

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, June 11, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

**Service in the Sanctuary**

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Ruth 3:1-18

“Reparations on the Threshing Floor”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**11:30 am** Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

**12:30 pm** Sound Medicine Meditation, Hildebrand Hall

### PLEASE NOTE!

Worship service on Sunday, June 25, begins at 10 am. The earlier start will help with the logistics of joining the Pride Parade.

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.



Return Service Requested

## RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE



As a community, we have the opportunity to equip ourselves with the knowledge and tools needed to respond to an

overdose. Public Health – Seattle & King County and our partners are committed to increasing awareness and providing trainings to recognize and prevent an overdose.

Public Health hosts a live, remote overdose prevention training for the community at large every three months. These hour-long trainings cover updates on drug trends and how to be prepared to respond to an overdose, including the types of treatments available, how to start a conversation around overdose and training in overdose prevention. For more information, please visit [StopOverdose.org](https://StopOverdose.org) or email [Overdose@KingCounty.gov](mailto:Overdose@KingCounty.gov). Keep yourself up to date by visiting [KingCounty.gov/overdose](https://KingCounty.gov/overdose).

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Sue Ellen Daniel, John Daniels, Mark & JT Edwards, Skylyr Effler (Nephew of Bill & Marilyn Bumpas), Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie), Anna Florey, Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), , **Lucian Guthrie**, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Irma Johnson (Friend of Toni Arthur), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), 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), Joshua Robinson (Grandson of Patricia Valentine), Jose Robles and Family, Doug Ryan (Brother of Mary Ryan), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

Our hearts are with Dennis Clauss on the recent passing of his twin brother, Dave Clauss.

We grieve with Adele Reynolds and family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Rev. Jim Reynolds.

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



## UCC CELEBRATES PRIDE



For many years, June has been a time to celebrate the diversity of God’s LGBTQ+ children. Throughout the United Church of Christ, Pride Month is a time to acknowledge the ongoing struggle

for human rights and dignity — especially within Christian spaces — while uplifting a community shaped by love and joy through a wide variety of identities and expressions.

This year, the annual observation has taken on particular significance to leaders and activists, due to the high number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills that have been proposed and passed in many states.

“Pride month began as a riot and continues to be,” said Rachael Ward, UCC team lead and minister for gender and sexuality justice, and executive director of the UCC HIV & AIDS Network. “Not in the form of violence that media and fictional narratives like to share, but as a nonviolent display of queer resilience, joy and becoming.”

“This year, queer siblings will defy the empire’s threats and celebrate louder. This year, love must be louder than the hatred and disembodiment attempts of those in deep fear of God’s abundant and vibrant creation.”

Ward pointed to the many legislative attacks across the country — especially on trans youth — as evidence of the immediate need for taking action and speaking up this Pride Month.

“This year is like no other,” they said. “Nearly 500 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills so far have come before legislative bodies arguing over and attempting to disembody God’s *Imago Dei* imprinted upon queer bodies. And when one part of the body cries out, we all cry. But are we crying loud enough? Are we loving loud enough in action?” For Ward, the bottom line is telling the stories of queer joy and resilience this Pride.

The UCC National Setting is taking that call to love out loud seriously. Read more at [UCC.org](https://UCC.org). ✨

## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers 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.



12:30 pm this Sunday in Hildebrand Hall

**Please join us in Hildebrand Hall this Sunday, June 11, at 12:30 pm (note time change). Suggested Donation \$20. Upcoming dates are July 16 and August 20. ✨**

## SPECIAL HOSTS AT COFFEE HOUR



On Sunday, June 11, Plymouth Healing Communities will host coffee hour following the worship service to say “Thank You” to our Plymouth Church friends for your continued support and advocacy. Please plan to join the PHC Board of Directors and our new Executive Director, Padrica

Hoffman, for a time of fellowship, laughter, and delicious refreshments. We hope to see you there! —Nancy Parker ✨

## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Members of the Plymouth community are invited to meet with Council members online via Zoom 7-8 pm the second Wednesday of each month. **Next opportunity is 7 pm June 14.** Email Diane Jacobsen ([DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) by 5 pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✨



## CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE



*Plymouth UCC honors the spirit, humanity and contributions of our siblings from Caribbean cultures. In June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. On February 14, 2006, the resolution passed the Senate. The following is an excerpt from a May 31, 2023 Proclamation from President Joseph R. Biden. Read the full text in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).*

During Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we celebrate the achievements and dreams of the millions of people of Caribbean origin now living in the United States while honoring the shared history of joy and perseverance that has united and enriched life across our region for centuries.

There is no single Caribbean American identity. The mix of cultures, languages, and religions alive across the United States and the islands reflects the diversity of spirit that defines the American story. Meanwhile, our countries are bound by common values and a shared history — overcoming the yoke of colonialism, confronting the original sin of slavery, and charting new opportunities across borders and generations.

Since our founding, Caribbean Americans from Alexander Hamilton to Colin Powell have contributed to the United States in the most profound ways. Today, pathbreakers like Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor continue advancing our work toward a more perfect Union. I am especially proud of the extraordinary leaders of Caribbean heritage now serving in my Administration — from Vice President Kamala Harris to Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre. And I take equal pride in the generations of Caribbean Americans who literally built this country — bringing tremendous hope and energy to bear as small business owners, teachers, health care workers, military service members, union organizers, community leaders, and so much more. ✨

## UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshop training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated. Cost is \$350 per person. Upcoming workshop dates are **June 14-16 and July 10-12**. Full details, schedule and link to register at [PinwSeattle.org](https://PinwSeattle.org). ✨



## BREAKING CHAINS

Juneteenth marks our country’s second independence day. On June 19, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the defeated Confederate state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.



*Emancipation Day in Texas, 1900. Photo from Austin History Center.*

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing, for assessment, self-improvement and planning for the future. It is a time for people of all races, nationalities and religions to join hands and truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Only when sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others can we make the Beloved Community a reality. ✨

## JOIN DR. BROWN IN TUKWILA’S COMMEMORATION OF JUNETEENTH



*Join Dr. Brown 2-4 pm Sat., June 17*

Join Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown at Tukwila’s Third Annual Juneteenth Commemoration, 2–4 pm Saturday, June 17, at the Sullivan Center (14350 Tukwila International Blvd). Dr. Brown delivers the keynote address at this year’s celebration of emancipation that also serves as an opportunity to honor African Americans through continued learning and understanding

of the impacts of enslavement and resiliency. To learn more, contact [Jo.Anderson@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:Jo.Anderson@TukwilaWA.gov) or 206-658-7849. ✨

## CELEBRATE BLACK JOY

On June 18 at 12:30 pm, soprano and curator Stephanie Ann Ball will join Director of Music and Arts Joe Williams for a special Juneteenth recital highlighting Black joy. The program will showcase the work of prolific Black writers Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes, masterful Black composers, as well as some of the most beloved and timeless melodies in the classical repertoire.



*Stephanie Ann Ball at Plymouth June 18*

Plymouth Church’s stunning Sanctuary provides the perfect setting for an intimate and enchanting musical experience that will take your breath away. Make your afternoon truly special by joining us for a day of magical music that will transport you to another world. All are welcome. Suggested donation \$20. ✨

## WALK WITH PRIDE



Plymouth UCC and University Congregational UCC are co-sponsoring a parade entry on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC for the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 25, starting around 11 am (**Note: Worship service begins at 10 am Sunday, June 25**).

Bring your signs and your friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings!

We welcome all to march together in solidarity and celebration. The parade route is along 4th Ave in downtown Seattle, starting at 4th & Pike and ending at Denney Way (Seattle Center). More info on Seattle Pride at [SeattlePride.org](https://SeattlePride.org).

For planning purposes and further details, please email Br. Stephan Gerhardt at [Gerhardt\\_Stephan@yahoo.com](mailto:Gerhardt_Stephan@yahoo.com) to let us know you are interested in helping us plan our presence at the 49th Annual Seattle Pride Parade. ✨

## SEATTLE PRIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS



*Visit [SeattlePride.org/Events](https://SeattlePride.org/Events)*

In addition to the June 25 Seattle Pride Parade, there are dozens of community events this month and beyond. A few are listed below. Check out the full calendar at [SeattlePride.org/Events](https://SeattlePride.org/Events)

**June 10 Rock For Pride 2023** A night celebrating queer musicians, drag and all things pride. Rock For Pride 2023 is raising funds for PFLAG Southwest Washington.

**June 10 Lavender Rights Project’s Black Trans Comedy Showcase** A Fundraiser for Black Trans Liberation. At SIFF Cinema Egyptian 7-10 pm June 10. (Doors open at 6:30 pm).

**June 13 & 16 Seattle Mariners Pride Nights** Don’t miss out on our two ticket special dates, including Pride T-shirts on June 13 and Pride Fanny Packs on June 16.

**June 17 Lambert House: Pride Disco** A youth-planned LGBTQ+ youth pride celebration, with a Disco theme!

**June 22 Seattle Storm Pride Night** Seattle Storm vs. Indiana Fever at Annual Pride Night 7 pm Thursday, June 22 at Climate Pledge Arena.

**June 24 Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite** The profound work *Considering Matthew Shepard* has been moving audiences around the world with its compelling message of love and acceptance. 7 pm at First Congregational Church, Bellevue.

**June 24 Seattle Sounders Pride Match** \$5 of your ticket purchase will be donated directly to Seattle Pride to support their important work within our LGBTQIA+ community. ✨

## SCENES FROM SUMMER BRUNCH



*Photos courtesy of Lyn Stultz.*

Big Hats and Bow Ties Brunch last Sunday was wonderful! People of all ages paraded and danced in their fancy hats and bow ties, happy to all be together. Dear friends we haven’t seen in a while were there, and the friendship was as nourishing for our souls as the delicious food was for our bodies. Phenomenal music by Joe Williams filled Hildebrand Hall and our hearts. Many who were able stepped up to help things run smoothly, and we are grateful for all who were present. Thank you Plymouth and beyond for coming out. ✨

## YOU MAKE PLYMOUTH POSSIBLE

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts. Your support makes a difference.

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

**CASH APP** Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

**CHECK BY MAIL** Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101. ✨