

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 17, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mark 10:1–16

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour/Artist Reception, Lounge

Holy Week and Easter at Plymouth

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

Good Friday, March 29: Service at 2 pm,
WomanSpeak: Feminist/Womanist Reflections at the Cross
Labyrinth Walk Before and After

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

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.*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 2 PM MARCH 29

**WomanSpeak: Feminist/Womanist
Reflections at the Cross**

“Abba, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Pastor Priscilla Austin

“Woman, behold, your son! Behold, your mother!”

Rev. Jennifer Castle

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Dr. Patricia L. Hunter

“I thirst.” Rev. Dr. Joanne Braxton

“It is finished.” Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

“Abba, into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

Pastor Shalom Agtarap

**Walk the labyrinth in the Sanctuary,
before and after worship, 1-2 pm and 3:30-4:30 pm**



1217 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

pm in the Lounge.

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), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, **Elizabeth Thoreson** (Sister of Anne Kiemle, sister-in-law of Kael Sherrard), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae)

We grieve with the family of Yoko Horita Adachi on the one year anniversary of Yoko's passing.

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WOMEN MAKING HISTORY



The 2024 theme for Women's History Month is “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.” Recognizing 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 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.

“Women Making History: Champions of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion”

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

4 pm (PT) March 27: “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.

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.

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 Sanctuary.

Mona Terry will accompany labyrinth walkers with the meditative music of her harp.

Mona 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.



Walk the labyrinth at Plymouth March 29.

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 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.

EQUAL PAY TODAY



Help end the wage gap.

Equal Pay Day (March 12 this year) is observed to raise awareness of the gender pay gap. In the US, this date symbolizes how far into the year the average median woman must work in order to earn what the average median man earned the entire previous year. Demographic Equal Pay Days throughout the year raise awareness about harmful wage gaps faced by women of color as compared to their white male and female counterparts. According to 2022 Census data, the wage gap for women compared to men is 84 cents on the dollar for full-time, year-round workers. When you look at all earners, including full-time, year-round earners and part-time and part-year workers, the wage gap widens to 78 cents. These wage gaps are unacceptable. Women continue to be underpaid and undervalued.

Pay transparency policy reforms are important tools to close the wage gap. They require employers to set and publicize wages tied to job duties, with experience and increase information available to employees about how positions are compensated. They decrease subjectivity in setting wages; such subjectivity can allow bias to seep into the process. States are implementing these reforms, and recently the Biden Administration announced that it would ban the use of salary history for setting the wages of federal workers. Visit EqualPayToday.org to learn more and get involved.

BRING GIFT CARDS DURING LENT

As we enter the late days of Lent, the Immigration Ministry Team is expanding our Gift Card Transformation Campaign to include cash donations. Rest assured we can always transform ordinary ‘cash’ or ‘card’ donations to groceries, shoes and clothing. Please continue your search for unused gift cards as well. A special basket awaits your donations on the Sunday offering table each week. We hope you will enthusiastically join us in this effort to offer our immigrant neighbors a bit of help. For online worshipers, please mail your donations to Plymouth (1217 6th Ave. Seattle, 98101) with a note inside indicating they are for the IMT.

Thanks in advance for joining us in making our immigrant friends feel cared about , welcomed and supported. They deeply appreciate our support in the uncertain situation they are in. In God’s Love, *The Immigration Ministry Team.*



Show migrant siblings some love.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

All are invited to a Congregational Conversation on Sunday March 24 following worship. The gathering will be both in person and online (link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Light sandwiches will be available along with coffee and tea. The Developer Selection Committee (DSC) will provide updates on the current status of the property development feasibility process, including an estimated timeline of future steps, as well as reflections on recent activities and discussions. We will share the direction we are headed, while honoring confidentiality and acknowledging uncertainties. Please join us as we continue to discern how Plymouth Church’s physical presence can serve the community in the future. —*Ruth Williamson for the DSC*



We want to hear from you, Sunday, March 24.

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. To watch online, use the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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. 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. We give thanks for all you contribute.



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.



Let us know what’s cooking!

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 claim for repair.

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

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, with a reception for the artist following worship on March 17. This exhibit consists of acrylic and canvas paintings depicting abstract figures. From artists to inventors, this series pays homage to notable women who inspired American history. Seattle-based artist Joey M. Robinson crafts images that are stark, primitive and powerful. Read more at JoeyMRobinson.com.



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

THEY’LL KNOW US BY OUR LOVE

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items. Feel free to add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved. —*Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown*

LEGISLATIVE RECAP

The 60-day 2024 legislative session concluded Thursday March 7. This past week the Capital was filled with floor action focused primarily on concurring (and sometimes not concurring) changes made to Senate and House bills.



Progressives faced challenges in advancing their more ambitious agendas, including unemployment insurance for striking workers, the Affordable Homes Act, Keep Our Care Act, Working Families Tax Credit Expansion and Capping Rent Increases. Many of these priorities did not pass, reflecting the limits of fiscal and political realities. There is momentum, however, for these issues to be revisited in future sessions due to retirements and open seats in the legislature. Initiatives and bills passed address issues such as:

- Economic Justice
- Safe Affordable Housing and Prevention of Homelessness
- Public Safety and Gun Responsibility
- Protecting the Safety Net
- Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Supporting Workers
- Police Accountability and Incarceration Reform

For a summary of initiatives and bills passed, please see news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. To see the status of bills pending, visit Faith Action Network’s Bill Tracker at FANWA.org/Advocacy/Bill-tracker. We will continue to work together for policies that didn’t pass during the 2025 session.

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?”



Listen to an interview with Dr. Brown.

Link to listen in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or visit the audio archives at KBCS.fm/listen.