

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, May 5, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Communion

Acts 9:36–42

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

3 pm Faith Action Online Summit

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

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.

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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark & JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Tom Lemly (Father of Hayden McManus), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), James McDowell (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Ian Nelson (Son of Diane Nelson), Paula Orrego, Jean and Richard Paul (Parents of Beth Paul-Russell), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson)

Our hearts are with the Hildebrand Family on the passing of David Hildebrand.

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



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PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Share your prayers for peace.

United Church of Christ General Minister and President Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson welcomes all in the wider church to participate in an interactive season of prayer. The People's Prayers for Peace Initiative is an open invitation to read — and write — prayers, which are now posted daily at UCC.org.

The call for prayers comes amid ongoing war and violence globally as well as continued social issues and injustice in the United States. "We are all praying for many things," Thompson said. "This is a time for us to be reminded we are not alone in our desire to see change in the world. Our collective voices in prayer can make a difference. This is an act of faith."

Prayers will be collected and shared daily throughout the remainder of 2024 and into 2025, culminating in General Synod 35 in Kansas City next summer.

"Today is always a good day to pray," Thompson noted. "We ask for prayers. We support each other in prayer. The time to pray is today. There is no end to our prayer together."

Share prayers at [UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace](https://ucc.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace).

JOIN SPRING SUMMITS

Faith Action Network is in our Spring Outreach season, where we connect with you about what happened this legislative session. We seek to hear your concerns and priorities for what we might do together in the months ahead.

Essential to this outreach is our annual Spring Summits, scheduled for two Sundays: 3-4:30 pm May 5 and June 9. These summits will be held online to allow more people to join and to enable advocates from across the state to hear from each other. Your voices matter to us!

Please visit FANWA.org for more info and to register.



LINKED BY LOVE

Register now for the Pacific Northwest Conference Women's Retreat May 17-19 at N-Sid-Sen. Join women of the Pacific Northwest Conference at N-Sid-Sen for a weekend of faith, fellowship & fun! You are invited to set aside intentional time for renewing yourselves both individually and collectively.

Come as you are. Participate as you feel called. This gathering is expansive to include all women, cis and trans, as well as non-binary people comfortable in a space that centers on the experience of women.

Your facilitators for the weekend are Dana Sprenkle and MaryLu Vait. Dana hails from Shalom UCC in Richland, MaryLu from Westminster UCC in Spokane.

Lodge - \$175; Cabin - \$155. Register now using link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, also known as a sound bath. Participants are welcomed to sit or lie down comfortably. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices and will continue by playing Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls, A Mayan Ocean Drum, and vocal toning to relax, heal, and help anchor and amplify intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort if they wish to participate while lying down. Some mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience.

Next session is May 26, 11:45 am in Hildebrand Hall. (**Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of Sunday service.**) Suggested Donation \$20.



At N-Sid-Sen May 17-19.



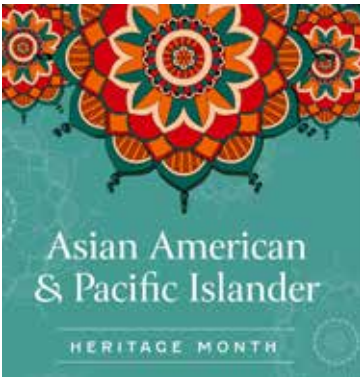
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HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE



During the month of May, Plymouth celebrates the humanity and contributions of our Asian and Pacific Islander siblings. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

As of 2019, there were about 22.9 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent in the United States.

The Seattle area has a wealth of places to go and things to do to learn more and experience the rich and varied AAPI cultures. Some ideas include:

- **The Chinatown-International District (CID)** is the cultural hub for Seattle’s AAPI communities. The district is made up of different Asian cultures, mostly family-owned shops and restaurants, perfect for a day of exploring. SeattleChinaTownID.com
- **The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience** is a must-visit all year long. Located in the CID, Wing Luke tells the story of the Asian Pacific American immigrants in Seattle and beyond. WingLuke.org
- **The Panama Hotel**, located in the CID, has a unique place in Seattle’s history as it once provided lodging to immigrants from Japan. Visitors can tour its preserved traditional bathhouse. PanamaHotelSeattle.net
- **The Japanese Cultural Community Center** is a great place to learn more about Japanese language, culture and community. Jcccw.org
- **Kubota Garden**, located in Seattle’s Rainier Beach neighborhood, is a must-visit. KubotaGarden.org
- **The Seattle Asian Art Museum** is home to an extensive Asian art collection. SeattleArtMuseum.org
- **The Seattle Chinese Garden** is a place to learn more about the rich heritage of Chinese arts and culture. SeattleChineseGarden.org.
- **The Seattle Japanese Garden** features curving pathways, beautiful foliage, flowing water and a teahouse. SeattleJapaneseGarden.org
- **Te Fare O Tamatoa** spreads knowledge of Tahitian culture. TeFareOTamatoa.com

CELEBRATE PANAMANIAN BLACK CULTURE

Celebrate Panamanian Black culture and history at Plymouth UCC 1–4 pm Saturday, May 11, with honored guest Chef Leticia Levy. Enjoy music, performances, delicious food and beautiful gifts, all surrounded by the rich tapestry of Afro-Panamanian culture. Admission \$40.



Enjoy food, fun and friendship May 11.

Panama Folklore is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, celebrate & cultivate Panamanian traditions & customs in the Pacific Northwest. Questions? Contact Panama.Folklore.Seattle1@gmail.com.

EARTH DAY SUMMIT URGES ACTION



Environmental justice is social justice.

The second annual United Church of Christ Earth Day Summit took place on Saturday, April 20. The event featured celebrated author and activist Bill McKibben, who delivered the keynote lecture with the title, “Energy from Heaven or Energy from Hell?” The Rev. Brooks Berndt, minister for environmental justice for the United Church of

Christ, hosted the event along with the Rev. Michael Malcom, executive director of Alabama Interfaith Power and Light. Berndt said he felt the keynote was especially well-received. “His remarks were filled with insightful observations and memorable lines that struck a strong chord with audience members. Most importantly, he instilled in people a sense of urgency to act.” Additionally, a panel of activists discussed the multi-national struggle against the pollution of Formosa Plastics, one of the world’s largest plastics producers.

You can watch the entire Earth Day Summit 2024 and other UCC videos on the UCC YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/User/UccVideos](https://www.youtube.com/user/UccVideos).

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. Roles include leading litanies, reading texts, and assisting as needed on Sundays. If you feel called to serve Plymouth and deepen your spiritual life by assisting in worship leadership, contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Pentecost holds significant importance in the church calendar, occurring 50 days after Easter. It symbolizes the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to spread the Gospel to people of all nations. Often referred to as “the birthday of the Church,” Pentecost serves as a reminder of our collective journey in being in church community. It marks the inception of the church, emphasizing our shared commitment to live joyfully in this space and provides us an opportunity to reflect on the unity and significance of our faith journey.



This year, Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19. On that Sunday and throughout the month of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between UCC Special Offering Strengthen the Church and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.

Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The Pacific Northwest Conference and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund remains supported by half of the proceeds from this year’s Pentecost Special Offering. These funds are dedicated to assisting members and friends facing financial challenges, enabling them to participate in opportunities provided by Plymouth UCC.

Your generosity helps builds up the Body of Christ.

KEEP OUR PANTRIES STOCKED



Your contributions make a world of difference.

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, and comfort items. The pantries provide a display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or who are under-resourced. Please contribute bottled water, protein bars, or even notes to remind the reader they are beloved.

EXPAND THE CHILD TAX CREDIT

The House-passed bipartisan tax bill would expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC) for 16 million children in families with low incomes—including 5.8 million young children (under age 6)—in its first year, bringing them up to or closer to the full \$2,000-per-child amount that children in higher-income families receive.



Help lift children out of poverty.

Young children of all races and ethnicities would benefit from the bill’s Child Tax Credit expansion. Overall, the expansion would deliver a larger credit to 1 in 4 children under age 6. It would benefit even larger shares of Black, Latino, or American Indian or Alaska Native young children, whose parents are overrepresented in low-paid work and may face more limited economic opportunities due to historical and ongoing discrimination and other structural barriers.

The Senate should pass it without further delay. Urge your Senators to take action. To find contact information for your Senators, go to [Senate.gov/Senators/Senators-Contact.htm](https://www.senate.gov/Senators/Senators-Contact.htm).

PLYMOUTH COOKS



Share your specialties with us.

Like to cook? Have a favorite meal to make? Be a part of the new Plymouth cookbook! Send us old family recipes, or ones you’ve created yourself. Include ingredients and instructions, and maybe a note about why the dish special to you. Send to: RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

NEW PLYMOUTH MAILING ADDRESS

Please note that Plymouth Church UCC now has a PO Box. Effective immediately, please send all future postal correspondence to our new mailing address:

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Seattle WA 98111



Please note our new mailing address.

USPS will forward all mail to the new PO Box during this time of transition. Thank you.