

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, May 12, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Mark 12:18–27

“Jesus, the Feminist”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

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

## Saturday May 11th



Celebrating Panamanian Black History Month

Time: 1:00 pm - 4pm

Location: Plymouth Church Seattle United Church of Christ 1217 6th Ave,

Cost: \$40 per person

MC: Gustavo “El General”

by Selector Rene

Contact

Panama.Folklore.Seattle1@gmail.com

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of 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), **Concetta Lewis** (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), 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)

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

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## THANKS, WELCOME, HELP!



When you are in our building, you may see some new faces. We are blessed to be able to temporarily house three families in Plymouth’s second floor classrooms. These families are seeking asylum in the United States. Since housing is so difficult in Seattle, they have no where to stay except in tents. Marina Ortiz from the Church Council of Greater Seattle has reached out to churches to house people. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown said yes, Plymouth can help. Things are happening quickly!

We received one family of five last Thursday and we expect two more families on Wednesday, May 8. Dr. Brown and Indigo Brown stayed overnight at Plymouth last Thursday to be sure the family felt safe. Huge thanks to them and to all the Plymouth custodians and Immigration Ministry Team members, and especially to Janet Gwilym, Bing Tso, Al Bentley, Warren Smith, Kathy Rood and our moderator, Matt Durland, for all their work to turn classrooms into homes. We have provided some basics to get our first family started -- inflatable mattresses, bedding, towels, toiletries, food, toys, couches, and tables as well as some floor lamps and decorations to help the room feel cozy. This week we will assess their clothing and other needs. We don’t know yet know the configurations of the other families.

We need to protect their privacy so please do not go to the second floor if it is not necessary. We will leave it to the families to join us for worship and other events as they choose. Our current family members speak Spanish and are eager to learn English. Please be warm and friendly with a simple greeting like hello and welcome if you see them. They need time to rest and to adjust to life here. The Immigration Ministry Team needs your help to give these families the best welcome we can.

Currently, our small group is overstretched. Your love and your prayers are a great beginning. If you can do more, please contact Carol Mooney and we’ll add you to our team.

—Carol Mooney for the Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team

## IN SOLIDARITY WITH AAPI SIBLINGS

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the history and influence of our AAPI siblings. Additionally, this is a time to recognize the unjust treatment of AAPI immigrants in the United States throughout history as well as the anti-Asian hate that persists today in America.

The following prayer by The Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim, was delivered during worship on Sunday, May 5.

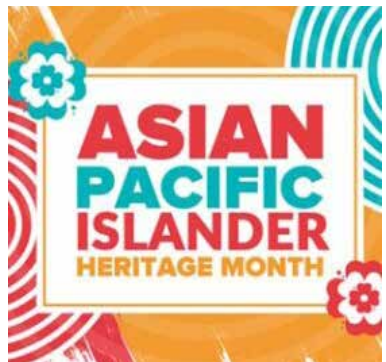
Gracious God,  
we confess that we have failed our Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Desi siblings. We have bought into the “model minority” and “honorary white” myth while treating our siblings as perpetual foreigners. We fail to learn about the many different peoples, cultures, and nations you have created and you love. We fail to seek out and tell the stories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our schools, colleges, seminaries, and churches, Or to admit our colonizing missteps we called “mission.”

Forgive us, God.  
Forgive our neglect and indifference.  
Forgive our stereotyping, prejudice, and racism.  
Forgive us for making our Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi siblings invisible.

Inspire us to turn around,  
to build connections,  
to stop “othering” our siblings,  
to embrace one another in love,  
and to make your all beloved children visible.

We pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen.





## NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS



Help break the silence.

There is widespread anger and sadness in First Nations communities. Sisters, wives, mothers, daughters and two-spirits are gone from their families without clear answers. There are families whose loved ones are missing—babies growing up without mothers, mothers without daughters, and grandmothers without

granddaughters. For Native Americans, this adds one more layer of trauma upon existing wounds that cannot heal. Communities are pleading for justice.

On May 5, President Joe Biden on Friday delivered a proclamation on Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day. In part, it reads:

“For decades, Native communities across this continent have been devastated by an epidemic of disappearances and killings, too often without resolution, justice, or accountability. On Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, we honor the individuals missing and the lives lost, and we recommit to working with Tribal Nations to end the violence and inequities that drive this crisis, delivering safety and healing.

“Across Indian Country, justice for the missing has been elusive for too long. Too many Native families know the pain of a loved one being declared missing or murdered, and women, girls, and LGBTQI+ and Two-Spirit individuals are bearing the brunt of this violence. In the depths of their grief, the work of investigating these disappearances, demanding justice, and fighting for the hopeful return of their loved ones has fallen on the shoulders of families. Legions of brave activists have sought to change that. We need to provide greater resources and ensure the accountability that every community deserves.”

Most of the missing and murdered are women. A report by the U.S. Department of interior’s Office of Justice Services makes clear: “For decades, Native American and Alaska Native communities have struggled with high rates of assault, abduction and murder of women. Community advocates describe the crisis as a legacy of generations of government policies of forced removal, land seizures and violence inflicted on Native peoples.”

Learn more and get involved at [NativeHope.org](https://NativeHope.org).

## 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](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## 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.

Questions? Contact Panama. Folklore.Seattle1@gmail.com.



Enjoy food, fun and friendship May 11.

## MUTHA: A TRIBUTE TO WHO MOTHERED YOU



Special event at Plymouth May 18.

Let’s celebrate the maternal figures in our lives, 2–5:30 pm Saturday, May 18 at Plymouth. Who has poured into you? Who have you poured into? Let’s gather in love as we honor the legacy of our motherhood and embrace non traditional ways we mother. From the Ballroom scene to Big Mama, our guardians, aunties and queer family members, allow us to celebrate all that is MUTHA and acknowledge all it takes to be one.

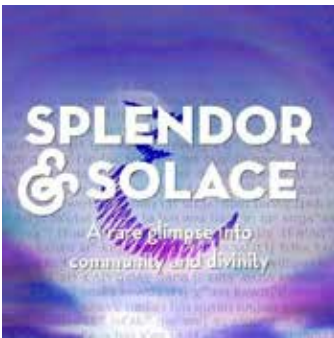
This is a celebration of music curated by Adra Boo with featured artists: Amber Flame, Ariya Jane Albert, Earnie Ashwood, CarLarans, DJ Mixx America.

Doors open at 2 pm for dessert reception and performances start at 3 pm. Free parking in the Plymouth garage. Purchase tickets using link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## SPLENDOR AND SOLACE

In this very special concert series, The Esoterics will present a concert of works exploring the intersection of the communal and the divine — the pleasure and power that we experience when we gather together, as well the comfort and beauty we find in the natural world. Program features four recent compositions by Eric Banks, with texts in French, Italian, Tlingit, and English.

8 pm Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at Plymouth. Details and tickets at [TheEsoterics.org](https://TheEsoterics.org).



## JOIN SPRING SUMMIT

Faith Action Network seeks 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 3–4:30 pm Sunday, June 9. This summit 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](https://FANWA.org) for more info and to register.



## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



Often referred to as “the birthday of the Church,” Pentecost serves as a reminder of our collective journey in being in church community, providing an opportunity to reflect on the unity and significance of our faith journey.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, and throughout the month of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between 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. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

**Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund** is dedicated to assisting members and friends facing financial challenges, enabling them to participate in opportunities provided by Plymouth UCC.

## PLYMOUTH COOKS

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](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



Your contributions make a world of difference.

## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, also known as a sound bath. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices and 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 or pillows. Some mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience.



Next session Sunday, May 26.

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.

## PROVIDE COMPASSION & COMFORT



Thank you for your contributions.

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.

## 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](https://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. Thompson says, “Our collective voices in prayer can make a difference. This is an act of faith.” Prayers will be collected and shared daily throughout 2024 and into 2025, culminating in General Synod 35 in Kansas City next summer. Share prayers at [UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace](https://UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace).

