

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, June 9, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 5:1-20

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

11:45 am Sound Medicine Meditation, Hildebrand Hall

3 pm Faith Action Network 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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OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), **Susan and David Anderson** (Cousins of Jeanette Hagen), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), 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), 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), Wanda Gordon (Niece 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), Chuck Miles, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, 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

We are with Dennis Claus on the one year anniversary of the passing of his twin brother Dave.

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

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PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE & GATHERING ON JUNE 16



Join the discussion Sunday, June 16.

Please join the Developer Selection Committee (DSC) on June 16 after worship to learn more about current redevelopment status, and to start to look to our future. This gathering will be in-person only. There will be future gatherings and conversations that will include remote participation on-line. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

The DSC has news to share with the congregation: we were informed by the developer recently that they have determined that a redevelopment project on the Plymouth property is not feasible at this time. All are invited to gather on June 16 to hear more details on the information we have.

DSC has needed some time to process this news, and we expect the congregation will also. We see this as the beginning of a new phase in which we'll more collectively chart a path forward as a congregation. We'll answer the questions that we can now. There will be time for more in depth conversation at future gatherings.

Developer Selection Committee: *Marcia Almquist; Tom Maul; Dorothy Woods; David Guthrie; Bing Tso; Ruth Williamson. Ex officio: Matthew Durland, Moderator; Rev Dr Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor; Rev Kevin Bechtold, Associate Pastor*

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.



FREEDOM DREAM

Join us 2 pm Sunday, June 16, at Plymouth for an unforgettable afternoon celebrating Juneteenth through the powerful lens of Black Women. Curated by the acclaimed soprano Stephanie Ann Ball, this unique concert

brings together the rich heritage of Black classical music with the evocative narrative based on the book *As If She Were Free*, edited by Erica L. Ball, Tatiana Seijas, and Terri L. Snyder.

Emcee Kiesha Garrison will guide you through this sensory experience of freedom — what does it feel, taste, and sound like? Award-winning pianist Jessica Evotia Andrews-Hall joins Stephanie to breathe life and energy into the music. Through their exquisite performance, this trio delves into the joy amongst the pain and the lightness against the dark.

This concert is not just a celebration but a profound exploration of Black resilience, creativity, and triumph.

Free parking is located at 515 University St. All are welcome. This is a free event; registration requested. RSVP at bit.ly/juneteenth2024sea.



MUSIC OF RESISTANCE AND HOPE

Songs of Black Folk returns even bigger, bolder, and grander for its 2024 production 7 pm Sunday, June 16, at the iconic Paramount Theater in Seattle.

The audience will experience how Black music functions as both a tool of political resistance and as a potent source of hope for a Black people who have endured four centuries of white supremacy and its relentless assault on Black lives. Ultimately, the SBF experience will connect the African American struggle for freedom, justice, dignity, and happiness with the struggles of other American communities who have had to fight their way from the margins of American society into the mainstream. Read more and get tickets at SongsOfBlackFolk.org.



A MOMENT OF LGBTQA+ HISTORY



Gay Liberation March, 1970. Getty Images

The movement for LGBTQA+ rights in the United States dates at least as far back as the 1920s, when the first documented gay rights organization was founded. Since then, various groups have advocated for equal rights and the movement accelerated in the wake of the Stonewall Riots of 1969. This Pride Month, Plymouth highlights milestones of the gay rights movement.

The Stonewall Riots made clear that the LGBTQ movement needed to be loud and visible to demand change. Five months after the riots, activists proposed a resolution at the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations in Philadelphia that a march be held in New York City to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the raid. Their proposal was for an annual march on the last Saturday in June with “no dress or age regulations.”

When organizers were looking for a slogan for the event, a member of the planning committee, L. Craig Schoonmaker, suggested “Pride.” The idea of “Gay Power” was thrown around as well, but Schoonmaker argued that while gay individuals lacked power, one thing they did have was pride. The official chant for the march became: “Say it loud, gay is proud.”

All their efforts came to fruition on June 28, 1970, the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. The march was 51 blocks long from west of Sixth Avenue at Waverly Place, in Greenwich Village, all the way to Sheep’s Meadow in Central Park, where activists held a “Gay-in.” Borrowing a technique that had been popularized by the Civil Rights Movement, the “Gay-in” was both a protest and a celebration. The front page of The New York Times ran with the headline, “Thousands of Homosexuals Hold A Protest Rally in Central Park.”

There were no floats, no music blasting through the streets, no scantily clad dancers: this was a political statement and a test—what would happen when LGBTQ citizens became more visible? While crowd estimates vary widely from 1,000 to 20,000, one thing remained clear—there had never been a demonstration like this before.

On June 11, 1999, President Bill Clinton issued the first-ever proclamation declaring June to be *Gay and Lesbian Pride Month*. His successor, George W. Bush, did not continue the tradition. The practice was picked up again by Barack Obama, who declared June LGBTQ Pride Month all eight years of his administration. President Obama also established a 7.7-acre area around the re-opened Stonewall Inn as the Stonewall National Movement, turning the site that sparked a worldwide movement into the first LGBTQ national park site in the United States.

—Excerpted from an article by Brynn Holland, at History.com 🌐

PLYMOUTH WALKS WITH PRIDE

Plymouth UCC is sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of Pacific Northwest Conference for the 50th Annual Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 30. Bring signs and friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

Worship on June 30 will begin at **10 am** to leave time to assemble for the parade afterward. The parade starts at 4th & Pike and ends at 2nd & Denny. More info on Seattle Pride at SeattlePride.org. We welcome all who want to march in solidarity and celebration. This is our opportunity to commemorate the past, celebrate and defend wins for equality, and encourage one another for the work yet to come. 🌐



JOIN REPARATIONS DISCUSSION



Join discussion with Don Tamaki June 11

Are you a fire starter or ready to become one? Let’s move forward together in understanding reparations and building community with an antiracist lens that we may begin to repair relations within and outside of Plymouth Church, UCC.

5 pm Tuesday, June 11, online: Japanese American

Support for Black Reparations: How to Talk about It. Presented by California Reparations Task Force member Don Tamaki, a Bay Area-based attorney who has a history of working for redress and reparations for Japanese Americans following their forced incarceration during World War II. Tamaki underscores that while it’s impossible to compare the 400-year plight of Black Americans in the U.S. with that of his own community, he said he hopes to remind others through his work that there’s a deep past of solidarity across the two movements, making Black reparations a critical issue to Japanese Americans and others. Link to register in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. 🌐

CROSSING THE LINE

The author of a new book examining the immigration crisis on the southern U.S. border will discuss her experiences at Fauntleroy Church, 7 pm Monday, June 10. Sarah Towle’s book, *Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands*, expresses her outrage about US immigration policies and how she believes that they have led to a retreat in commitments to protect human rights. Questions? Contact Bob Wyss: BobWyss@gmail.com. 🌐

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY CITINGS

The UCC’s Join the Movement and Racial Justice Ministries have created an All Church Read for 2024. An online curriculum is offered with themes and readings from two books, along with additional resources. The books are:

- *Sacred Self-Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves* by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
- *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley



Visit the Plymouth Library this Sunday.

Plymouth Library has acquired both of these books. They are now on display in the library and available for you to peruse or check out. For more information about the UCC’s All Church Read program and the resources it offers, go to: FrontLineFaith.org/p/2024-All-Church-Read. 🌐

JUNE IS ALZHEIMER’S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH



Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month is observed in June as an opportunity to discuss Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. The aim is to raise awareness and challenge stigma surrounding Alzheimer’s and dementia.

Dementia is a degenerative brain condition that affects

over 50 million people internationally and which robs a person of their memory, competency, comprehension and behavioral awareness. Globally there is a poor understanding and great stigmatization of dementia. This month is an opportunity for sufferers, caretakers and communities to speak against the stigma and misinformation.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. We believe that engaging diverse perspectives is critical to achieving health equity — meaning that all communities have a fair and just opportunity for early diagnosis and access to risk reduction and quality care. Underrepresented and underserved communities are disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer’s and dementia, and yet are less likely to be diagnosed; less likely to be recruited to participate in research; and less likely to have access to care and support services. This is unacceptable and must change. Read more and get involved at ALZ.org 🌐

CELEBRATE CHILDREN’S DAY

The second Sunday of June is celebrated as National Children’s Day, dating back to over a century ago. In 1856, the Rev. Charles Leonard of the Universalist Church in Massachusetts set up the second Sunday of June as a time for families to bring their children forward to address their needs as well as have them baptized.



This Sunday is National Children’s Day.

One of the ways the United Church of Christ honors children is through the UCC OWL program—“Our Whole Lives” which guides relationships, health and behavior in the context of faith.

“Our Whole Lives recognizes that children are learning about sexuality from the ways they are cared for, how they are taught to behave, how much agency they have over their bodies, how their identities are honored, how they are taught to give and receive affection, what media messages they receive about all those things, and how relationships are modeled for them,” said the Rev. Amy Johnson, minister for sexuality education and justice at the UCC National Setting.

“Children and youth deserve to grow up in a world which uplifts embodiment over shame. A world where they have the autonomy and support to discover who they are — inside and out — as Creator shaped them to be and become,” said Rachael Ward, minister & team leader for Gender & Sexuality Justice Ministries. “Our Whole Lives is this beacon of hope for our youth who need, perhaps more than ever, a mirror and companion along their journey that their bodies are theirs and they are whole as they are in bloom.”

As we continue to celebrate June as Pride month, parents may be interested in the upcoming UCC webinar, “*Celebrating God’s Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children.*” Learn more and register at UCC.org/Event/Owl-Webinar. 🌐

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session Sunday, June 9.

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices. Bring yoga mats, pillows or other items of comfort. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. Next session is **June 9, 11:45 am in**

Hildebrand Hall. (Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of Sunday service.) Suggested Donation \$20. 🌐