

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 16, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Second Sunday in Lent

Luke 8:40-55

“A Touching Herstory”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

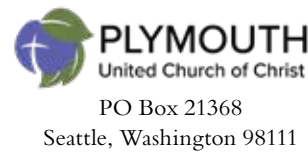
11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has recently announced an end to their long-standing policy of not entering places of worship on enforcement operations. We have no information that ICE is planning such action in Seattle, but if for any reason you are concerned about the possibility, we encourage you to worship with us online.

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**.

The Plymouth Herald is published every week. Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.



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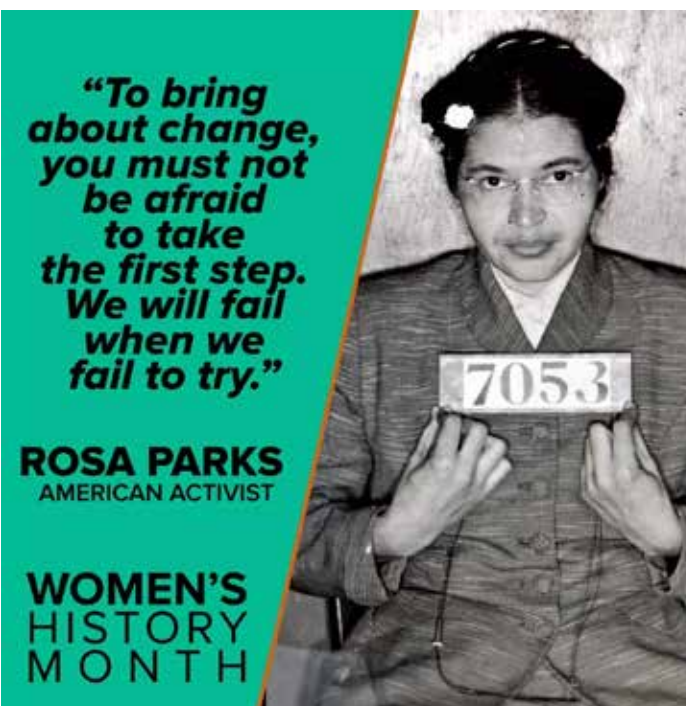
OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

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), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Dylan Schilt (Cousin of Colin Warme), Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

We grieve with JT Edwards on the recent death of Mark Edwards.

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.



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.



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



In the weeks since Inauguration Day, we have witnessed overwhelming changes in our federal politics. After taking office, President Trump has released dozens of executive orders that step well beyond his legal authority as president. These orders violate the free speech of NGOs, the civil rights of vulnerable communities, longstanding privacy laws, and laws requiring the administration to release already-appropriated funds.

He has illegally fired thousands of federal employees, threatened national security and violated personal privacy protections by broadly authorizing access to sensitive data at every level of government all under the guise of “efficiency.” Finally, the cancellation of almost all foreign assistance and blatant disregard for human rights has led to the separation of children from parents and the detention of U.S. citizens.

Our national office has been receiving messages from UCC members from around the country who are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, and afraid about a constitutional crisis. President Trump is showing us what happens when the checks and balances we learned about in history class break down. The UCC Office of Public Policy and Advocacy in Washington D.C. is dedicated to raising the prophetic voice of the United Church of Christ on Capitol Hill.

As part of this work, we are dedicated to equipping our faith community with the tools they need to stay informed and take action during the first 100 days of the new administration. Since taking office, President Trump and his administration have worked to implement his stated policy goals as put forth in Project 2025 using methods that defy the law and the constitution. The UCC Washington DC Office has cataloged the administration's actions and issued responses to them, alongside the National Setting and partner organizations.

Whether you're mobilizing for immigration reform, preserving lifesaving foreign aid, or climate action, we hope these resources offer faithful grounding and actionable steps to continue the United Church of Christ's mission to build a just world for all.

Keep track and stay vigilant by visiting UCC Advocacy Resources regularly at UCC.org/First100Days.



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STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH

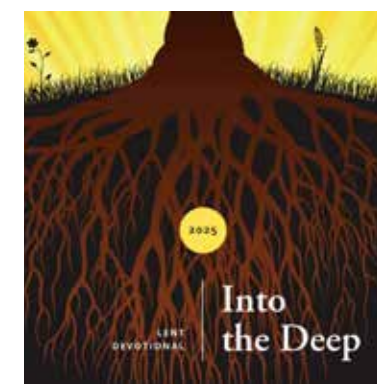
Our Duwamish siblings invite you to learn and join in community by participating in events throughout the year. Below are a few upcoming dates to note on your calendar now. Read more about how you can get involved and lend your support at DuwamishTribe.org.



Opportunities to learn and support.

- **Duwamish Eco-tour**
Explore H'apus park on a guided tour, 11 am-12 pm Sunday, March 16. Meet at the Welcome Desk inside the Duwamish Longhouse (4705 W Marginal Way SW, Seattle). Remember to dress appropriately for a hike. Info and registration at DuwamishTribe.org.
- **Vietnam Veteran's Pow Wow** hosted by the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center, honoring and welcoming all Vietnam veterans. Lunch will be served. 11 am-5 pm Saturday, March 29. More info at DuwamishTribe.org.
- **Climate Circle** A hospitable in-person circle to witness ecological harms together, weave stories to express feelings and seek personal resilience during uncertain times. 9-11 am Sunday, April 13, at The Duwamish Longhouse. Tickets at DuwamishTribe.org.
- **Spring Art Market** Indigenous artists will showcase and sell their arts and crafts at the Duwamish Longhouse 10 am-5 pm Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27. Enjoy this festive weekend to celebrate and support local talent.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE



“Into the Deep,” the 2025 UCC Lenten Devotional produced by the Stillspeaking Writers Group and contributors, guides us through the season of Lent. Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to obtain your link to the pdf edition or to request a print version.

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HONORING SEATTLE WOMEN



Accelerate Action for Equality month.

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 who was also an activist fighting for indigenous fishing rights; to Thelma Dewitty, one of the first African American educators hired by Seattle Public Schools in 1947, and who 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 include soccer player and activist Megan Rapinoe, best-selling author Ijeoma Oluo, 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, including:

- **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 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.

Women’s History Month serves as a reminder of Seattle’s legacy of ,and continued need for, activism and advocacy, inspiring ongoing efforts to champion gender equity in all facets of life. By celebrating and supporting women-owned businesses and events, we honor our past and reaffirm our dedication to fostering an inclusive and equitable future for everyone. 🌍

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING

Gifts to 2025 Lenten Special Offering will be divided evenly between **One Great Hour of Sharing** and **Plymouth Immigration Ministry**.

One Great Hour of Sharing supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. 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.

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. 🌍

SHARE NEEDED COMFORT



Pack bags during worship each Sunday in March.

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. Leave donations in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge. **Help assemble bags during worship each Sunday in March.** Thank you for reaching out with compassion to the most vulnerable. 🌍

SPREAD EASTER JOY

Plymouth’s Community and Care Board delivers cheerful Easter flowers to folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. If you can deliver flowers, please email June Hayakawa-Fung at JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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*. Email names of those to be honored to Robert Turner at RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. You can also donate online using the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you for helping continue this tradition of care. 🌍



Thank you for caring.



Lenten Special Offering: “Be The Light.”

MEETING THE NEED

When someone moves into a Plymouth Housing apartment, having a permanent home is just the beginning. With residents’ annual income averaging under \$9,000, not needing to worry about the cost of essential goods goes a long way in helping someone find stability. Plymouth Housing Supply Center in Belltown provides personal care items, household goods, pet food and other essentials, free of charge, to help Plymouth Housing’s 1,400 formerly homeless residents rebuild their lives. The center also provides residents with a sense of agency in choosing which products and supplies fit their needs best.

Occupying the street-level commercial space of Sylvia Odom’s Place—one of Plymouth’s 17 permanent supportive housing buildings across the region—the PSC provides a critical service.

Learn about donating new and used items or volunteering at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌍



Help by providing goods or your time.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session is Sunday, March 23.

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort. Be prepared for a profoundly transformational and healing experience.

Next session is March 23, after worship in Hildebrand Hall. (Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of Sunday service.) Suggested Donation \$20. 🌍

REMINDER

Please remember that Plymouth Church UCC has a PO Box.

Send all postal correspondence to:

Plymouth Church UCC

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Seattle WA 98111

USPS will continue to forward all mail sent to our street address to the PO Box, but to avoid delays, please send directly to the PO Box.

DEFENDING REFUGE

The United Church of Christ, along with four-dozen other faith-based organizations joined with Church World Service (CWS) to sign on to its Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration: Defending Refuge, a public statement against policies and actions that threaten refugee rights, separate families, and undermine the long-standing tradition of humanitarian support.

With 45 initial signers, including CWS’ Covenant Members, this declaration is more than a statement—it is a solemn and unshakable commitment by religious leaders and organizations to stand against policies that endanger refugees and immigrants.

At a time when the United States faces defining choices about its treatment of the displaced and persecuted, this powerful declaration is a collective stand for justice. It calls on all people of faith to root their advocacy in scripture and directly challenges political leaders to remember that America’s identity is inseparable from its immigrant history. The way the nation treats its most vulnerable will not only shape communities at home but will define the country’s moral standing in the global arena.

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Following the administration’s executive orders that oppose the proud American tradition of welcome, directives to abdicate our leadership around the world, and enactment of policies that keep families separated, the Declaration says:

“Together in faith and rooted in love, we resolve to continue in the centuries-old practice of Christian communities walking alongside refugees and immigrants in their pursuit of safety and dignity. We pledge to restore and promote hospitality and welcome to those seeking refuge – regardless of where they are from, how they pray or what language they speak.

“Guided by our faith, we stand together against the sweeping measures that are devastating vulnerable families and jeopardizing their futures. These actions not only cause immediate harm but also threaten our country’s long-term ability to welcome and support those in need. We grieve for the families who have been torn apart, had years-long reunification plans cancelled, been detained and deported, have been unjustly blocked from accessing asylum protections, and have been left without access to the basic assistance they need to thrive.”

The Declaration is open for signatures through Lent. Visit CWSconnect.org/Ecumenical-Declaration to add your signature and make your voice heard. 🌍



We are called to defend the most vulnerable.