mandala, Damien Hirst

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation 12:30 pm March 10, in Hildebrand Hall. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices and will continue by playing Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls, A Mayan Ocean Drum, and improvising vocal toning to relax, heal, and amplify intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets or pillows Some yoga mats and blankets will be available for participants to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. 🌍

## WALK THE LABYRINTH ON GOOD FRIDAY

This year’s Good Friday Service on March 29 will be held at 2 pm in the Sanctuary and online. All are invited to deepen your worship experience by walking the labyrinth, before and after the service, 1–2 pm and 3:30–4:30 pm, in the Lounge. Mona Terry will accompany labyrinth walkers with the meditative music of her harp.



Walk the labyrinth at Plymouth March 29

Mona Terry began her musical journey in Los Angeles with piano at age nine under the guidance of her mother. She carries on this tradition with international recognition, teaching over five hundred music students throughout her career. In addition to piano, Mona plays harp, acoustic bass, organ, djembe drum.

With her harp, Mona holds professional status as a therapeutic musician and served fifteen years for hospice patients in palliative care. Her compositions have been published with the International Folk Harp Journal and two CD recordings featuring mixed instrumentation and voice.

Read more at [MonaTerryMusic.com](http://MonaTerryMusic.com). 🌍

## SHARE 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 or who have suffered a loss. Please be a part of this 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](mailto: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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), then click the green “Make a Gift” button and choose “Flower Fund” from the drop-down menu). Thank you. 🌍

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION

Join the Developer Selection Committee on March 24 after worship for a Congregational Conversation with an update on the development process and opportunity for discussion. Participate both in-person and on-line via Zoom. Watch for details in coming weeks. 🌍

## LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING

This year’s Lenten Special Offering will be evenly divided between One Great Hour of Sharing and Plymouth UCC Scholarships.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries. The support of OGHS serves individuals and communities in need. From disaster response to ongoing community development, OGHS provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope, improving the lives of people in challenging situations.

Plymouth UCC Scholarships support members and friends in financial hardship to take part in opportunities offered by and through Plymouth UCC, such as camps, retreats and other special programs. Half of our annual special offerings replenish the amount available to offer scholarships.

Your faithful giving is vital to maintain the ministries of Plymouth UCC. We give thanks for all you contribute. 🌍



## NEW ART COMING TO PLYMOUTH



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

“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. Read more at [JoeyMRobinson.com](http://JoeyMRobinson.com). 🌍

## PLYMOUTH COOKS

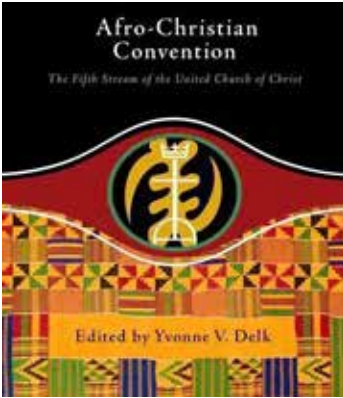
Be a part of the new Plymouth cookbook! Send us old family recipes, or ones you’ve created yourself. Include the list of ingredients and instructions. Please let us know something about the dish — what makes it special to you. Often, the story behind the recipes we love is a vital ingredient. Send as many as you want and give others a chance to experience the specialties of your kitchen. Send to Robert Turner: [RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍



Let us know what’s cooking!

## CELEBRATE BLACK CHURCH HISTORY

As Black History Month wraps up, the United Church of Christ Historical Council encourages continued study of Black history within the denomination. The book *Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ*, published by Pilgrim Press, highlights the tradition of independent Black churches with deep African roots that received affirmation in 2022 as one of the historical religious streams that came together to form the modern-day UCC.



“The story of the Afro-Christian Convention as the fifth stream of the United Church of Christ is a little-known part of our ‘hidden history,’ that clearly points to some of the gifts and challenges of our collective story,” said Julia Speller, a member of the Historical Council and a leading voice of the Afro-Christian tradition. “But it also reveals important lessons that will help us live more faithfully and fully into our commitment of being a ‘united and uniting’ church.”

The book’s description explains how the Afro-Christian Convention offers a story of faith, survival and empowerment in the hostile environment of racism, and yet, “the spirit, worldview, worship and impact of Afro-Christian Convention churches are not appropriately represented under the banner of the Congregational stream of UCC history, a stream informed predominantly by white perspective.”

A free, eight-part study guide to accompany Afro-Christian Convention is available for download. It is intended for small groups, Bible studies, book clubs, polity classes and all others who wish to discuss the Afro-Christian tradition. Read more and download the free study guide at [UCC.org/news](http://UCC.org/news). 🌍

## ROOT SHOCK

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 claim for repair.

**March 19, 2024 04:30 pm PST.** Link to register for this free webinar in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍



Free webinar 4:30 pm March 19.