

EASTER SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, March 31, 2024
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Matthew 28:1-10
“Come Alive”
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:45 am Community Celebration, Lounge/Patio
Horizon House residents can ride the charter bus to Plymouth on Easter Sunday and on April 14.

Invitation to Sing!

All are invited to join the choir in Hildebrand Hall at 9 am Sunday to prepare for Easter anthems. Contact Joe Williams for more information.

Good Friday, March 29, Service at 2 pm
Labyrinth walk before and after

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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EASTER FLOWERS

Given in memory, or in honor of...

To the Glory of Easter,
from Kerry and Darlene Krenzke

Our Parents John and Jean Haigh; Al and Dorothy Hagen,
from Ken and Jeanette Hagen

Dear Friends Dorothy Tuttle and Jill Reder and
Dear Cousin Kathy Lanowy
from Lauren Davis

Additional Contributions from

Kathy Rood
Mark and Connie Sandstrom

*“The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.”
—Henri Nouwen*



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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), Katherine 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), Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson)

Our hearts are with the family and friends of:
Mardi (Waggoner) Abuza and Jessie Attri on the one-year anniversary of their passing.

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CELEBRATE EASTER WITH PLYMOUTH GOOD FRIDAY: 2 PM MARCH 29



The Crucified One is alive!

This Sunday, March 31, celebrate Easter at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and online. Prelude begins at 10:25 am. Bring a flower to adorn the cross (some flowers will be available at the church). After the service, join in a community festival with food and fun in the Lounge and on the patio. Enjoy a spread of fruit

and vegetables, featuring heavy appetizers and desserts from Project Feast (ProjectFeast.org). We'll have fun activities for all ages, including photo booth and bouncy house! Invite family and friends, coworkers and neighbors, to join our celebration of new life and liberation.

Instead of finding a sealed tomb, the women who had come at dawn on Sunday are surprised by a messenger who announces astonishing news: “Jesus has been raised from the dead” (Matt. 28:7). The heavenly figure invites the mourners to see the empty tomb and then go and tell the disciples that the Crucified One is alive!

The season from Easter to Pentecost is also called the Great Fifty Days, a tradition inspired by the Jewish season of fifty days between Passover and Shavuot — the feast celebrating the giving of the Torah to Moses.

The liturgical color for this season is celebratory gold. When the season ends on Pentecost Sunday, gold is replaced with red, reminding us of fire — the symbol of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit overpowered the barriers of culture and race.

On Easter Sunday, all are encouraged to continue the Plymouth tradition of visiting and delivering a cheerful flower to those members who are isolated or who have suffered a loss. Look for the cards and deliver on Easter or sometime in the next week to share the love and joy of the season.

If the Plymouth garage is full, free parking is available next door in the 1200 Fifth garage (formerly IBM). Take a ticket from the machine when entering the garage, then park in any non-reserved stall. Get a validation sticker from the welcome table in the Lounge, or ask a greeter for one. When exiting the garage, scan your validated ticket to open the gate arm.



We gather to reflect and remember Jesus' last words on the cross. A time to engage with the mystery, sorrow, and expectation of Good Friday and Holy Week.

“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**

If the Plymouth garage is full, free parking available in the 1200 Fifth garage (formerly IBM). Bring ticket for validation.

WALK THE LABYRINTH



Walk the labyrinth at Plymouth March 29.

All are invited to walk the labyrinth, before and after the Good Friday service, from 1-2 pm and 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Sanctuary. Mona Terry will accompany walkers with the meditative music of her harp. Come, follow your path; take the journey.

APRIL IS
AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH



The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN) has called April “Autism Acceptance Month” since 2011, saying: “Acceptance of autism as a natural condition in the human experience is necessary for real dialogue to occur.”

Today, society has a greater awareness of autism than ever

before. But those affected by autism often face a number of struggles throughout life, from bullying and prejudice to limited job opportunities and access to health care. Education about the autism community is important, but advocates argue that we shouldn’t stop there. Autistic people need not just awareness, but acceptance and inclusion in order to have true support from their communities.

Autism acceptance is not just a buzzword — it is an action. It means changing how society thinks about autism, respecting the rights and humanity of all autistic people, and aligning advocacy and research priorities with the priorities of the autistic community.

Ultimately, the goal of Autism Acceptance Month is to be more inclusive of the very community it seeks to celebrate. It promotes not just education about the differences of people with autism, but understanding and respecting those differences. It calls for more tangible progress toward equal rights and resources.

By observing Autism Acceptance Month, we can create a world where those with autism can thrive. Through education, advocacy, and acceptance, we can make this world a better and more inclusive society for all.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation **12:30 pm April 7**, 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.



Next session is 12:30 pm Sunday, April 7

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVOCACY

Now that the legislative session is over, the Governor has been signing bills into law and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead. Faith Action Network continues to update their bill tracker (FANWA.org/Advocacy/Bill-tracker) with final actions when bills are signed into law, and will share photos or news of them on social media.



The next important area for advocacy is implementation, and sometimes there is an important role for faith communities and advocates to play. For example, the Working Families Tax Credit still needs all of us getting the word out for people to apply, and pointing them to the resources to help do that. Last year, only about half of those eligible applied, and we want everyone eligible to be able to access the cash that will help navigate economic challenges. The Bias Incidents Hotline will need all of us to share the news that it is a resource for people, once up and running. Faith communities have been part of the safety net for newly arrived immigrants seeking asylum at Riverton Park United Methodist Church and beyond; your creative ideas are part of the solution for how to best serve and house people throughout the state.

Stay tuned in the months ahead for ways faith communities can inform and help implement the laws you helped pass. Read more at FANWA.org.

THEY’LL KNOW US BY OUR LOVE

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, and comfort items. The pantries provide a display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or who are under-resourced. Please contribute bottled water, protein bars, or even notes to remind the reader they are beloved.



Your kindness makes a difference

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. Roles include leading litanies, reading Scripture and contemporary voices, and assisting as needed on Sundays. If you feel called to serve Plymouth and deepen your spiritual life by assisting in worship leadership, contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

MOZART AND FRIENDS

Enjoy beloved classics for violin, cello, and four-hand piano 7 pm Sunday, April 14 at Benaroya Hall. Works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and two friends who inspired his work: Josephine Aurnhammer and Joseph Bologne. Featuring violinist Eduardo Rios, cellist Nathan Chan, and pianists Joseph Williams and Byron Schenkman.



7 pm Sunday, April 14 at Benaroya Hall

Every composer’s work is the result of multiple influences, including teachers, students, colleagues, and friends. Much has been made of Wolfgang Mozart’s relationship with Joseph Haydn, yet Mozart had many important musical friendships. While the six string quartets Mozart dedicated to Haydn are generally known as the “Haydn” Quartets, the six violin sonatas he dedicated to Josepha Barbara Auernhammer are mostly known only by their catalog numbers. And while Haydn’s influence on Mozart’s work has long been acknowledged, the importance of Joseph Bologne on the careers of both Haydn and Mozart has only recently come to light. More information and tickets at SoundSalonMusic.org/Mozart-and-Friends.

YOU MAKE PLYMOUTH POSSIBLE



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. 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.

TRANS/NONBINARY SIBLINGS:
WE SEE YOU AND WE LOVE YOU

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces.



International TDOV was created in 2010 by trans advocate Rachel Crandall. Crandall, the head of Transgender Michigan, created TDOV in response to the overwhelming majority of media stories about transgender people being focused on violence. She hoped to create a day where people could re-focus on celebrating the lives of transgender people, empowering them to live authentically, while still acknowledging that due to discrimination, not every trans person can or wants to be visible.



The vast majority of the public learns about trans people from the media. This is a problem because, as shown in the Netflix documentary *Disclosure*, the media has overwhelmingly misrepresented, mischaracterized, and stereotyped trans people since

the invention of film. These depictions have indisputably shaped the cultural understanding of who trans people are and have taught the public how to react to and treat trans people in their lives. It’s going to take a lot of work to undo the harm caused by these stereotypical depictions.

Although society is becoming more accepting as trans people feel increasingly comfortable and confident being publicly and fully themselves, there has also been a growing backlash from anti-LGBTQ activists who are targeting trans people, especially children, now that marriage equality was made law in the U.S.

In 2023, over 300 anti-LGBTQ bills have been filed so far, with over half specifically targeting trans people, particularly youth. This follows 2021 as the most anti-LGBTQ legislative session in history. This hypervisibility typically comes at the expense of trans people who are demonized and scapegoated by politicians and in media. We are starting to see progress in film and TV, but we still have a long way to go to undo one hundred years of misinformed, inaccurate, and harmful representation.

Please visit Glaad.org/Transgender/Resources to learn more and get involved.