

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, April 13, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21:1–11

“All In the Details”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

During Coffee Hour we'll hear from participants in the recent Civil Rights Trip to Selma.

Plan to stay and join the discussion.

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

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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Return Service Requested

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), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), **JT Edwards**, 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), Robert Malae, Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Raymond & Ann Stanhope (Parents of Elizabeth & Michael Gordon), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Terri, Bryan, Robert and all the Hildebrand family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of their beloved, David Hildebrand.

bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.

7 Sisters Sharing the 7 Last Words of Jesus
Organize!
Following Jesus, the Movement-Maker
Good Friday, April 18, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Plymouth Church Seattle
www.plymouthchurchseattle.org

Rev. Shalom Agtarap Rev. Priscilla Austin Rev. Jennifer Castle
Rev. Bianca Davis Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon Rev. Dr. Linda Smith
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Host

Parking available in the 1200 Fifth garage (formerly known as IBM garage, next door to Plymouth). Take a ticket when entering the garage, then get a validation sticker from a greeter in the Lounge. When exiting the garage, scan the validation sticker and the gate arm will open 🌐

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CHARTING PLYMOUTH'S FUTURE



9 am-1 pm Saturday, April 12, at Plymouth.

You are invited to join a transformative journey of faith and community at our strategic planning retreat, led by Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny. 9 am-1 pm Saturday, April 12 at Plymouth. Light snacks will be provided.

Together, we will embark on an engaging and interactive process to:

- Reimagine our mission, vision, and values.
- Set priorities and work plans for the next three years.
- Foster inclusivity by brainstorming ways to welcome and include the vibrant diversity of Greater Seattle.

This retreat promises to be a collaborative, imaginative, and spiritually enriching experience. Don't miss this opportunity to shape the future of Plymouth Church and strengthen our commitment to building a more inclusive and just community. Whether you're a long-time member or new to Plymouth, your voice is vital. Let's come together as fellow travelers on the journey of faith to envision what's next for our congregation. Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) with questions. 🌐

SHARE 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 form in the news article. or through the "Give" tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you for helping continue this tradition of care. 🌐



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PREPARE FOR EASTER

We'll enjoy an egg hunt following worship on Easter Sunday, April 20, and need some help to prepare:

- **Donate Fillings:** Contribute small fun items like stickers, sweet treats, small toys, etc. to go inside plastic Easter eggs. Use your imagination! Drop off at the church office.
- **Help Fill Eggs:** Join us in the back of the Sanctuary during worship April 13 to help fill the eggs with goodies.



Help with Easter hospitality.

We also need help welcoming visitors to Plymouth on Easter Sunday. If you feel called to this ministry of hospitality, please contact June Hayakawa-Fung. With your help, we'll make this Easter a memorable one! 🌐

FILM SCREENING APRIL 27



Join a film screening and discussion of *Las Abogadas: Attorneys on the Front Line of the Immigrant Crises*, sponsored by Latin American Relief Fund: 12-2 pm Sunday, April 27, in Hildebrand Hall; lunch-worthy snacks available.

The Trump administration tried to shut down immigration to the United States, and even

with no changes to the actual laws, they nearly succeeded. But activist lawyers have made it their mission to defend people's legal right to seek safety and refuge under our asylum laws.

One of the attorneys featured in the film will be available for the Q&A following the showing. Join the discussion and learn how you can help ensure a more just world for all. 🌐

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This Sunday, April 13, is Palm/Passion Sunday. On Good Friday, April 18, all are invited to a special service at 2 pm in the Sanctuary: *Seven Last Sayings of Jesus*. Bring friends and family to celebrate Easter with Plymouth at 10:30 am April 20. Enjoy food and community following the service. 🌐



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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 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.

Through education, advocacy and acceptance, we can create a world where those with autism can thrive and build a more inclusive society for all. Read more at AutismAcceptance.com. 🌍

CARE TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU

Your Plymouth Care Team is committed to responding to all care concerns that come our way. Please use the Plymouth Care Line phone number to get in touch: **206-639-7739**. Messages checked daily. The Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute crises, call 988. Members of the Care Team are:

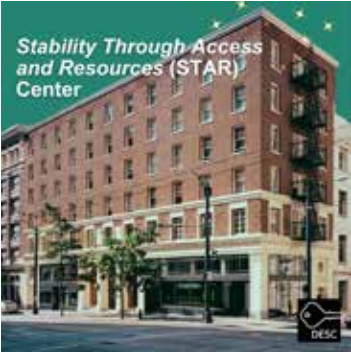
- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**
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- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung**
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Let us know what we can do for you.

A NEW APPROACH TO CARE

On April 15, The Downtown Emergency Service Center will officially open the STAR Center (Stability Through Access and Resources) in Seattle’s Pioneer Square neighborhood. This represents a bold new step in how we care for our neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness and serious behavioral health challenges.



This new shelter is not a traditional model. It’s a non-congregate, service-rich, and low-barrier environment, specifically designed to meet the urgent and complex needs of people living unhoused with severe mental health issues, substance use disorders, and long-term homelessness.

Read more at desc.org. (DESC receives a quarterly donation from Plymouth through the Steven Williams bequest.) 🌍

STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH



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

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

This four-day clinic, April 24–27 at Seattle Center, provides FREE dental, vision, medical, and social services to people who struggle to access and/or afford care. All are welcome. As a low-barrier clinic, patients do not need any form of documentation or proof of income, insurance, or immigration status to receive care. Patients do not need to be residents of King County. Interpreters are available.

Volunteer info at SeattleCenter.org/skcclinic/volunteers.

Patient info at SeattleCenter.org/skcclinic/patients. 🌍

CELEBRATE LIBRARIES

National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme “Wake Up and Read!”

Millions of people visit their libraries every week. What’s the draw? Everything. During National Library Week, April 6–12, take time to discover (or rediscover) what draws people in. Visit your library and bring friends or family along. Encourage a friend to get a library card — it’s a simple act that opens up a world of opportunity.

Browse the shelves, join a book club, or attend a story-time. Sketch out your next creative project in a quiet, private space. Hear from an inspiring author, or find expert help with research, job hunting, or tracing your family roots.

Libraries connect us to ideas, information, and each other—and they’re built for everyone. This National Library Week, libraries need your support more than ever. Book challenges and censorship efforts are still on the rise, and federal funding is under threat. These challenges don’t just impact libraries—they impact all of us.

Show up at your library — and show up for your library. Contact your members of Congress and ask them to protect federal library funding. Learn more at the American Library Association website: ala.org. 🌍

TRANS LIFELINE



Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. For 10 years, we have been building community-based alternatives to the ways trans people have been policed, pathologized, and targeted by oppressive systems at every turn.

With the current presidential administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

As one of the largest trans-led direct service provider to trans folks in North America, we are determined to remain steadfast in our politics of care. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at TransLifeline.org. Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people. 🌍

GET INTO GOOD TROUBLE

The following is an excerpt from an article by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice in the national setting of the United Church of Christ. Read the full article at UCC.org.

From March 31–April 1, history was made by U.S. Senator Cory Booker who spoke on the Senate floor for the longest consecutive time in history, over 25 hours. Senator Booker told dozens of stories during his speech: stories of Americans who sacrificed their lives for freedom. Stories of fear mongering, harassment, and threats to the U.S. Constitution. Stories of Native Americans who love this country, despite all its sins against them. Stories about love, kindness, and diversity.

“Never put a period where God has placed a comma because God is still speaking.”

not just for some, but for all. We are in this moral moment now. It is not about left or right, but about right or wrong.” Then at 8 pm, as he ended his 25-hour speech, Senator Booker quoted the late John Lewis, inviting all of us to “Get into good trouble” as he yielded the floor.

During these days of political division, chaos, unrest, and global uncertainty, we are called to get into good trouble—boldly and courageously, with open minds and hearts. We are called to tell the stories of how God/Mercy/Empathy/Compassion/Love/Justice are showing up in our lives and in the world today.

The role of faith is to notice where God is showing up and then join God in doing good work in the world. This is what it means to follow Jesus and claim God’s blessings of mercy, love, and justice in a world that is falling apart.

Is God showing up in the streets? Go there.

Is God showing up in the advocacy work for justice? Go there.

Is God showing up in worship Sunday morning? Go there.

Is God showing up in your neighbor? Go there.

Is God showing up at the nonprofit that serves immigrants and refugees? Go there.

Where is God’s mercy, kindness, love, and justice showing up? Go there.

Often we don’t notice God already at work in our lives. When we neglect to notice how God shows up, then that’s a calling, too. It’s time to get into good trouble. 🌍



Photo of Sen. Cory Booker: CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images