

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 12, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS —  
SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!**

9 am Music Devotional, Hildebrand Hall

### Service in the Sanctuary

*Third Sunday in Lent*

Matthew 14:13–21

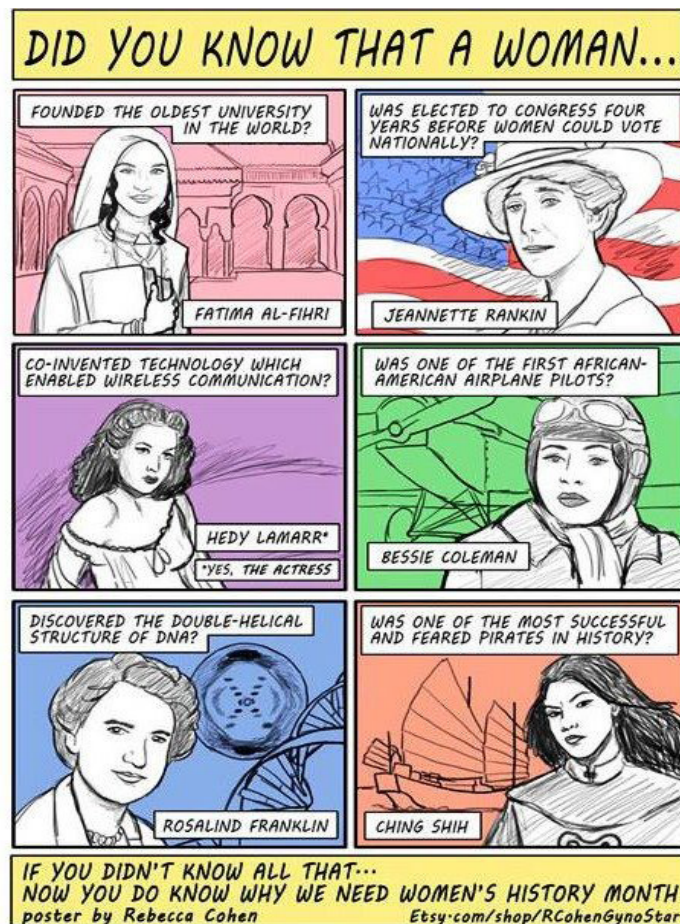
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:45 am Coffee Hour

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.*



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Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

**Mardi (Waggoner) Abuza (Friend of Vicki Schoettle),**

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, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), Susan Emerson, Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Jose Robles and Family, Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett),

**Irma Johnson (Friend of Toni Arthur),** Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Mamadou Diakhate (Friend of Floyd Gossett), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Eric Minea (Cousin of Kristine Danzinger), Montecino Family, 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 Mari Mitchell on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her mother, Jo Mitchell.

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

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](#)

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## TAKE FIVE FOR JUSTICE AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER



President Biden has proposed a rule that essentially will deny many people fleeing their countries the right to ask for asylum at our southern border, including those asylum seekers with the least resources and privilege. The proposed rule is on a very fast track for comment, review and implementation.

The Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team is asking you to submit a comment immediately to the Federal Register to prevent this asylum ban from going into effect in May. Visit Church World Service, **CwsGlobal.org**, to find a link to a template where you can comment easily on their site or directly to the Federal Registry. Please remember you can't just copy the template; you must also add at least a sentence that makes your comment unique, or your response won't be counted. You will also find links to easily email our senators and representatives in Congress. You can also call and leave a message for them.

Please take this opportunity to make your voice heard. We are called by our faith to welcome asylum seekers and refugees to our communities. —Carol Mooney, *Immigration Ministry Team* ✦

## SPREAD EASTER JOY

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 deliver 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. ✦



Thank you for caring. (Painting by Fiona)

## 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)** is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ supporting disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The support of OGHS serves individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, OGHS provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope, improving the lives of people in these 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 maintaining the ministries of Plymouth UCC. We give thanks for all you contribute to our community. ✦

## PLYMOUTH CHURCH LIBRARY REOPENS IN APRIL

Palm Sunday, April 2, come celebrate the reopening of our beloved Library space. There is work to be done to get it ready so there will not be a library table after church on Sunday and books will not be checked out during March as the Plymouth Library Committee focuses on bringing the space back to life. To return a book, please continue to put in the box outside the Sanctuary.

And to celebrate the reopening, a new reading program will be launched. Stay tuned for details. ✦



Your faithful support funds our ministries.



Join the celebration Sunday, April 2



## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



On the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the United Church of Christ calls on all people of faith to pray for peace, for an end to the hostilities that are ravaging the people and land of Ukraine, and to pray for a de-escalation of rhetoric that threatens nuclear options.

The UCC has supported people and partners affected by the invasion from the beginning, and a UCC delegation recently visited the region to express solidarity with and encouragement to partners, and to witness the work we have supported. The Elected Officers of the United Church of Christ offer this prayer:

*Creator God, maker of all that is good.*

*Comforter God, restorer of peace between all peoples.*

*Redeemer God, healer of wounds that inflict trauma and chaos:*

*We turn to you this day crying out for an end to a war that rages across the land of Ukraine, threatens the lives of its inhabitants, and displaces millions of children no longer able to sleep in their beds, attend their schools, or play with their friends.*

*May your Spirit of peace soften the hearts of the politicians who rattle their sabers and threaten nuclear annihilation.*

*May your vision of a just world thwart the ambitions of dictators who are thirsty for conquer and lusting for lands over which to rule.*

*May your hope of shalom engender within our own hearts the call to let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with us.*

*Help us find the pathway to peace, a Just Peace, built on human rights and equity not just in Ukraine but in every land where bombs and guns are the sounds to which children fall asleep and from which families flee.*

*You are the source of our peace.*

*You are the horizon of our hope.*

*You are the author of our love.*

*May the promise of your enduring peace, your abiding hope, and your everlasting love sustain us all and bring the promise of a new and better day to the people of Ukraine.*

*Amen.* ✦

## TUNE IN THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

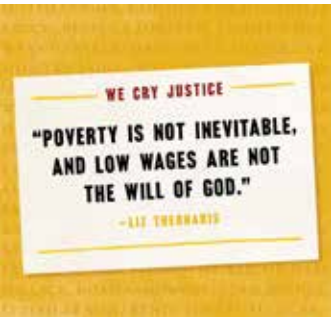
At 7 pm, Saturday, March 11, seven celebrity dancers will make their way to the stage at Fremont Studios to compete for a prized Mirrorball Trophy. These contestants are giving it their all as they dance West Coast Swing, Hip Hop, Bhangra, and more to raise money and awareness for Plymouth Housing's mission to end homelessness. Find link to tune in to the livestream under the "Events" tab at [PlymouthHousing.org](https://PlymouthHousing.org). ✦

## DECONSTRUCTING RACISM

People's Institute for Survival and Beyond Core Trainers, Barbara Major and Rev. Joseph Barndt just co-published a book titled *Deconstructing Racism: A Path toward Lasting Change*. Together they bring ninety combined years of experience as community organizers, teachers, and anti-racism trainers in community and church settings.

In alignment with our anti-racist commitments as a conference, you're invited to a free book talk event 6-8 pm this Friday, March 10, at Historic Washington Hall, 153 14th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Dinner is provided. Link to register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✦

## WE CRY JUSTICE



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). ✦

## 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](https://SeattleOpera.org). ✦



*Ellaina 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](https://TheChurchCouncil.org).

*Church Council of Greater Seattle is one of 5 non-profit organizations earmarked in Plymouth UCC 2023 budget to receive Continuing Mission Support, pushing 2 decades.* ✦

## "SOVEREIGNTEA"



tea," as well as thoughtfully selected green and black teas—paired with a special selection of hors d'oeuvres at our carefully crafted table settings.

The program will begin with a traditional blessing by Duwamish Tribe Chairperson Cecile Hansen, an update on the Duwamish Tribe's longstanding Federal Acknowledgment case, and a brief discussion on the importance and impact of native sovereignty from the Duwamish Tribe's government leadership. Link to RSVP in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Real Rent Duwamish is one of 5 organizations within Continuing Mission Support of Plymouth UCC 2023 operating budget. Funds are sent monthly to Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center. ✦



## CELEBRATE SEATTLE WOMEN

Women make Seattle the place it is — a place where inclusion is cherished, differences are honored, people help those in need, and progress is made. From Belle Alexander, one of the first African Americans to work at Boeing starting in 1943; to Bertha Knight Landes; who in 1926 was not only the first woman

mayor of Seattle but also the first woman mayor of a major American city; to Ramona Bennett, elected as Puyallup Tribal Chairwoman in 1971 and activist fighting for indigenous fishing rights; to Thelma Dewitty, one of the first African American educators hired by the Seattle Public Schools in 1947 and served as president of Seattle's NAACP chapter — Seattle's history would not be what it is today without extraordinary women.

Today, there are so many women who are making Seattle a better place and making strides in their respective fields. These names include soccer player and activist Megan Rapinoe, Ijeoma Oluo, who wrote the best-seller *So You Want to Talk About Race*, and Justice Mary Yu, the state's first Asian, first Latina, and first member of the LGBTQ community to serve on the Washington State Supreme Court.

There are several notable organizations in Seattle that make a difference for women.

- **Seattle-based Mary's Place** helps women and families move out of homelessness into more stable situations. For example, their Women's Day Center in downtown Seattle provides meals, showers and access to resources for over one hundred women each day and has been serving the community for more than 20 years.
- **Dignity for Divas** provides help for women experiencing homelessness by providing Diva Survival Kits which include self-care essentials and hosts skill-building programming.
- **Women in Film Seattle** is a nonprofit organization that is committed to advancing women in the film, digital, and media industry. The organization offers events, programs, and screenings for members.
- **The Seattle Area Chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS)** creates a welcoming environment to advance the careers of women in science and technology. Programs held monthly and accessible to all.

This Women's History Month, take a moment to learn more about some of the women who have shaped Seattle history — and support businesses, organizations, and events that benefit women.

See the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for links to area events this month and a sample list of women-owned businesses, along with links to other resources. ✦

