

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 19, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

Services Remain in Hildebrand Hall Until April 2

9 am Music Devotional, Hildebrand Hall

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 31:25–27, 43–50; Psalm 144:3–4, 12–15;  
1 John 4:13–21; Matthew 12:46–50

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown  
“A Heap of Witness”

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.*

## SPREAD EASTER JOY



Thank you for caring. (Painting by Fiona)

Each Easter, Plymouth encourages folks to visit and deliver a cheerful flower to those members who are isolated and who have suffered a loss. Please be a part of this important tradition and look for the cards and take a plant on Easter Sunday.

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 (Click the “Give” tab at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), then click the green “Make a Gift” button and choose “Flower Fund” from the drop-down menu). Thank you for helping continue this tradition. ✨

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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)



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

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## WE'RE IN GOOD HANDS



Developer Selection Committee begins work.

Hello Plymouth, and Happy Almost Spring. I'm writing again to let you know that our wonderful Developer Selection Committee (DSC) met for the first time earlier this week and thus, they are officially launched!

It was abundantly clear to me from the great questions asked, astute observations offered, and

the emphasis on bringing holiness to the work that Plymouth will be in great hands with this group of seven faithful ones. My strong sense is that together they will be helping us live even more fully into what Rev. Kelle was encouraging us all to do this past Sunday, which is “fleshing” our prayers.

*(And as an aside, if you didn't catch Rev. Kelle's sermon on Sunday, I highly recommend that you check it out — she gave us what is essentially a step-by-step guide for how to be Jesus in the world.)*

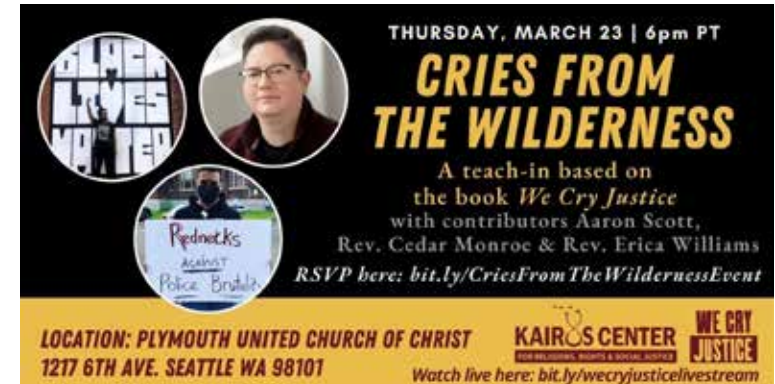
Back to the DSC.... The committee members are taking a bit of time to get to know one another and to sort out how they want to work together before connecting with our development advisors, Meriwether Partners, LLC. Updates on their process and progress will be shared regularly with the congregation. Additionally, we will hold a commissioning ceremony for them on Easter Sunday, April 9, so please join us that day to celebrate the DSC members, the work they are embarking on together, and this milestone of Plymouth's.

In other news, the Church Council year is also off to a great start. We are 10 Council members strong and I am excited about the energy and love that everyone is bringing to the table. Your Vice Moderator, Matt Durland, and I will be meeting individually with each of the Council members over the next week to hear what is on their hearts and what their hopes for Council and Plymouth are for the coming year. Again, we'll keep you posted on Council news and developments in the coming weeks and months, so please stay tuned.

Thank you all for reading and for being Church together — after all, when we do the funny little hand thing where we make the “church” and the “steeple,” the most important parts are all the “people” inside. Peace and Love to you all.

—Tracy Simpson, Plymouth Church Moderator ✨

## WE CRY JUSTICE



Join Washington state contributors to *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign* — Rev. Erica Williams, Aaron Scott and Rev. Cedar Monroe for a book reading and teach-in 6 pm PT Thursday, March 23, at Plymouth. Learn more about how you can support the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice, a co-anchor organization (along with Repairers of the Breach) of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

- Registration is required for this event. Find link to register in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).
- The event will be livestreamed. Please register to receive livestream link info.
- This is also a fundraiser for Kairos Center. Please consider donating \$10 when you register.

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. Learn more at [KairosCenter.org](https://KairosCenter.org). ✨



LEARN MORE ABOUT  
WOMEN’S HISTORY



Expanding on last week’s *Herald* article focusing on Seattle women, Glenda Carper shared a Wednesday, March 8, *Seattle Times* article, “It’s Women’s Day. Here are 20 important WA women you should know about.” Visit the Times’ website (SeattleTimes.com) and search for *Women’s Day*, or find live link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Glenda writes: “Women’s History Month is especially important to us in Washington state because so many women have been influential over the years. This article is of special interest to Plymouth members and friends because it includes women we may not have known or heard about. One remarkable woman of Washington history we do know is Plymouth’s own Dr. Maxine Mimms. Learn more about her life and achievements as well as those of the other 19 women chosen by the *Seattle Times* in celebration of Women’s History Month. I think you will be as enlightened and fascinated as I was!” —*Glenda Carper*

One way to continue exploring women’s history is visiting The National Women’s History Museum at WomensHistory.org Women’s contributions and accomplishments have largely been overlooked and consequently omitted from mainstream culture. The National Women’s History Museum helps fill that void. To this end, the Museum serves to place women’s history within current historical narratives because inclusive history is good history.

Founded in 1996, the National Women’s History Museum is an innovative online museum dedicated to uncovering, interpreting, and celebrating women’s diverse contributions to society. A renowned leader in women’s history education, the Museum brings to life the countless untold stories of women throughout history, and serves as a space for all to inspire, experience, collaborate, and amplify women’s impact—past, present, and future. We strive to fundamentally change the way women and girls see their potential and power.

Take a virtual tour of the Museum’s online exhibits and access educational resources at WomensHistory.org. ✦

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 April 12.** Email Diane Jacobsen by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✦

THE ESOTERICS AT PLYMOUTH

The Esoterics is excited to perform *Villains & Heroes*, two new choral works by Los Angeles-based composer, Rex Isenberg. Please join us **8 pm Saturday, March 25 at Plymouth UCC.** (Additional performance 3 pm Sunday, March 26 at St John’s Episcopal Church, 114 20th Avenue SE, Olympia.) Saturday’s performance will also be livestreamed. Links to purchase tickets or access to livestream in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



For his first piece, *If We Have Wisdom*, Isenberg sets the text of a letter written by George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1790.

In *Messiahs False and True*, Isenberg explores the perennial predicament of the “messianic leader” in human history. This work is composed for choir with organ and percussion, as well as spoken narration to be performed by **the Reverend Dr. Kelle Brown**. We are so excited to welcome Rex to the Pacific Northwest for these premieres. Please join us!

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. 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.

You can support this ministry by making a donation in the Sunday offering plate, through the post or online (Click the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, then click the green “Make a Gift” button and choose “Special Offering – Lent” from the drop-down menu). Your faithful giving is vital to maintaining the ministries of Plymouth UCC. We give thanks for all you contribute to our community. ✦

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.



Elliana Lewis, Martin Bakari, Joe Williams

Seattle Opera favorites Martin Bakari (*The Marriage of Figaro*) and Ellaina Lewis (*Blue*) team up with Tacoma pianist Joe Williams for a special night of opera, classical art song, and jazz. Program features music from Richard Thompson and others, including settings of Paul Laurence Dunbar’s poetry. Tickets and more info at SeattleOpera.org. ✦

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 is “*Bridge to Flourishing*.” Among other business, we will celebrate our work with congregations through the Faith Land Initiative, fostering deep discernment toward transformational stewardship of land and will recognize the reach of our walking alongside immigrant communities through our Accompaniment Program. We invite all to participate. Please read more and find link to RSVP at TheChurchCouncil.org. ✦

BE THE CHURCH

Covenant giving includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed.

Volunteer opportunities include money counting after worship, greeting on Sundays, answering phones 2 days a week (10 am– 2 pm), preparing communion or food for coffee hour, help as needed for special events, or sharing whatever gifts you wish to offer. Contact Toni Arthur, TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, to get started. ✦



TRANS YOUTH LIVES MATTER

We are in the midst of a pivotal moment in our shared story. The well-being of transgender and non-binary youth is being debated in legislative sessions across the United States. As of March 3 there have been 385 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced, with 108 of these bills aiming to end gender affirming healthcare for trans and non-binary youth. This places more than 54,000 trans youth actively taking life-saving gender affirming medical care at risk.

This is the highest number of anti-LGBTQ bills ever introduced in a single legislative season.

The Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC, host for General Synod in June, faces a collective of 20 anti-LGBTQ bills. No state is left untouched by these attacks on trans siblings personhood. It is critical that we name the horrific nature of these policies for what they are: violent attempts to disrupt God’s creation in bloom.

*Trans youth are sacred members of our collective kin-dom. You are a beloved child of God, created with vibrant love and intention. Within your body rests a sacred offering of God’s multitude. You belong here. We see you. And we love you!*

Trans youth are sacred members of our collective kin-dom. Now more than ever, trans youth need us. And, in this rupturing moment of violence, our Christ-centered response can be one of returning to abundance that God gives us to flourish.

Through tender love and just action, we will continue to be a beacon of love for our trans siblings. The light of Christ, of which we hold dear, will not diminish here. We remain committed to speaking faith-based truth and offering care for trans siblings within our country and globally.

Health and Wholeness Ministries is diligently working to create resources for our congregations who may be wondering how to care for trans siblings. A digital toolkit providing step-by-step guides will be released in April.

For our trans and non-binary youth, know the United Church of Christ acts in solidarity with you. You are a beloved child of God, created with vibrant love and intention. Within your body rests a sacred offering of God’s multitude. You belong here. We see you. And we love you!

The love of Christ comes in many forms so if you’re wondering how to take action, visit UCC.org and search for “Health and Wholeness Ministries.”

—The National Officers of the United Church of Christ ✦