

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH  
10 am Sunday, June 29, 2025  
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Revelation 21:1-7  
“All Things New”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11 am March in Pride Parade

PLEASE NOTE

Service on Sunday, June 29, begins at 10 am to allow time to gather for the parade following worship

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

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



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), 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)

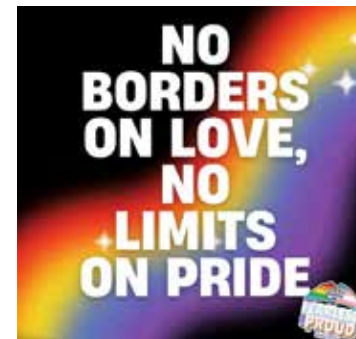
Our hearts are with Kathy Rood and family on the recent passing of her Aunt, Colleen Rood.

We grieve with the family and friends of Nancy Edquist who passed away June 5, 2025. A memorial will be held on August 30th at University Congregational Church.

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



NO BORDERS, NO LIMITS



Show up boldly.

queer and trans communities who came together to protect and affirm our right to exist, to be seen, and to be free. Their righteous acts of defiance and joy reimagined the world not just for themselves, but for every generation to come.

The Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) is proud to carry that legacy forward. As a queer and trans, immigrant-led organization, our work centers those most impacted—undocumented queer and trans people, Black and Indigenous migrants—whose lives and experiences are too often rendered invisible within both immigrant justice and queer spaces.

We are guided by the fact that there is no immigrant justice without queer and trans justice, and there is no Pride without remembering that joy itself is a form of resistance. So this month let us find each other in celebration, let us be loud in our queerness and unwavering in our love for each other. Throughout Pride, we'll be showing up across Washington to celebrate with our communities, and we hope you'll join us!

And if you can't join us at a Pride celebration in person, know that there are still so many ways to stay connected and be a part of this movement that stretches well past June. We are grateful to be in community with incredible queer and trans-led partners building care-centered spaces and working together to organize for a future where no one is disposable. We encourage you to uplift and share their work as powerful resources, this month and always:

We are living through a time shaped by deep uncertainty, but what has always guided us is our love for each other and our refusal to be erased. This Pride we're showing up boldly in joy, in movement, and in community because together we will build the future our communities deserve.

In solidarity,

Catalina Velasquez,

Executive Director, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network

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](https://SeattlePride.org).



Help represent Plymouth Sunday, June 29.

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. Plan to join us August 15-16.

Register using the link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

TAKING TIME

Communication from Plymouth will be abbreviated in July while most staff are on vacation and most programs (including Bible Study) are on pause. Look for periodic email updates and stay current at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Plymouth 2025 graduates:



Tiffany Arthur



Sebastien Bernard



Chloe Fung



Nate Korahais



Matiurahman Rahimi



Annabelle Russell

Congratulations also to Raymond Armstrong (no photo available).

## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session Sunday, July 27.

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.

# NW BOYCHOIR AT PLYMOUTH

Don't miss the choir that critics rave about: 7:30 pm Thursday, July 3, in the Sanctuary. Experience the angelic voices of the Grammy-nominated Northwest Boychoir on their 2025 concert tour. Under the direction of Artistic Director Jacob Winkler, this critically acclaimed ensemble brings to life a breathtaking program of classical masterworks, stirring folk songs, and American gems by composers like Copland, Debussy, Duruflé, and Brian Wilson. Known for their work on film scores and popular video games, the Northwest Boychoir offers a rare opportunity to hear one of the nation's premier youth choirs live in concert. Visit [NWchoirs.org/Northwest-Boychoir](http://NWchoirs.org/Northwest-Boychoir) for more information and to purchase tickets to the July 3 concert at Plymouth.



7:30 pm Thursday, July 3, in the Sanctuary.

## FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE

Candle-lit lanterns will spark hope at From Hiroshima to Hope, Seattle's annual lantern-floating peace ceremony, on Tuesday evening, August 6 at Green Lake. The event includes music, poetry, speakers and candle-lit lanterns floating on the lake. Marking the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, From Hiroshima to Hope honors the bombings' victims and all victims of war and violence. This year also marks the 83rd anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans on the U.S. West Coast.



August 6 at Green Lake

Pre-program activities begin at 6 pm, just south of the Seattle Public Theater (aka Bathhouse Theater), on Green Lake's NW shore. Family program with music, poetry and speakers begins at 7 pm and the lantern ceremony begins at 8:15 pm.

Visit [FromHiroshimaToHope.org](http://FromHiroshimaToHope.org) for more information and program details.

## SING, PRAY, SUPPORT

Every Saturday the Church of Mary Magdalene welcomes homeless and formerly homeless women at Gethsemane Lutheran (1830 Ninth Ave, at Stewart) for breakfast at 9 am and worship at 10 am. You can help this community of women to sing, pray and support each other. Contact Pastor Pat Simpson ([PSimpsonPnwumc@gmail.com](mailto:PSimpsonPnwumc@gmail.com)) to volunteer.

# COME HOME TO THE LAKE

Since 1935, N-Sid-Sen, a camp and retreat center of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ, has welcomed thousands to their home on the lake for summer camp and year-round retreat experiences. N-Sid-Sen means "Point of Inspiration" in the language of the indigenous Coeur d'Alene people. Come, immerse yourself in creation. Relax with friends on one of our many scenic decks and patios. Worship along the lakeshore or on a mountain top.



Rest, recreate, and explore nature at N-Sid-Sen.

This summer you are invited to join families of every size and description for recreation, meditation, play and worship July 27–August 2 or August 2–8. Both are open to all ages and all configurations of families – singles, pairs, nuclear or extended. Families participate in most activities together, but there will be time for different age groups to gather. Campers come from a wide variety of backgrounds, faith traditions and community groups. You are welcome here.

Our days begin with morning watch at the outdoor chapel and close with evening campfires. However, porches, decks and rocking chairs may call your name; many gather after campfire with other families just to visit. We love playing music and there's space for you to bring your instrument and join in – no matter your skill level. At the lake, options include swimming, pedal boating, canoeing, paddle boarding, tubing and skiing. Bring your sunscreen and enjoy the water.

Visit [N-Sid-Sen.org/Summer-Camp](http://N-Sid-Sen.org/Summer-Camp) to register now.

## THE POWER OF CONNECTION



Keynote speaker Dr. Vivek Murthy.

Support Plymouth Housing at *Key to Hope: The Power of Connection*, Noon–1:30 pm Wednesday, September 17, at the Seattle Westin downtown (1900 5th Ave). This inspiring event brings together forward-thinking community to take meaningful steps toward ending homelessness.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Vivek Murthy, former U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Murthy is leading a national conversation on the importance of social connection in fostering well-being. His work is particularly relevant to Plymouth, where community and connection help residents rebuild their lives.

Join us in exploring the power of connection. Learn more and register now at [PlymouthHousing.org](http://PlymouthHousing.org).

# A MOMENT OF LGBTQA+ HISTORY

Social movements, organizing around the acceptance and rights of persons who identify as LGBTQA+ began as responses to centuries of persecution by church, state, and medical authorities. Where homosexual activity or deviance from established gender roles/dress was banned by law or traditional custom, such condemnation took the form of public trials, exile, medical warnings, and language from the pulpit. These paths of persecution entrenched homophobia for centuries—but also alerted entire populations to the existence of difference.



By the 20th century, a movement in recognition of gays and lesbians was underway, abetted by the social climate of feminism and new anthropologies of difference. In the United States, there were few attempts to create advocacy groups supporting gay and lesbian relationships until after World War II. However, prewar gay life flourished in urban centers such as New York's Greenwich Village and Harlem during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.

Studies such as the 1947 Kinsey Report suggested a far greater range of sexual identities and behaviors than previously understood. But it would not be until 1973 that the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality as an "illness" in its diagnostic manual. Throughout the 1950s and 60s, gay men and lesbians continued to be at risk for psychiatric lockup as well as jail, losing jobs and child custody when courts and clinics defined gay love as sick, criminal, or immoral.

Expanding religious acceptance for gay men and women of faith, the first openly gay minister of a mainstream Christian denomination was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1972. Other gay and lesbian church and synagogue congregations soon followed. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), formed in 1972, offered family members greater support roles in the gay rights movement. Supportive remarks from the late Pope Francis ("Who am I to judge?") have given hope to LGBTQA+ Catholics worldwide.

In the first part of the 21st century internet activism grew, and attention shifted to global justice, namely in the 75 countries where homosexuality remains illegal, with capital punishment a penalty in some. United States LGBTQA+ siblings know intimately the nature of being deemed an outcast. The UCC initiative, *Love is Louder: Love Your Neighbor OUT LOUD*, faithfully supports the spiritual and physical well-being of LGBTQA+ siblings by equipping faith communities with resources for just action and care. Read more at [UCC.org](http://UCC.org).