

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, April 2, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

Service in Hildebrand Hall

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sacrament of Communion

Matthew 21:1–11

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

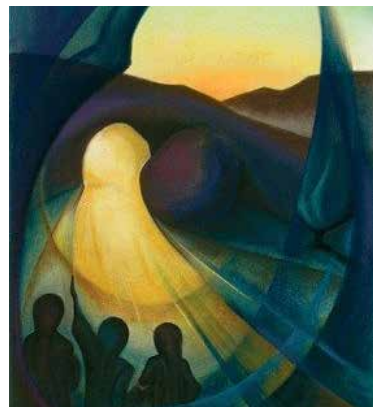
ALL ABOARD!

Horizon House residents can ride the charter bus to Plymouth on **Palm Sunday, April 2, and Easter Sunday, April 9.** The bus will pick you up at Horizon House and bring you to Plymouth in time for the 10:30 am service and return you to Horizon House afterward.

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.

CELEBRATE EASTER NEXT SUNDAY OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Next Sunday, April 9, you are invited to gather at 9:30 am in the Lounge for a breakfast snack and time for fellowship before the celebratory 10:30 am service. Bring friends and family with you!

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 take a plant on Easter Sunday to share the love and joy of the season.

If the Plymouth garage is full, free parking is available next door in the IBM garage. Take a ticket from the machine when entering the garage, then park in any non-reserved stall. Once in the church get a validation ticket from the welcome table in the Lounge, or ask a greeter for one. When exiting the garage, first insert the ticket received at entry, then the validation ticket. The validation ticket will change the amount due to \$0 and open the gate arm.



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Return Service Requested

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, **Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso)**, Susan Emerson, Anna Florey, Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Montecino Family, Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Allie James (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), **Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau)**, Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), 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 Mardi (Waggoner) Abuza, friend of Vicki Schoettle, on her recent passing.

We grieve with the family and friends of Jessie Attri who passed away 3/25/23.

We remember Kent Graham, friend of John Colwell's, on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Friends of Sara McKenzie are invited to attend her memorial service via Zoom, 9 am (PT) Saturday, April 1. Please email Jennifer Merrill, jen-zen@msn.com, to receive the link.

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WALK THE LABYRINTH



Come, take the journey, April 6 & 7.

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As we walk the labyrinth, our physical and spiritual paths converge to become a pilgrimage. The labyrinth is a safe and intentional place for introspection, a place where we can dedicate focused time to our questions and prayers. Come, follow your path; take the journey.

Mona Terry began her musical journey on piano at age nine under the guidance of her mother. She carried on that tradition in college, teaching 700+ students during her career. In addition to piano, Mona plays acoustic bass, pipe organ, djembe drum and harp. She also performed, accompanied, and composed for two womyn's vocal ensembles.



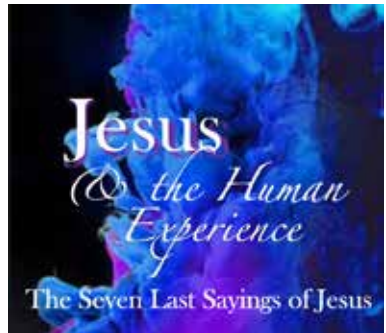
Mona Terry accompanies the April 6 walk.

Touring with an international folk dancing troupe led Mona to world music and carried her to Europe to record with sisters Zela Terry and Lesa Terry. Together they have performed, most notably, for Maya Angelou, Cicely Tyson, Clark Terry and India Arie.

With her harp, Mona trained as a therapeutic musician and spent several years with hospice patients. Mona is published in the *International Folk Harp Journal* and has produced two self-published CDs for mixed instrumentation and voice. In partnership with Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, Mona served as Artist Director for "Let the Strings Speak," a community outreach endeavor, and most recently performed for the Gala Premier Opening of the LA Pan African Film Festival. ✨

WORSHIP ON GOOD FRIDAY

Join us for worship at noon Good Friday, April 7, in the Sanctuary or online. 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.



"Forgive them, for they know not what they do." **Rev. Priscilla Austin**; "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." **Rev. Katie Ladd**; "Woman, behold your son." "Son, behold your mother." **Min. Ara Lawrence**; "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **Rev. Dr. Linda Smith**; "I thirst." **Rev. Shalom Agtarap**; "It is finished." **Rev. Jenn Hagedorn**; "Into your hands I commend my spirit." **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**.

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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 settings of Paul Laurence Dunbar's poetry, which has resonated with and inspired artists for generations Tickets and more info at SeattleOpera.org. ✨



Ellaina Lewis, Martin Bakari, Joe Williams

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH TRANS/NONBINARY SIBLINGS



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. ✨

NOURISHMENT FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION AND ANTI-RACISM

Gather with others in the Seattle area for nourishment in the work of anti-racism and collective liberation.

Experience a convergence of faith communities, progressive organizations, and people of good will to encourage, support, and build relationships and power toward our collective liberation. These events are intentionally multi-religious and open to all people of goodwill whose call to anti-racism is an embodiment of their values and/or spiritual practice.

PRAXIS: a workshop for religious/spiritual leaders to generate lessons, culture, and power for collective liberation with Ayoka Turner and Chris Crass
Saturday, April 15, 1-5 pm

This workshop is designed for folks engaged in leadership or interested in leadership within their communities. This is great for members of an anti-racism team, a congregation council or board, finance teams, and staff supervisors.

Anti-racist Parenting for Collective Liberation,
Sunday, April 16, 4:30 -7 pm

Workshop focuses on sharing stories and insights with an understanding that there are many ways that we do this/can do this, and that sharing and being in community together can help us feel more connected, grounded and capable.

CONVERGENCE: Heart and Soul Nourishment for Anti-racism and Collective Liberation with Rev. Sekou and Chris Crass, Saturday, April 22, 1 pm-4 pm

This gathering is open to all and is designed to encourage and uplift with music, sharing, learning, and connecting.

Read more and register at Collective-Liberation.org. ✨



SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

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 important tradition. Look for the cards and take a plant on Easter Sunday. 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, 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 for caring. ✨

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.

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). We give thanks for all you contribute to our community. ✨

ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP



At Plymouth Thursday, April 27

How do we decide when, where and how much to give? How do our social and racial identities shape our relationships with money and giving? What does it look like to center the giving of money as part of our anti-racist practice? SJF (Social Justice Fund), CARW (Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites) and Plymouth Church UCC have

teamed up to present this interactive workshop where we will work through these questions and more together and begin to build our personal social justice giving plans.

6-8:30 pm (PST) Thursday, April 27, at Plymouth Church UCC. Link to register in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or: bit.ly/ARG-April27

This interactive, cross-class workshop is open to all, but has been designed specifically for folks who have benefited from the history of white wealth accumulation. We’re asking that participants who are able pay a sliding scale fee of \$5-\$50 to go towards workshop expenses. Any leftover money we will redistribute together at the end of the workshop. ✨

THANK YOU, MICHAEL RAMOS

Church Council of Greater Seattle Executive Director Michael Ramos has announced his departure in May. Ramos reflects:



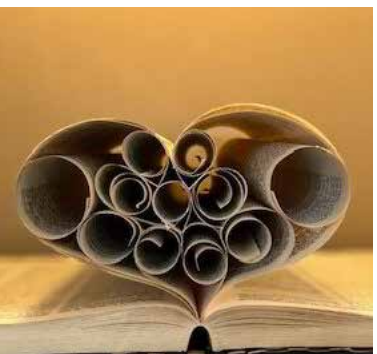
Michael Ramos

“When I began my current role, I shared that it was my hope that the Church Council would realize the prophetic requirement ‘to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God’ (Micah 6:8). At times, the Church Council has had to embrace adaptive change to live out this mandate more faithfully. A willingness to learn, grow, discern, and act in authentic solidarity has been core to our practice. I can attest to the transformational power of God in our work together in community: collaborations, partnerships, vigils, protests, dialogues, conferences, forums, worship services, walks with workers, accompaniments, direct services, and advocacy.

“I have felt such power in the personal, ministerial, and cross-sectoral relationships we have cultivated and enjoyed over time! It has been humbling to see, through faith communities from various religious traditions, how in tending toward Micah’s call, we have seen the bending toward a more just society in Martin Luther King Jr. and South Snohomish Counties. We have a long way to go in order to arrive at our destination. More importantly, though, how we have gone about the journey together has yielded fruits beyond our capacity and what we thought was possible. Thank you for staying faithful to these pathways toward collective liberation.”

Read his full statement and find a link to leave a message for Michael at TheChurchCouncil.org. ✨

UPDATE ON LIBRARY REOPENING



Keep reading!

The Plymouth Church Library will again be checking out books from the book table set up after worship (except Easter Sunday). Come over and say hi! The reopening of the Library space, however, is delayed until late April, early June. More news as we get closer to the date. Remember:

There is a box at the entrance to the Sanctuary where you can deposit your library materials. If you are not planning to worship in person, please mail your items to Plymouth Church, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle WA 98101. ✨