

## MUSIC NOTES



*Dr. Stephen Price, Director of Music*

Dear Plymouth,  
Thank you for your warm hospitality as I transitioned into the Director of Music position at Plymouth UCC. In August 2023, I began my appointment as the Artist-in-Residence in Organ and Head of Organ Studies at the University of Washington.

The UW Organ program

has re-established rental contracts with churches throughout Seattle, including Plymouth, to utilize their instruments for lessons, practice, and recitals. This partnership gave me the opportunity to become familiar with Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and the Plymouth congregation before officially joining the staff. I feel honored to work with Plymouth and look forward to the upcoming year.

This summer allows time for music planning and scheduling events for the year ahead. The choir will return on Sunday, September 7, 2025, for morning worship. The fall season leading into Advent and Christmas will feature various guests and special programming that showcase the talents and gifts of Plymouth's congregation. Each Sunday, we will implement composer showcases, featuring instrumental, vocal, and choral repertoire performed in service. We will display a picture and include a brief biography of the composer on the TV screens.

I am excited to announce that we plan to start a Two-Part Soprano/Bass choir on the fourth Sunday of every month. This initiative encourages members to join in singing two-part anthems based on familiar church tunes and melodies. Additionally, we are planning a special Advent celebration in December that will include various readings, music, and artists in a global-themed celebration of the season.

I am grateful for Eliza Woodyard and her wonderful work with the choir program at Plymouth UCC. We have an exciting year ahead, and I look forward to sharing our ministry of music with all of you!

Best regards,

*Dr. Stephen (Stef) Price*

Director of Music, Plymouth UCC

Hello, Plymouth!

Thank you so much again for your support and encouragement during my first year as Choir Director with you all. I am beyond thrilled to continue working with Dr. Stef Price this summer as we prepare for a busy and vibrant musical year ahead. I'm pleased to share a few updates with you here about what we're up to in the music program and how you can get involved.

On the evening of Monday August 25, the choir will reconvene for the first time since June with a rehearsal and a potluck dinner. We will sing through multiple anthems, share a meal together, and reconnect as a musical and spiritual community. Stay tuned for specific times and details as we get closer to the end of August. If you have always wanted to sing in a choir, this is the first of many opportunities to make music with us.

Starting on Sunday September 7, the choir and the Plymouth Quartet will return to Sunday services after a preparatory rehearsal on Sunday August 31. The choir will sing each week, with our Two Part Soprano/Bass choir featured at the end of each month. We'd love as many people as possible to join our choir community each Sunday. All are welcome each week because as the song says, "All God's creatures got a place in the choir!"

Lastly, during the month of July I will be on tour with Mägi Ensemble, Seattle's soprano/alto Baltic music ensemble. We will sing at the Estonian Song Festival, an event which will include forty thousand singers, instrumentalists, and dancers. We will also sing at the Estonian Occupation Museum in support of the Baltic people and their resistance against past and present totalitarian regimes. The tour will end in Latvia with a concert alongside Latvian Voices, one of the premier a cappella groups in Latvia. I will be thinking of you all as I travel, and I'm sure I'll have many stories to share when I return.

Cheers,

*Eliza Woodyard*

Plymouth Choir Director



*Eliza Woodyard, Plymouth Choir Director*



# SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, July 20, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*


Baruch 2:11–15, 19–23; Psalm 18:2–11, 16–17;

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Luke 12:4 –7

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth

Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

*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 UCC.*

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## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION




Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes referred to as a sound bath.

Tory will begin by centering the group with breath work and embodiment practices. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, or pillows. Some mats and

*Next session Sunday, July 27.*

blankets will be available to borrow. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes.

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. 

## REMINDER

Please remember that Plymouth Church UCC has a PO Box.  
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## DISCOVER VANPORT

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 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.

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

Learn more about Museum Without Walls at [MuseumWithoutWalls.org](https://MuseumWithoutWalls.org). 



*Discover hidden history August 15–16.*