

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, May 14, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

**Service in the Sanctuary**

*Sixth Sunday in Easter*

Genesis 16:1-10, 13

“Who God Sees”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown



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Return Service Requested

Next Sunday, May 21, Plymouth celebrates our 30th Anniversary of being an Open and Affirming Church. Be sure to join in person or online for a time of reflection and celebration.

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.




*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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. Plan now for a day of surprises and fun.

**Free Workshop on Nonviolence** 4 pm (PT) May 17, hosted by the Justice Leadership Project and the Southern New England Conference of the UCC. The workshop will focus on the work of Rev. James Lawson who was instrumental in the civil rights movement. It will feature a film and discussion led by Prof. Micheal Honey. Register at JusticeLeadership.org.

**Pop Some Tops!** Come enjoy Plymouth Housing's Annual fundraiser to help end homelessness. Join us on Friday, June 9 from 7 pm until midnight for a night of dancing, drinks, and fun. Get your tickets now at PlymouthHousing.org.

**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!   

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Mark & JT Edwards, Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Anna Florey, Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), **Floyd Gossett**, Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Irma Johnson (Friend of Toni Arthur), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Montecino Family, Paula Orrego, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), **Jerome Robinson**, Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), (Sister of Michael Gordon)

**We grieve with the family and friends of those lost in the Allen, Texas mass shooting:**

Sofia Mendoza (8), Daniela Mendoza (11), Christian LaCour (20), Aishwarya Thatikonda (26), Elio Cumana-Rivas (32), James Cho (3), Cindy Cho (35), Kyu Song Cho (37).

Sofia and Daniela's mother, Ilda Mendoza, is in critical condition. William Cho (6), who was also injured, is the only survivor of his family.

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

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## MID-SPRING MISSIVE FROM COUNCIL



Council and clergy gathered for a retreat.

Hello Plymouth! It's been a little while since I've shared Council updates with you all so I figured that a mid-spring missive was in order. I'd like to first thank the handful of folks who have made it to one of our monthly Council Drop-in sessions. We very much appreciate it when you visit with us and share what is on your minds and hearts about Plymouth. These opportunities happen the second Wednesday of the month with the next one occurring June 14th at 7pm. If you'd like a link to the virtual (Zoom) meeting, please email Diane Jacobsen at [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) by 5 pm the day of. You can also contact Council by emailing us at [Council@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Council@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

In April the Council officers hosted a meeting with the chairs or representatives from the other Boards, Committees, and lay leader teams where we shared what we have been working on and our plans for the upcoming year. We also compared notes and identified several communication and organizational challenges that sometimes slow things down. Be on the lookout for two things that will help address these challenges: 1) a Who to Go to For What flyer, and 2) a Plymouth staff and clergy organizational chart. These will be posted on the church website in the coming weeks and the congregation will be alerted to this development via announcements in the *Herald*.

Also in Council news, the entire Council and our clergy ex officio Council members, Revs. Kelle Brown and Kevin Bechtold, gathered for a fantastic in-person retreat at Plymouth this past Saturday. After an inspired and inspiring team building exercise led by Council member Dr. Tiffany Johnson, Rev. Tara Barber led us in what was hands down the best boundary training any of us could recall ever having experienced. Using Ephesians 11-16 to ground us, Rev. Barber gently challenged us to consider questions like “In whose interest am I lifting this up?” and “How would this affect the vision, ministry, health, and future of Plymouth church?” and “What's my stake in this?” where “this” is any number of things that could come up in the life of our church community that Council needs to exercise

prayerful intentionality around. We then broke taco shells together and enjoyed one another's company before closing out with a round robin about why we each said “Yes” to serving Plymouth by being on Council.

Finally, although you will be hearing directly from them soon, I want to let you know that the Developer Selection Committee (DSC) is off to a beautiful and strong start. As planned, Vice Moderator, Matt Durland, is the primary ex officio member of the DSC representing Council and he, along with the clergy ex officios, Revs. Kelle Brown and Kevin Bechtold, have been folded into the day-to-day and week-to-week workings of the committee. The entire DSC is absolutely committed to the work before them and absolutely committed to doing the work in ways that manifest the beloved community. In particular, the way the DSC members are collectively forging a non-hierarchical approach to the work is inspiring and exciting. And, they are working diligently in tandem with our consultants, Meriwether Partners, LLC, to faithfully center Plymouth in engagements with developers and the community. As confidentiality is an important part of the early work of the committee, the DSC is discerning its ongoing communication with the congregation, and will share more in the coming days.

The above is just a brief, tiny glimpse of all the great work that Plymouth lay leaders, clergy, and staff are doing on behalf of our entire community and the wider world. If you feel moved to plug in and help in small, medium, or large ways, please let us know!

Peace and love to you all, *Tracy Simpson, Plymouth Moderator* ✨

## BE THE CHURCH



Covenant giving includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are a few volunteer opportunities. Contact Toni Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), to get started:

- Participate in money counting after worship
- Prepare communion or food for coffee hour
- Become a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Answer phones 2 days a week from 10 am-2 pm
- Join the Companion Ministry ✨



## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Tory Trujillo

Plymouth Church Seattle invites Tory Trujillo to offer a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation. A Sound Medicine Meditation is sometimes also referred to 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 improvising vocal toning for the purposes of relaxation, healing, and to help anchor and amplify each participant's intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort if they wish to participate while lying down. Some Yoga mats and blankets will be available for participants to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. Event will last between 60 and 75 minutes.

**Please join us in Hildebrand Hall next Sunday, May 21, from 11:45 am-1 pm. Suggested Donation \$20. Upcoming dates this summer are June 11, July 16 and August 20.**

Hailing from West Michigan and the shores of her Beloved Lake Michigan, Tory Trujillo is a Mixed Blood, Two-Spirit, Facilitator of Healing as a Licensed Massage Therapist, Energy Worker, Professional Vocalist, and Sound Healer. Her healing methods are rooted in her Mexican Indigenous heritage. Her modalities are informed by her ancestral lineage, draw deeply from intuition, and enhanced through additional training. She has been offering group and individual sound healing experiences since 2011. Her first solo album, *Still Point~Music for Healing* was released in March of 2011. ✨

## UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

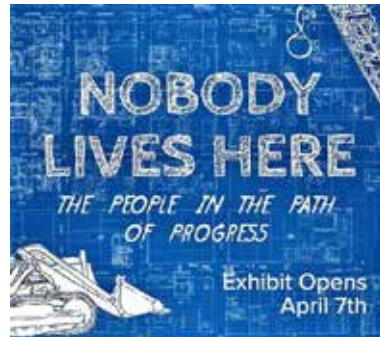
The Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshop is offered by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (PISAB), a national multiracial, antiracist collective of veteran organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social change. The UIR workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to "undo" the racist structures that hinder effective social change.

Cost is \$350 per person. Next workshop will be held **June 14-16**. Find full schedule and link to register at [PinwSeattle.org](https://pinwseattle.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 Chinatown-International District 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 will remain through March 17, 2024. Read more and get tickets at [WingLuke.org](https://WingLuke.org). ✨



## 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 number to reach 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:

- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown** ([KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBrown@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org))
- **Rev. Kevin Bechtold** ([KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)).
- **Rev. Donene Blair** ([DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org))
- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung** ([JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) ✨

## WE STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH

We are so grateful and your support means so much to us. To you and everyone who has helped us along this journey, we consider you an important part of the Duwamish story of swələxʷ (*resilience*) to self determination and to bring honor to the legacy of Chief Sial and the city for which he was named. *tixixsubutēəlop (you all take care).*

—Jolene Haas, Director, Cecile Hanson, Chairwoman, Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center ✨



Words of thanks from Duwamish siblings.

## THANK YOU ALL, FROM PLYMOUTH HEALING COMMUNITIES

It was a beautiful day to gather in the Horizon House Sky Lounge for tea, and to greet old friends and meet new ones. The view of Mt. Rainier in all her glory was breathtaking! The gathering was to say Thank You to our many Horizon House advocates, donors, friends, and supporters. We were truly blessed to have approximately 40 guests attend.



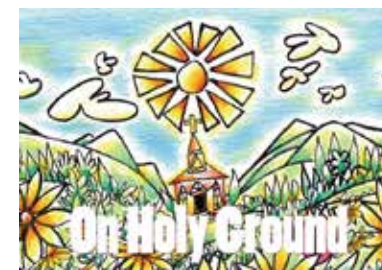
Thank you for your loving support.

Plymouth Healing Communities Executive Director, Padrica Hoffman, provided updates about what is going on at PHC properties. Volunteer Coordinator Dakota Nixon gave a update on the volunteer opportunities and the re-invigoration of PHC's Companionship program. Marcia Almquist fielded a lively Question and Answer session, displaying the guests' interest and engagement. The highlight of the program was a moving and courageous testimony by one of PHC's residents.

To close, Jane Dunkel, Board President, offered words of appreciation and a call for continued support. Each guest left with a beautiful (and useful) canvas shopping bag with PHC's logo on it, designed by PHC's own Drew Dasse.

All in all, a wonderful afternoon, and one most appreciated with a grateful heart by PHC's board of directors. Many thanks to Padrica, Marcia, Dakota and Drew for planning and hosting this event, and special thanks to all our wonderful guests and supporters. —Nancy Parker ✨

## PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



On Sunday, May 28 and throughout June, gifts marked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between Strengthen the Church and Scholarships to take the Undoing Institutional Racism training.

Strengthen the Church reflects the shared commitment of people to cooperatively build up the UCC. The Pacific Northwest Conference and the national setting equally share the gifts received. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Your gifts help awaken new ideas and develop spiritual life in our youth.

Half of the special offering will be help fund scholarships for Plymouth members to take the Undoing Institutional Racism training. See full schedule and details at [PinwSeattle.org](https://PinwSeattle.org). Contact Diane Jacobsen [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for scholarship details. We give thanks for your gifts. ✨

## CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE

During the month of May, Plymouth celebrates Asians and Pacific Islanders, their humanity and their contributions. 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.



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:

- **"Ikat: A World of Compelling Cloth"** exhibit, running through May 29 at the Seattle Art Museum, delves into the processes of dyeing and weaving to create the complex pattern known as *ikat*, used in Japanese kimonos and robes from Central Asia and Indonesia. [SeattleArtMuseum.org](https://SeattleArtMuseum.org)
- **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](https://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](https://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](https://PanamaHotelSeattle.net)
- **The Japanese Cultural Community Center** is a great place to learn more about Japanese language, culture and community. [Jcccw.org](https://Jcccw.org)
- **Kubota Garden**, located in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood, is a must-visit. [KubotaGarden.org](https://KubotaGarden.org)
- **The Seattle Asian Art Museum** is home to an extensive Asian art collection. [SeattleArtMuseum.org](https://SeattleArtMuseum.org)
- **The Seattle Chinese Garden** is a place to learn more about the rich heritage of Chinese arts and culture. [SeattleChineseGarden.org](https://SeattleChineseGarden.org).
- **The Seattle Japanese Garden** features curving pathways, beautiful foliage, flowing water and a teahouse. [SeattleJapaneseGarden.org](https://SeattleJapaneseGarden.org)
- **Te Fare O Tamatoa** spreads knowledge of Tahitian culture. On May 13 at 6 pm, they will host a program with dancing and drumming. [TeFareOTamatoa.com](https://TeFareOTamatoa.com) ✨