

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, April 23, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

**Service in the Sanctuary**

*Third Sunday in Easter*

Acts 1:6–8 (or Sirach 4:11–16); Psalm 34:1–14;

Hebrews 5:7–14; John 5:25–29

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**2 pm** Installation of Rev. Jennifer Castle at  
Congregational Church on Mercer Island

(see article page 1)

## THE HERALD IS ON HIATUS

The Plymouth *Herald* will be on hiatus the next two weeks. Weekly publication resumes on May 10. Stay up to date by checking [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), and look for email updates.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **[PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Movies that Move** Following the 10:30 am worship next Sunday, April 30, we will view Disney's *Encanto* in Hildebrand Hall. Viewing is in-person only. Online discussion 7 pm Wednesday, May 3. (Link for discussion in Sunday Announcements at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) requires usual Plymouth passcode. If you need the passcode, contact [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)).

**Bible Study Sip & Chew Event** Please join us for Bible study and fun at BluWater Bistro – Leschi on 4–6 pm Saturday, May 6. Participants are responsible for their own food and drink. RSVP to Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), by May 2.

**Celebrate Panamanian Black History** with a special tea party at Plymouth UCC 1 pm Saturday, May 13. Panama Folklore is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, celebrate & cultivate Panamanian traditions & customs in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy music, performances, delicious food and gifts, all surrounded by the beauty of Afro-Panamanian culture. Admission \$30.

**Undoing Institutional Racism** Workshops are designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change. Next workshop is May 4–6. See full schedule and details [PinwSeattle.org](http://PinwSeattle.org).



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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), 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 of Anne Kiemle and Kael Sherrard on the passing of Anne's mother Ruth Kiemle.

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

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! [f](https://www.facebook.com/plymouthucc) [t](https://twitter.com/plymouthucc) [i](https://www.instagram.com/plymouthucc)

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## 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.

Link to register in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), or: [bit.ly/ARG-April27](https://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.

**Covid Protocols:** masks required; we recommend taking a rapid test on the day of the workshop and, of course, stay home if you're feeling any symptoms.

We are asking for a registration fee on a sliding scale of \$5 – \$50. You will be redirected to the payment page after filling out the initial form. The money we raise through the fees will be collectively redistributed as part of the workshop. ✨

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Come celebrate the installation of Rev. Jennifer Castle at the Congregational Church on Mercer Island (4545 Island Crest Way), 2 pm Sunday, April 23.

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown will preach. Clergy are invited to robe and process. Those who cannot attend in person can join online by going to [UCC-Ccmi.org](http://UCC-Ccmi.org) and clicking the “worship with us” button. All are welcome! ✨

## A CONTEMPORARY PORTRAIT: 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.”



Dr. Brian Raphael Nabors.

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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for viewing and donation links, along with more information. ✨

## WAYNE MARSHALL AT PLYMOUTH



Wayne Marshall, OBE

Seattle Chamber Orchestra presents virtuoso organist Wayne Marshall at Plymouth, 8 pm April 26.

Wayne Marshall OBE is a British pianist, organist, and conductor and has performed with and conducted orchestras worldwide. Mr. Marshall is joining the Seattle Chamber Orchestra, and the Fisk Organ at Plymouth Church, in the mighty *Organ Concerto* by Francis Poulenc.

The program also features the *Chaconne* by Tomaso Antonio Vitali, in a transcription for violin solo, organ and string orchestra by Ottorino Respighi, featuring SCO's Concertmaster, Brendan Shea, the Chamber Symphony Op.110a by Dmitri Shostakovich and the *Adagio for organ and string orchestra* by Tommaso Albinoni.

Concert starts at 8 pm and a pre-concert talk starts at 7:15 pm. Wine and appetizers start at 7 pm. Tickets at [SeattleChamberOrchestra.org](http://SeattleChamberOrchestra.org). ✨



## A SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE



Autism Awareness month is not universally liked by the Autistic community. If you follow the #ActuallyAutistic hashtag on social media, or any of the prominent advocates, you will most likely encounter posts throughout the month of April on this subject.

Part of the problem is that awareness has not proven effective at improving the lives of Autistic people. In fact, these awareness drives often lead to the widespread dissemination of misinformation and outdated perspectives, causing further difficulties for people in the community. With no one ensuring the accuracy of the content that gets shared we frequently see harmful myths getting more traction than the truth, and non-autistic voices speaking over Autistic ones. The most radical act you can perform as an ally to Autistic people is to accept them exactly as they are and beyond that to celebrate them and their neurotype. Most Autistic people are not looking to be “fixed”. In fact, there is even an Autism Pride day (June 18th) so that Autists can have a day to celebrate their identities independent of the infantilising memes and online harassment that sadly come their way during April. Envision a different world, one in which all neurotypes are celebrated for the rich diversity they contribute. If we could create this level of inclusion and acceptance so many of the problems that Autistic people and their families face would be removed. The world is ready for more practical advice, actual steps that can be taken to improve the lives of Autistic people. Read more and access resources at [AutisticAdvocacy.org](https://AutisticAdvocacy.org). ✨

## “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). ✨



## WELCOME, PADRICA HOFFMAN

On behalf of Plymouth Healing Communities (PHC), I am thrilled to announce that Padrica Hoffman officially became PHC’s Executive Director last month. Padrica has been with PHC for two years, most recently as our Program Director. During this time, Padrica has demonstrated her commitment to PHC and its mission, a deep understanding of our residents, and a gift for identifying and recruiting new partners. She has aptly implemented new programs that offer our residents opportunities to engage in activities, enhancing the support and community which is at the heart of what we do at PHC.



Padrica Hoffman

Padrica also brings strong administrative skills to the role of ED, with private sector experience in financial management. And she is supported in her work by the rest of our talented team: Drew Dasse, Administrative, and Accounting Manager; Keith Samuels, Senior Property Manager; and Dakota Nixon, Volunteer Coordinator.

Please join us in welcoming Padrica to her new role; we expect to hear more from her and her team in the coming months. We look forward to a bright future under Padrica’s leadership, including opportunities to volunteer with the restarting of our companionship program!

With excitement for what lies ahead for PHC,  
—Jane Dunkel, on behalf of the PHC Board of Directors ✨

## SHARE WITH SENIORS

Pike Market Senior Center, located in the heart of Pike Place Market, is looking for willing folks to share their passions through facilitating workshops, lectures and skill sharing. We are developing opportunities to expand the minds, and increase socialization opportunities, of our members and need your help. All of our programming is offered without cost to members. We can tailor volunteer commitments that work for you.



Share your passion and skills.

We serve a diverse and vibrant slice of the downtown community. Please contact Zoe Freeman for more information: [Zoe@pmsc-dtfb.org](mailto:Zoe@pmsc-dtfb.org).

Learn about Pike Market Senior Center at [Pmsc-fb.org](https://Pmsc-fb.org). ✨

## YOU MAKE PLYMOUTH POSSIBLE

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts. Your support makes a difference.



Your support is vital.

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

**CASH APP** Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

**CHECK BY MAIL** Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101. ✨

## VOLUNTEER AT N-SID-SEN



Volunteers needed. Apply now.

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. 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. 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). ✨

## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Members of the Plymouth community are invited to meet with Council members to ask questions, make suggestions, and express their hopes for Plymouth. Council members are available online via Zoom 7-8 pm the second Wednesday of each month. **Next opportunity is 7 pm April 12.** Email Diane Jacobsen by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✨

## THE THREAT OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

United Church of Christ General Minister and President the Rev. John Dorhauer spoke April 11 at Elmhurst University in Illinois on the need for people of faith to confront Christian nationalism. In his talk, “Christian Nationalism: A Threat to Both Democracy and Christianity,” Dorhauer addressed how this far-right religious movement has grown to the point that some national politicians espouse its oppressive ideology.



“These elected officials are working hard to rewrite the story of America through the lens of a narrow, fringe view of Christianity that will not tolerate any deviance from their narrative that says that America was intended from the beginning to be Christian, white, heterosexual and run by men,” he said.

*“What Christian nationalism wants, what it demands, what it is willing to fight and, yes, kill for is the eradication of any idea inconsistent with its own.”*

“The attack on wokeness, the attack on critical race theory, the attack on religious pluralism, the attack on secular ideology, the attack on trans children and their

parents, the attacks on interracial marriage, the attack on women’s reproductive rights, the attack on the rights to privacy, the attacks on access to birth control, the attacks on drag culture — all staples of a thriving democracy and all critical to the pursuit of one’s happiness without fear of government intervention — are all byproducts of a religious fundamentalism parading its patriotism and known simply as Christian nationalism.”

He warned the audience that these extremists don’t just want to rewrite the history of the United States but its laws, too.

“What Christian nationalism wants, what it demands, what it is willing to fight and, yes, kill for is the eradication of any idea inconsistent with its own,” Dorhauer said. “It also espouses the eradication of those who propagate those ideas. It wants written into the Constitution the instantiation of Christian fundamentalism and the recognition of biblical literalism that uses strict — though utterly contradictory — moral codes within their canon as the foundation of law.”

Read more and watch video of the talk at [UCC.org](https://UCC.org). ✨