

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH
10 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Pride Sunday

Psalm 139:1, 7-14

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:15 am Gather for Seattle Pride Parade

Traffic Alert! 3rd, 4th & 5th Avenues will be closed from Denny Way to South Washington Street, 7 am-5 pm this Sunday. Plan alternate routes and be prepared for delays.

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.

Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Michelle J. 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), 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), **David, Mary, Patrick & Amanda McGee**, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, **Raney Newman**, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio.

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



WE'RE COMING OUT



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Plymouth Church is thrilled to announce our participation in this year's Pride Parade under the theme "Now!" We're coming out for this momentous occasion to continue our solidarity with the Queer and Trans community, celebrating love, acceptance, and the inherent dignity of all as a feature of following Jesus Christ.

Our participation shows our Visibility and Support. By being loving co-conspirators, we show that our faith community embraces and celebrates inclusivity and love for all—and has for almost 30 years. In addition, we are countering hate. In light of recent anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric and legislation, it is more important than ever to stand up for justice and equality. Still further, Plymouth is building bridges and doing outreach to those in need of a courageous and healing sacred space. By joining the parade, we foster a sense of unity and demonstrate that the Christian faith and LGBTQIA+ pride can and must coexist harmoniously.

Pride Parade Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, June 30, 2024
- **Marcher Staging Window:** 1-1:30 pm
- **Location:** Spring and 4th Avenue

How to Get Involved:

- **March with Us:** Join our group as we walk in the parade, carrying banners and flags that celebrate our inclusive faith and work for justice.
- **Volunteer:** Help with organizing, putting together grab bags, or distributing materials.
- **Spread the Word:** Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us in this celebration of love and acceptance so that we can march together with the force of love.

Let us come together to show that Plymouth Church and our Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC is a place where everyone is welcome, loved, and valued. We look forward to seeing you there!

In faith and solidarity —Pastor Kelle



TAKE A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Plymouth UCC joins Congregational Church on Mercer Island and Museum Without Walls on a journey of discovery as we delve into the untold stories of Native American boarding schools. These institutions played a significant role in shaping the history and identity of Indigenous peoples in America, yet their impact is often overlooked.



Engage with complex history firsthand.

Our day trip on August 9 offers a unique opportunity to engage with this complex history firsthand. Through visits to a former boarding school site, the Tulalip tribe cultural center, and testimony from descendants, we will gain insight into the experiences of Native children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities in the name of assimilation.

To sign up for the August 9 Native American Boarding School program, use the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. The cost is \$95. Scholarships available; contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold.

Over the upcoming year, look for opportunities to take a deep dive into pivotal moments in history that shed light on racism and intolerance. Stay tuned for details about a weekend program in Portland, where we'll examine the events surrounding the destruction of Vanport. This will be followed by a journey to Alabama to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday (February 29-March 6, 2025).

THIS IS THE LAST HERALD

There will be no paper/pdf edition of the *Herald* next week. Look for the electronic edition next Wednesday, July 3. The *Herald* will be on hiatus the following three weeks in July and will return to regular publication August 1. Communication from Plymouth will be less frequent in the month of July while some staff are on vacation and most programs are on pause. Look for periodic email updates and stay current on our website, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE



6 pm Sunday, August 6 at Green Lake.

Add your light to From Hiroshima to Hope, Seattle’s annual lantern-floating peace ceremony, on Sunday evening, August 6 at Green Lake. The event includes music, poetry, dance, speakers and candle-lit lanterns floating on the lake. Marking the 79th 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 82nd anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans on the U.S. West Coast. The event begins at 6 pm with lantern preparation. The family-friendly program begins at 7 pm. This year’s keynote speaker is Naomi Otswald Kawamura, Executive Director of Densho, an organization dedicated to preserving the story of the World War II-era incarceration of Japanese Americans. The candle-lit lantern ceremony begins at 8 pm, with lanterns floating on the lake at dusk.

Performing artists include choreographer Gabrielle Nomura Gainor, debuting a new dance performance; Japanese American drum group, Seattle Kokon Taiko, Troy Osaki, an award-winning Filipino Japanese poet, organizer, and attorney; Sound Singers, a Japanese choir, with folksinger Michael Stern, and traditional Japanese koto music with Koto no WA.

This year is the 40th anniversary of From Hiroshima to Hope, one of the largest commemorations of the atomic bombings held outside of Japan. This event is created annually by the non-profit organization, From Hiroshima to Hope, and is sponsored by local community organizations, including Plymouth Peace Action Group. It is held just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake’s northwest shore at West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North, and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome on-site, or in advance at FromHiroshimaToHope.org. 🌏

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, now posted daily at UCC.org. Share prayers at UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace. 🌏



Share your prayers for peace.

CAMP WITH THE CONFERENCE

You are invited to be a part of the Pacific Northwest Conference’s camp at N-Sid-Sen this year from August 4-10. Come enjoy camp and get to know others from around the conference. All ages are welcome! Scholarships are available on an as needed basis. Please contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold to discuss a scholarship. To sign up for camp or find out more about Conference camps, visit N-Sid-Sen.org.

Camp facilities provide unique opportunities for learning, growth and renewal to people from a wide variety of backgrounds and faith traditions. You are welcome here. 🌏

MAKE COMFORT BAGS FOR SUMMER



Bring items and assemble bags.

The Community Care Board is looking for donations to create Comfort Bags for our neighbors this summer. These are the items we are looking for: non-perishable snacks, facial tissue, hand sanitizer, lotion, socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and sunblock. Travel size of these items can be found in most drug stores. If you would like, you could donate a hand fan or

small battery-operated fan. There will be a donation basket or bin at the welcome desk for collection of these items.

Beginning July 7 and continuing on subsequent Sundays, we will have items at the back of the church for folks to assemble bags during worship. All are encouraged to lend a hand. 🌏

PUT FAITH IN ACTION TOGETHER

Faith Action Network invites you to join a Network of 100% Voting Faith Communities. The network is a community space to share ideas, tools, and peer support as we collectively build civically engaged multi-faith communities. We will offer monthly Zoom meetings through the summer to stay engaged as a network. All who are committed to getting out the vote and voicing their values in the electoral process are welcome to join this initiative. Visit Fanwa.org/Advocacy to learn more and sign up. 🌏



Conference camp August 4-10.

PATHWAY TO THRIVING

Plymouth Housing’s signature luncheon returns on Wednesday, September 25. We can’t wait to bring our region’s forward-thinking community together to take steps toward ending homelessness. Will you join us? Together we can create a brighter future—where everyone has access to the care and stability they need to thrive.

This year’s timely and inspiring keynote speaker is Esmey Jimenez, senior reporter for the *Boston Globe* and co-producer of *Lost Patients*, a podcast from KUOW, *The Seattle Times*, and NPR. *Lost Patients* explores the intersection of mental health and systemic inequities, providing valuable insights into improving behavioral health care for the most vulnerable—the people whom Plymouth also serves.

Noon-1:30 pm Wednesday, September 25, at the Seattle Westin. Registration is now open. More information and link to register at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌏

CARE TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU



Let us know what we can do for you.

Your Plymouth Care Team is committed to responding to all care concerns that come our way. Please use the Plymouth Care Line phone number to get in touch with the Care Team should anything arise: **206-639-7739**. Messages are checked at least once a day. The Plymouth Care Line is for non-emergency issues. For acute mental health crisis,

call 988. Members of the Plymouth Care Team are:

- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**
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- **Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung**
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REMINDER: NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

Effective immediately, please send all postal correspondence to our new mailing address:

Plymouth Church UCC
P O Box 21368
Seattle WA 98111

WELCOME!

The Board of Directors and the Delegates of the Conference body are pleased to announce that Rev. Phil Hodson is now our Designated Conference Minister, called to serve our conference beginning August 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026. Until then, he will continue as the Acting Conference Minister.



Rev. Phil Hodson

Rev. Hodson brings a passion for ministry and a mission to help the board’s vision for our future that aligns beautifully with the values and mission of the Pacific Northwest Conference. We look forward to seeing how his leadership will help guide us through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As we begin this new chapter in our Conference’s journey, we invite you to join us in:

- Extending a warm welcome to Rev. Hodson and his family. He will remain remote with travel to the Conference as needed.
- Praying for his ministry and our conference as we move forward together.
- Participating actively in the life and work of our Conference under his leadership.
- Supporting the transition process as Rev. Hodson settles into his new role.

We are excited about the gifts, energy, and fresh perspectives that Rev. Hodson will bring to our Conference. These will help him to foster inclusive communities, promote social justice, and nurture spiritual growth that resonates deeply with our shared values.

We encourage you to reach out to Rev. Hodson as he shifts his ministry among us. Let us move forward together in faith, hope, and love, trusting that God’s Spirit will guide us as we continue to be a vibrant expression of Christ’s church in the Pacific Northwest. Blessings —*Indigo Brown, Conference Moderator* 🌏

STOCK THE SHELVES

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items, providing an outward display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or who are under-resourced. Please add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved. 🌏



Your kindness makes a world of difference.