

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, April 16, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

**Service in the Sanctuary**

*Second Sunday in Easter*

John 20:19–31

“Seeing the Marks”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

### 2 pm Organ Recital and Hymn Sing, Sanctuary

*(see article page 1)*

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.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Come celebrate the installation of Rev. Jennifer Castle at the Congregational Church on Mercer Island, 2 pm Sunday, April 23. Those who cannot attend in person can join online by going to UCC-Ccmi.org and clicking the “worship with us” button. All are welcome!



1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Eric Minea (Cousin of Kristine Danzinger), Susan Emerson, **JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie)**, Anna Florey, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Irma Johnson (Friend of Toni Arthur), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), **Ruth Kiemle (Mother of Anne Kiemle)**, Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Mamadou Diakhate (Friend of Floyd Gossett), Montecino Family, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), 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 Margaret Thornton, mother of Jamie Shilling, on the one-year anniversary of her passing.

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



“GOOD FRIDAY  
& EASTER  
free us to think about other  
things far beyond our  
own personal fate,  
about the ultimate meaning  
of all life, suffering, and events;  
and we lay hold of a great hope.”

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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## SEATTLE CONVERGENCE



*At University Unitarian and University UCC.*

**G**ather with others in the Seattle area for nourishment in the work of anti-racism and 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**

At University Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle. This workshop is designed for leaders or those interested in leadership. 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**

At University Unitarian Church. Workshop focuses on sharing stories and insights with an understanding that 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**

At University UCC, 4515 16th Ave NE, Seattle. Designed to encourage and uplift with music, sharing and connecting.

Read more and register at [Collective-Liberation.org](https://Collective-Liberation.org). ✨

## HAPPY EASTERTIDE!

The season of Eastertide, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, 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, 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. ✨

## ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN SING

Gather in the Sanctuary at 2 pm Sunday, April 16 for an organ recital and hymn sing led by James Parrish Smith, Director of Music and Organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California. All welcome. Suggested donation: \$20.

Smith has served in musical leadership in prominent churches in Louisiana, Florida, and Alabama, most recently serving the historic Third Baptist Church of San Francisco as Director of Music and Organist and Founding Director of the Bridge to Arts and Music Program in association with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He currently serves as Dean of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Come enjoy an afternoon of music in the Sanctuary, 2 pm Sunday, April 16. *Lift Every Voice and Sing!* ✨

## A CONTEMPORARY PORTRAIT: DR. BRIAN RAPHAEL NABORS



*Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors.*

*“My compositional voice really is rooted in humanity and exploring different facets, and stories, and narratives behind humanity.”*  
—Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors

Guest Artistic Director Joseph Williams presents a portrait of contemporary composer Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors. Williams notes: “I’ve always described the music

of Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors as chocolate. Expansive, vibrant, heartfelt, churchy, funky, classical, Black.”

Violinist Caitlin Edwards and cellist Sterling Elliot perform an emotionally rich program including Nabor’s *Piano Trio*, *Theme and Variations for Solo Violin*, and *Sonata for Cello and Piano*.

This online concert at **7 pm, April 23**, is free. Donations are welcome. See the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for viewing and donation links, along with more information. ✨



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## SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES



Garden tools made from destroyed guns.

The 2023 General Synod of the United Church of Christ will consider 17 resolutions and several bylaw changes when it meets June 30–July 4 in Indianapolis. Full texts of each of the proposed resolutions are available at the General Synod website, [Generalsynod.org](https://Generalsynod.org).

In the wake of shootings in a Nashville school and a Louisville

bank, more communities are left to grieve and mourn. The people of Community United Church of Christ in Boulder, Colorado know these feelings all too well, having just passed the two-year anniversary of the King Soopers grocery store shooting. Ten people were killed just a couple blocks from the church in March 2021.

Two years ago, when Community UCC gathered for an online vigil following the shooting, an attendee described a feeling of hopelessness that nothing would change and all they could do was offer thoughts and prayers. These words ignited Community UCC’s pastor, the Rev. Nicole Lamarche.

“We said, no —we’re going to do something, We can do more than thoughts and prayers. We can do at least one thing to shift this culture of gun violence.”

It didn’t take long. In June 2021, the congregation partnered with other area churches to host a “Guns to Gardens” event that invited community members to surrender their firearms in exchange for gift cards. Working with the organization Raw Tools ([RawTools.org](https://RawTools.org)), they turned the guns into garden tools.



Now, they’re bringing a resolution to General Synod 34 encouraging others to action. The resolution, *Affirming Guns to Gardens and Other Gun Violence Prevention Ministries*, addresses several types of deaths caused by guns and emphasizes the necessity of responding to the epidemic of gun violence in the United States.

“It’s not simply the mass shootings. We’ve had members of our congregation who are touched by gun violence through suicide. Just looking at the statistics, of the over 10,000 gun deaths so far in 2023 — which is mind-boggling and terrible — over half are death by suicide.”

The resolution acknowledges such tragedies with a strong sense of urgency: “Though it may be easy to be overwhelmed with the complexity and scope of gun violence prevention, we **MUST** do something — anything. Peace-making action is required urgently, and there is no time to be afraid.”

Read more and get involved at [UCC.org](https://UCC.org). ✨

## ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP

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](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), or: [bit.ly/ARG-April27](https://bit.ly/ARG-April27) ✨

### “NOBODY LIVES HERE”



Artist and historian Tessa Hulls illuminates the businesses, homes, and people who were displaced when the I-5 freeway was built through the CID in the 1960s. Using historic photos, oral histories, and archival research, the exhibit connects these specific histories to broader

themes of racist land use policy and the erasure of marginalized communities — nationally and locally, past and present. Exhibit opened April 7 and will remain through March 17, 2024. Read more and get tickets at [WingLuke.org](https://WingLuke.org). ✨

### UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The Undoing Institutional Racism workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change. The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated.

The workshops are held on a virtual platform over a 3-Day period from 10 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$350 per person. Sign up now for **May 4–6** workshop at [PinwSeattle.org](https://PinwSeattle.org). ✨



## SUMMER’S COMING!

It’s not too early to start thinking about spring and summer at Camp N-Sid Sen, the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC camp and retreat center on Lake Coeur d’Alene north of Harrison, Idaho. N-Sid-Sen means “Point of Inspiration” in the the language of the indigenous Coeur d’Alene people. The well-appointed camp offers 300 acres of woodland and waterfront activities, faith-based immersion experiences, low-tech fun in God’s inspiring creation and meaningful connections among fellow participants.

The 2023 theme is “*FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit-Filled Life.*” Volunteers are needed to serve as summer session directors, cabin leaders, chaplains, nurses and other resource persons. We also seek young adults as the paid summer hospitality team for mid-June through August. Van transportation to and from N-Sid-Sen for those in Western Washington will be provided in the Greater Seattle-Tacoma area.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Pam Peterson (she/her) as our new Designated Managing Director of N-Sid-Sen. Pam comes to us from the Montana Northern-Wyoming Conference of the UCC where she most recently served as the pastor of Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ.

For more information, email [Office@N-Sid-Sen.org](mailto:Office@N-Sid-Sen.org) or visit [N-Sid-Sen.org](https://N-Sid-Sen.org). ✨



Volunteers needed. Apply now.

### CARE TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU



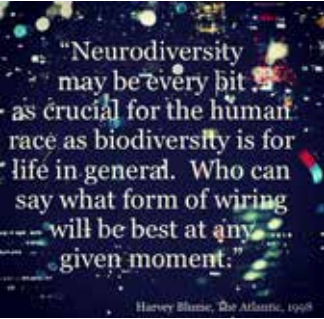
Let us know what we can do for you.

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 with the Care Team should anything arise: **206-639-7739**. Messages are checked at least once a day. The Plymouth Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute crises, call 988 or text “Home” to the Crisis Care Line at 741741. Members of the Care Team are:

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## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE: NEUROCLASTIC

NeuroClastic is a collective of Autistic people responsive to the evolving needs and trajectory of the Autistic community. By publishing autistic voices, we are cataloguing the intersectional experiences, insights, knowledge, talents, and creative pursuits of Autistics. We follow a unique model of interdependence, leveraging the passions, skills, and specializations of contributors to create a living repository of information cataloging the autistic experience. What we’re about:



- We aim for a future that is more accepting, accommodating, and empowering for autistic people. Our organization platforms autistic voices, prioritizing those who are underrepresented in autistic self-advocacy, and our contributors create free, accessible resources for autistic people and non-autistic parents, educators, service providers, partners, and other people who interact with autistic people.
- We strive to create a counter-point to messaging about autism that presents the autistic neurotype as a disease or disorder or a checklist of deficits. Our content, written by autistic people who humanize autism by sharing their experiences and perspectives with others.
- We believe if people will take the time to learn from autistics, they will take that understanding and apply it to their interactions, unpack their prejudices, unlearn unhealthy approaches, and adopt a better-informed paradigm that sees autistic people as whole, thinking, feeling, empathetic, and autonomous people deserving of the same privilege, rights, and dignities afforded to others.
- We hope to build upon and accelerate the momentum that activists and visionaries for human rights have been fueling for all of human history. We are the embodiment of that movement in the spirit of self-advocacy. We seek to empower neurodivergents to better know themselves, to connect with others, to network, to be validated, to lend their voices, and to contribute to the empowerment of other marginalized populations.
- We create tangible resources to support readers in understanding what it means to be autistic, those seeking diagnosis, advocating for a child’s rights in education, seeking equal opportunity in employment settings, finding a path to a sustainable and rewarding life, obtaining therapeutic supports, and managing the struggles unique to the autistic neurotype.

Visit [NeuroClastic.com](https://NeuroClastic.com) to learn more and get involved. ✨