

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, May 19, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Pentecost Sunday

Wear Something Red!

Acts 2:1-18

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), 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, 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)

We remember Tony Brown, Plymouth soloist and choir member, on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

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

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THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST



Wear something red this Sunday!

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.

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

Strengthen the Church annual offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Half of what our churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference contributes remains here in our conference to support local congregations. The vitality of congregations in our conference is strengthened by witnessing for justice, addressing racism, and building community collaboration. With the Strengthen the Church offerings and other funds, the PNC Church Development Committee initiated Anti-Racism and Community Engagement (ARCE) grants in 2023 to support congregations engaged in ARCE-related projects. Since the spring of 2023, CDC has supported thirteen (13) congregations with ARCE grants totaling \$76,200.

Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund is 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 upcoming opportunities provided by Plymouth UCC.

By your generous and faithful giving to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As announced in last week's *Plymouth Herald*, we have some new friends living at the church right now. Our area has had over a thousand asylum seekers arriving, many in family units. Hundreds of them have had no housing. At the request of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and the Immigration Ministry Team agreed to accept three families for a few months at the church. They are staying in our second floor classrooms.

At the moment we could use some more volunteers to support the families. We are reaching out to you to support our efforts. Some possible tasks would be accompanying/driving them to appointments, teaching how to ride the bus, taking turns doing a weekly shopping run, helping with Spanish interpretation, tutoring the children, and more as things arise.

If you are able to help in any of these or other areas, please let Carol Mooney or Janet Gwilym know.

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.

OBSERVING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The United States has many heritage months that celebrate the various communities that form the mosaic of our country, including Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and more. By celebrating heritage months, we learn about one another, we

honor the richness of our diverse nation, and we strengthen the fabric of American society.

Each May, hundreds of organizations and Americans of all backgrounds join together to discover, explore, and celebrate the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience from the dawn of our nation to the present day. In a Proclamation on Jewish American Heritage Month, 2024, President Joe Biden stated: “For centuries, the perseverance, hope, and unshakeable faith of the Jewish people have inspired people around the world. During Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the immeasurable impact of Jewish values, contributions, and culture on our Nation’s character and recommit to realizing the promise of America for all Jewish Americans.

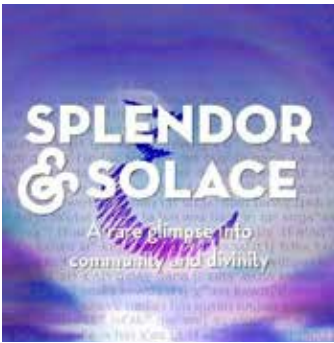
“In 1654, a small band of 23 Jewish refugees fled persecution abroad and sailed into the port of modern-day New York City. They fought for religious freedom, helping define one of the bedrock principles upon which our Nation was built. Jewish American culture has been inextricably woven into the fabric of our country. Jewish American suffragists, activists, and leaders marched for civil rights, women’s rights, and voting rights. Jewish American scientists, doctors, and engineers have made scientific breakthroughs that define America as a land of possibilities...As public servants, artists, entertainers, journalists, and poets, they have helped write the story of America, making it — as Emma Lazarus’ poem on the Statue of Liberty states — a home for the ‘huddled masses yearning to breathe free.’”

This month, we hope you will celebrate the many contributions of Jewish Americans in the last 370 years and learn more about the history, culture, accomplishments, and diversity of the American Jewish community.

Learn more at JewishHeritageMonth.gov.

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.



Concert at Plymouth 8 pm May 18 & 19.

8 pm Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at Plymouth. Details and tickets at TheEsoterics.org.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session Sunday, May 26.

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes 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 to 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. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes.

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.

JOIN SPRING SUMMIT

Faith Action Network seeks to hear your concerns and priorities. Essential to this outreach is our annual Spring Summit, 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 for more info and to register.



Register now for online summit June 9.

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.



Share your prayers for peace.

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.

PLYMOUTH COOKS



Thank you for sharing 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.

THEY’LL KNOW US BY OUR LOVE

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.



You can make a world of difference.

HEALING OURSELVES, HEALING THE WORLD

A new All Church Read offers an opportunity to seek restoration in a year faced with several global crises and an upcoming presidential election. Join the Movement and Racial Justice Ministries of the United Church of Christ have created an invitation to deepen our capacities and commitments to healing, wholeness, and care with two book selections and a wealth of resources to read them collectively.



The books are *Sacred Self Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves* by Chanequa Walker-Barnes, which is structured as a seven-week guide to create habits tending to the mind, body, and spirit; and *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley, a collection of prayers, letters, poems, meditation questions, breath practices, and scriptures.

The All Church Read will interweave the themes and readings from both books through a group engagement curriculum, available now through the Frontline Faith Resource Center. Videos and webinars to deepen the conversation will launch from now through November, including a video series created by the Rev. Cheryl Lindsay, UCC minister for worship and theology, and some to feature the authors of each book.

What makes this year’s two All Church Read books unique is how they center around concrete practices for self-care. That’s because the journey to racial justice is intimately connected with developing an understanding of how to care for oneself, says Sharon Fennema, Join the Movement curator and storyteller, adding:

“Racial justice and visions of a racially just future are intimately tied to our own wholeness and restoration of body, mind, and spirit. For us to accomplish that vision, we have to be practicing not only anti-racist practices, but also healing and restoring practices. A key component of that movement work is making sure we’re attending to what it means to be flourishing in our bodies, minds, and spirits.”

Learn more and find resources at UCC.org.

WALK WITH PRIDE

Plymouth UCC is sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 30. We welcome all who want to march in solidarity and celebration. This is our opportunity to commemorate the past, defend wins for equality, and encourage one another for the work yet to come. And it’s lots of fun! Keep reading the *Herald* and website for updates.