

10:30 AM SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

# WELCOME!

## PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer  
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.  
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate  
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

### PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

### PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



Thank you for worshipping online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on  
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



**The church office will be closed during concerns about the coronavirus.**

**The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.**

**Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.  
The quiet is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.  
Thank you for entering this space, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship. Before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** . . . . . *Rite of Fellowship*. . . . . Dr. Sharon J. Willis  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organist

**INVOCATION** . . . . . Sari Breznau

Take off your shoes!  
We are standing on holy ground.  
Shake off the dust!  
We are ready to start afresh.  
Let us worship God and receive Christ’s teachings,  
that we may be renewed and strengthened  
to share God’s love with the world.

**HYMN**

*Woke Up This Morning* . . . . . trad. African-American Spiritual  
Bethany Russell, vocals, Leo Neer, drums,  
Evan Florey-Barnes, bass, Sari Breznau, piano

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*



**INVITATION.** . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair

**COMMUNION PRAYER . . . . . Rev. Blair**

*Toni Arthur, Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, Floyd Gossett, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Judith (Friend of Glenda Carper), Michael Kaid, Isabelle Matson and Family, Bob Mitchell, Montecino Family, Pris Orr, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Carol Reynolds Kenning, Jose Robles and Family, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Cynthia Watson (Friend of Karen Clark)*

*Our hearts are with Greg Anacker and family at the passing of his father, George Anacker, on June 28.*

(Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.)

 A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer. 

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Holy One, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION . . . . . Rev. Blair**

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . . . *Let Us Break Bread Together***  
Sari Breznau

1. Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.** . . . . . Rev. Blair

**God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life,  
you make us one body. Bind us together by your  
spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a  
community centered in Christ and rich in compassion,  
commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.**

**SHARING PEACE** . . . . . **Peace be with you**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Min. Castle

*A Blessing in the Dust* by Jan Richardson

You thought the blessing would come in the staying. In casting your lot with this place, these people. In learning the art of remaining, of abiding. And now you stand on the threshold again. The home you had hoped for, had ached for, is behind you— not yours, after all. The clarity comes as small comfort, perhaps, but it comes: illumination enough for the next step. As you go, may you feel	the full weight of your gifts gathered up in your two hands, the complete measure of their grace in your heart that knows there is a place for them, for the treasure that you bear. I promise you there is a blessing in the leaving, in the dust shed from your shoes as you walk toward home— not the one you left but the one that waits ahead, the one that already reaches out for you in welcome, in gladness for the gifts that none but you could bring.
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*Jan Richardson is  
an artist, writer, and  
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the United Methodist  
Church.*

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK . . . . .Mark 6:1-13**  
(NRSV translation) read by Ms. Breznau

*For the first time in Mark's story, Jesus entered his hometown synagogue. The audience's astonishment at Jesus' wisdom turned negative as the crowd vocalized a series of questions that led them to the issue of Jesus' own origins. So, Jesus prepared his disciples for potential rejection.*

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**ANTHEM.** . . . . .*One Voice* . . . . . the Wailin' Jennys  
Soul Choir, Soloists: Mia Thomas-Jones, Donene Blair, Hayden McManus,  
directed by Sari Breznau, edited by Doug Arney

**MESSAGE** . . . . .*Shake Off the Dust* . . . . . Min. Castle

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . . Min. Castle

**POSTLUDE.** . . . . .*King of Kings* . . . . . Arr. Ralph Simpson  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Practical Queer Theology Resources*** We were inspired by our time with Rev. Thomas in our June series on Practical Queer Theology. If you missed a session or want to review sessions, find links to videos and documents at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (In the news feed, click on article “Practical Queer Theology Resources”).

***Bible Study on Break*** The Wednesday morning Bible study group will take a break during the month of July. We resume 9 am Wednesday, August 4, on Zoom. If you would like more information or to be on the weekly email with links to the bible texts and Zoom meeting, please contact Jennifer Castle at [JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). All are welcome!

***Rooted in Love*** The UCC General Synod gathering will begin on July 7-10 with a pre-Synod offering of 50 workshops on a wide variety of topics. For those who register for Synod, the workshops will be available live and also as recorded sessions that can be watched at any time. “Rooted in Love” is the theme for General Synod which officially runs from July 11-18. This is a unique opportunity to experience this biennial event without having to travel to another city. All the detail, including registration, can be found at [GeneralSynod.org](http://GeneralSynod.org).

***Anti-Racist Giving Plan Thinking: A Social (Justice) Happy Hour*** Wednesday, August 4; 5:30-7 pm PST: If you've already participated in an Anti-Racist Giving Workshop, this event is for you! We'll reflect on the successes and challenges of our current giving plans, spend time together updating or completing them, share resources and ideas, and discuss new opportunities for being involved in fundshifting work. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Hiroshima Day of Remembrance*** Friday, August 6, From Hiroshima to Hope will hold our annual commemoration of the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at Green Lake in Seattle. Free -- donations are welcome. The event takes place just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake's NW shore, West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North. COVID safety protocols will be followed. Masks will be required in accordance with Seattle Parks regulations for events, and for the safety of all. More information at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Reconcile and Reform*** Are you eager to gather, learn, and worship again with other Christians from around the country and the world who are working to advance LGBTQ inclusion in the church? Convene in person this fall for our Reconcile and Reform conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration will open July 7, and the best rates will be available to those who sign up early. The conference will be held October 28-30 at Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort in Phoenix. Read more and get tickets (beginning July 7) at [ReformationProject.org/Conference](http://ReformationProject.org/Conference).

***Thank You*** Plymouth UCC and the wider church humbly thank all who contributed to the Pentecost Special offering. Thanks to you, we have received \$1,926 in donations toward Strengthen the Church and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.



Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,  
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,  
of varied social and economic conditions  
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,  
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.