

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, June 15, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Trinity Sunday

Father's/Masculine Parent's Day

Hosea 11:1–4; 2 Peter 1:16–18;

“Tender God”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

12 pm Film Screening and Discussion, Sanctuary

FILM AND DISCUSSION

Plan to stay after worship this Sunday for a screening and discussion of *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*, a documentary that follows the story of researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946.

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

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Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.



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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Robert Malae, William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Colleen Rood (Aunt of Kathy Rood), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Diana Solomon (Friend of Anne Kiemle), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED



Liberation UCC presents *Pride in the Pews, a Gospel Drag Brunch*, 12 pm Sunday, June 22, in Hildebrand Hall. Hosted by Lady Chablis, with special guests. Tickets are \$20 and includes brunch buffet. Limited seating. Free parking in Plymouth garage.



RECOMMIT TO PRIDE



Remain in solidarity.

Pride 2025 will test the courage of our nation. As people of faith, we approach Pride Month this year recognizing the extreme challenges faced by many within the LGBTQ+ community. We are aware that millions of dollars are being spent targeting our Trans siblings, politicians are denigrating LGBTQ+ people from all backgrounds, policies are stripping life-saving medication for people living with HIV/AIDS, hate speech and physical violence against LGBTQ people is rising, and in ten states, legislation has been introduced to destroy marriage equality. Corporations are backing out of Pride. And polls show that all of these attacks are working. For the first time in years, public support for LGBTQ equality is declining.

We lament every form of backsliding on public support for the full dignity and equality of LGTBQ+ people. That is why, this year, we, who are from diverse faith traditions and beliefs, are showing up and refusing to back down. We support the LGBTQ+ community, and we Recommit to Pride. We pledge to speak out with public prayers, bold statements, and visible acts of support for the LGBTQ+ community. Inspired by our beliefs and faith traditions, we Recommit to Pride. We decry that too often religion is used to attack LGBTQ+ people and that many in the LGBTQ+ community view religion as hostile to their well-being.

We refuse to let those who weaponize religion against our LGBTQ+ siblings speak for us. This year, we especially pledge to invite all faith communities to show up with the courage of our convictions and Recommit to Pride. Representing our faith traditions, we will show up with love for our LGBTQ+ neighbors with signs of solidarity at Pride celebrations and reach out to our LGBTQ+ families and neighbors with a clear message that faith communities are not turning their back on the LGBTQ+ community and that we Recommit to Pride. We who are courageous will only move forward with bold love for all God's people. Read more and sign your name to a pledge at InterfaithAlliance.org/RecommitToPride

DAY OF PROTEST JUNE 14

NO KINGS is a national day of action and mass mobilization in response to increasing authoritarian excesses and corruption from the current administration. The Seattle resistance coalition invites you to join the NO KINGS Rally and March on June 14. Bring your banners, signs, coordinating shirts, music and noise makers and stand in solidarity!



Nationwide protests on June 14

Rally at 12 pm Saturday, June 14 in Cal Anderson Park. We'll march to Seattle Center at 1 pm. Stand up for our democracy, our constitution, and a government by and for the people. Help build a movement that leaves division and hatred behind.

Check out Nokings.org for more information.

Note: A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values.

DISCOVER VANPORT



August 15-16. Registration opens soon.

Take a deep dive into complex social history with a guided educational trip to Vanport, Oregon, led by Museum Without Walls August 15-16.

Between 1942 and 1945, Vanport was the largest wartime housing development in the country and the second largest city in Oregon. By 1948, it was still home to 18,500 residents,

including many African Americans. However, in less than two hours, a devastating flood wiped out the town, leaving a displaced community and raising many lingering questions.

We'll visit the former site, hear firsthand accounts, and reflect on the enduring lessons of race, housing, and resilience in America. Museum Without Walls programs bring history alive through personal stories. Plan to join us August 15-16.

Registration will open soon. Approximate cost \$395.



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SUNDAY IS CHILDREN’S DAY



This Sunday is National 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.

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 who may be interested in learning more about Our Whole Lives can access resources at [UCC.org/our-whole-lives](https://ucc.org/our-whole-lives).

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

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 **July 27, 11:45 am in Hildebrand Hall**. (Note: start time is subject to change, determined by length of the service.) Suggested Donation \$20.



Next session Sunday, July 27.

WALK PROUDLY WITH PLYMOUTH

Plymouth UCC is again joining the Pacific Northwest Conference for the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday June 29. Bring signs and friends for a day of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQ+ siblings.

Worship on June 29 will begin at 10 am to leave time to assemble for the parade. Be prepared for traffic delays that Sunday: the parade route will close 4th Ave between Pike St and Denny Way.

We welcome all who want to march in solidarity and celebration. This is a time to commemorate the past, celebrate and defend wins for equality, and encourage one another for the work yet to come. More info at SeattlePride.org.



Help represent Plymouth Sunday, June 29.

HANDS OFF!



As Congress considers devastating cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Faith Action Network is grateful for the ways you have already taken action to advocate for these crucial programs.

As people of faith and conscience, we embrace a spirit of abundance — we believe that we have more than enough resources to provide food and healthcare for all people and that we are called to hold our leaders accountable for the common good. We need to advocate for a moral budget, and invite you to join in urging your legislators to vote against any cuts to these vital, life-saving programs. Read more and get involved at FANWA.org.

AT A GLANCE

Keep reading the *Herald* and checking our website for updates and details.

- **Thursday, June 19:** In observance of Juneteenth, staff are on holiday, and the building will be closed.
- **Friday, June 20:** All Church Slumber Party in Hildebrand Hall.
- **Sunday, June 22:** Liberation UCC presents “Pride in the Pews,” Gospel Drag Brunch, 12 pm in Hildebrand Hall.



STAND WITH TRANS SIBLINGS

Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. With the current presidential administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

As one of the largest trans-led direct service providers in North America, we remain steadfast in our politics of care. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at TransLifeline.org. Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people.



STRONGER TOGETHER



Join the fight for a just and equitable society.

Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) is the largest immigrant-led coalition in Washington. We are a volunteer-driven network of immigrant and refugee-rights organizations and individuals distributed across the state that strives to protect, serve and strengthen communities across the state.

At WAISN, we are committed to defending immigrant and refugee communities from deportation while advocating for meaningful, systemic change. We invite you to join us and make a real difference and fight for a more just and equitable future for immigrant communities across Washington.

Read more, access resources and get involved at Waisn.org.

BE THE CHURCH

Covenant giving includes your time and talents. Below are a few volunteer opportunities. We are thankful for all gifts you’d like to share. Contact Toni Arthur, TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, to get started:

- Help count the offering after worship
- Prepare communion (first Sundays)
- Become a greeter on Sundays and at special events
- Prepare and serve food on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry



CELEBRATE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

Plymouth UCC honors the spirit, humanity and contributions of our siblings from Caribbean cultures. 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 our national life for centuries.



The Caribbean American community has shaped U.S. history from its earliest days: Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. Treasury Secretary, was a migrant from the Colony of Nevis in the British Leeward Islands. Even earlier, in 1613, historical records show that Juan Rodriguez from the Spanish colony of Santo Domingo (today’s Dominican Republic) was the first non-Indigenous person to settle in New Amsterdam, the area that would eventually become downtown New York City.

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Not all migration to and from the Caribbean was voluntary, however. During the operation of the transatlantic slave trade from the 16th to 19th century, the

British forcibly brought millions of enslaved Africans to their colonies in the Caribbean to work on enormous tobacco, sugar, and coffee plantations.

When slavery was abolished in the U.S. in 1865, migration from the Caribbean grew significantly. In 1850, there were 4,000 U.S. residents of Caribbean descent; the population grew to more than 20,000 in 1900, and almost 100,000 in 1930. As of 2019, over 13 million people living in the United States — 4% of its total population — have Caribbean ancestry.

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. A central promise of this country is the idea that everyone is created equal and deserves to be treated equally throughout their lives. It is a cornerstone of our common heritage in this hemisphere, even as we keep striving to finally make that vision real. Caribbean-American Heritage Month is a chance to celebrate the rich diversity that covenant has brought us and to renew its promise for future generations of Caribbean Americans and for us all.