

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, April 20, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Easter Sunday*

Matthew 28:1–10

“In That Great Gettin’ Up Morning”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

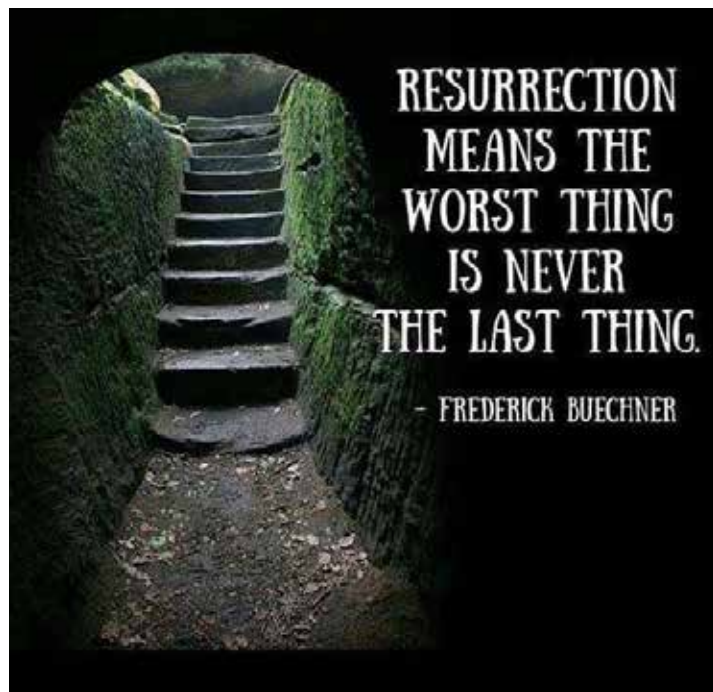
11:30 am Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt, Lounge

### EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers given given in memory of our parents,  
John & Jean Haigh, and Alvin & Dorothy Hagen,  
from Jeanette & Ken Hagen.

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

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week.  
Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.



*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.*



PO Box 21368  
Seattle, Washington 98111

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),  
Colleen Rood (Aunt of Kathy Rood), 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)

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

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.

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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GOOD FRIDAY: 2 PM APRIL 18

*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](http://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

Come to worship at 2 pm Good Friday, April 18, in the  
Sanctuary or online, as we gather to reflect and remember  
Jesus' last words on the cross. A time to engage with the mystery,  
sorrow, and expectation of Holy Week and Good Friday.

*“Forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

Rev. Dr. Linda Smith

*“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

Rev. Shalom Agtarap

*“Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.”*

Rev. Bianca Davis

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

*“I thirst.”* Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

*“It is finished.”* Rev. Jennifer Castle

*“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”* Rev. Priscilla Austin

Parking available in the 1200 Fifth garage (formerly IBM garage,  
next door to Plymouth). Take a ticket when entering the garage,  
then get a validation sticker from a greeter. Spread the word and  
bring friends and family to experience this powerful and moving  
worship service.

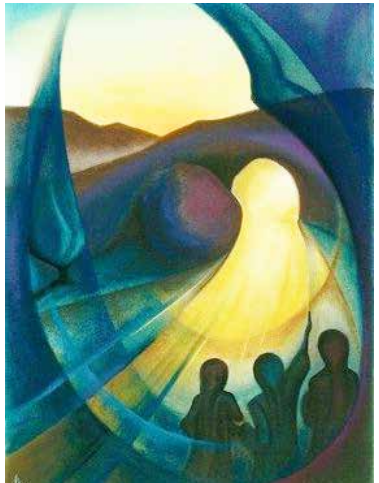


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[PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), 206.622.4865

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH PLYMOUTH

Invite friends and family to  
worship at 10:30 am Easter  
Sunday, April 20. Rejoice in  
the Resurrection this Sunday.

Following the service, all  
are welcome to enjoy a time  
of celebration, including  
an Easter egg hunt. Food  
provided by Project Feast,  
which empowers refugee and  
immigrant cooks. We look  
forward to seeing you on this  
festive day of worship  
and community



*“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”*

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.

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 them to see the empty tomb  
and then go and tell the disciples that the Crucified One is alive!

*“The strange turning of what  
seemed to be a horrendous  
‘No’ to a glorious ‘Yes’ is  
always the message of Easter”  
—Madeleine L’Engle*

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,  
symbolic of fire—the symbol of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost  
the Holy Spirit overpowered the barriers of culture and race.

If the Plymouth garage is full, parl in 1200 Fifth garage  
(formerly IBM garage, next door to Plymouth). Take a ticket  
when entering the garage, then get a validation sticker from a  
greeter. Scan the sticker upon exiting the garage.

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



## APRIL IS DEAF HISTORY MONTH



International sign for “I love you.”

Deaf History Month takes place in April every year. It’s a time to raise awareness about the deaf community and their struggles in our society. The month also focuses on honoring the immense contributions of deaf individuals and the deaf community to our country. During this month, we also get to learn more about the ongoing advocacy work

many organizations undertake to make life easier and more inclusive for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Many deaf and hard-of-hearing people often struggle with stigma in our society. Deaf History Month offers the right opportunity to speak up for them and advocate for their inclusion and accessibility in our communities.

National Deaf History Month raises awareness about the deaf and hearing-impaired community. With proper awareness, we can share and celebrate their culture and celebrate diversity and inclusiveness.

Some Facts About Hearing Loss:

- One in every three people over 65 — about 165 million people worldwide — struggles with hearing loss.
- About 38 million Americans — roughly 12% of the U.S. population — have a significant hearing loss.
- Roughly 32 million people affected by hearing loss worldwide are children under the age of 15.
- Repeated exposure to loud noise — 85 decibels or higher — is the leading cause of hearing loss.
- Many notable figures — Halle Berry, Thomas Edison, Brian Wilson, Barbra Streisand, and Ludwig van Beethoven — have all struggled with hearing loss.

Learn more at [NationalToday.com/Deaf-History-Month](https://NationalToday.com/Deaf-History-Month).

## 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. Patients do not need any form of documentation or proof of income, insurance, or immigration status. Patients do not need to be residents of King County. Interpreters are available. Info at [SeattleCenter.org/skcclinic](https://SeattleCenter.org/skcclinic).



April 24-27 at Seattle Center.

## 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.

## BE THE CHURCH



Covenant giving includes your time and talents. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Below are a few volunteer opportunities. We are thankful for any and all gifts you’d like to share. Contact Toni

Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), to get started:

- Help count the offering after worship
- Prepare communion (first Sundays)
- Become a greeter on Sundays and at special events
- Answer phones 2 days a week from 10 am–2 pm
- Prepare and serve food on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry

## STUDY THE BIBLE WITH PLYMOUTH

Join friends at 9 am every Wednesday to discuss Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The Zoom link in the website news article is the same every week. The link requires the usual Plymouth passcode. Email Rev. Bechtold ([KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) if you need the code. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bechtold.



9 am Wednesdays online via Zoom.



## FAITH ACTION GROUP SUMMITS

We’ve opted to host these summits online to allow more people to join and to enable advocates from across the state to hear from each other. During this year’s summits, we’ll be able to celebrate legislative wins and hear about stalled legislation and what is needed to move forward next session.

FAN staff will share an update on the three ballot initiatives that will have an impact on everything we do this year. And you will have a chance to meet in issue groups to discuss with others what policy changes you would like to see in the future.

Your voices matter to us. Last year, many attendees expressed concerns for young people and mental health, and this year important bills passed on that issue. Join us online to strategize statewide policy together:

- 3–4:30 pm Saturday, May 5
- 3–4:30 pm Monday, June 9

Registration opens soon. Visit [Fanwa.org/spring-summits](https://Fanwa.org/spring-summits).

## STAY AWARE



It’s good to occasionally review best practices for internet security. If you ever receive a text or email claiming to be from Plymouth staff or clergy requesting assistance, do not open it or respond to it. **No one from the Plymouth staff will ever send requests for financial or other assistance.**

Fraudsters use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. If you receive a text, call or email that seems suspicious, don’t respond to it. Read about the latest scams and how to protect against them at [ConsumerFTC.gov/scams](https://ConsumerFTC.gov/scams).

## REMINDER

Please remember that Plymouth Church UCC has a PO Box. Send all postal correspondence to:

**Plymouth Church UCC**  
**P O Box 21368**  
**Seattle WA 98111**

## 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 encompassing the autistic experience. What NeuroClastic is 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.

