

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, July 27, 2025

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Baruch 6:1–7; Psalm 106:1–6, 40–47;

Colossians 2:6–14; Luke 21:20 –28

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffe Hour, Lounge/Patio

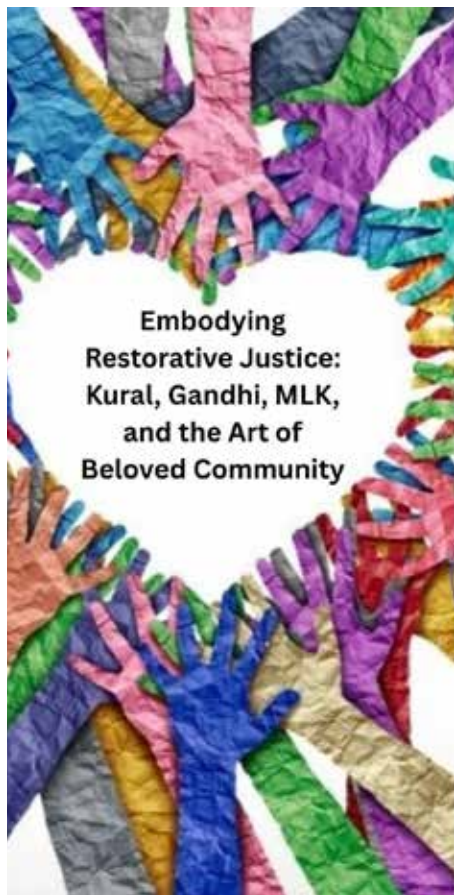
11:45 am Sound Medicine Meditation, Hildebrand Hall

A memorial service for Judy Raymer will be held  
2 pm Saturday, July 26, at Plymouth.

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.

*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.*



  
**Plymouth Church**  
1217 6th Ave, Seattle  
Sunday, August 10,  
10:30 AM

Join us for an artful  
service of poetry, dance,  
magic, and insight from  
visionaries of the past  
with inspiration for this  
moment in time

Featuring: Dr. Sinead Young of the  
Andrew Young Center For Global  
Leadership at Morehouse College; Author  
& Poet, Thomas Hitoshi Inakuma; and  
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor



This program is an offering of the  
Sanctuary: At Home in The Body Project, a  
multidisciplinary art and science project  
exploring thriving factors presented by  
Kirtvaugl Somatic Art



## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

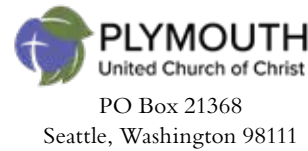
All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or  
deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth  
Gordon), Monica Blume (Family of Kate Forrester), Wendy  
Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife  
of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and  
Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend  
of Karen Clark), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael &  
Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of  
Floyd Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Camille Hagen (Daughter  
of Jeanette and Ken Hagen), Elvis Gordon (Brother of  
Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Allie James (Friend of Dawn  
Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Robert Malae, Dale  
and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue  
Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Diana Solomon (Friend of  
Anne Kiemle), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

We grieve with Anna Florey and family on the passing of  
her Aunt Frankie in Texas, July 22.

A memorial service for Judy Raymer will be held 2 pm  
Saturday, July 26, at Plymouth.

A memorial service for Bill Neukom will be held 3 pm  
Sunday, August 3, at Plymouth.

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



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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION




Next session Sunday, July 27.

Tory Trujillo offers a  
deeply healing Sound  
Medicine Meditation,  
sometimes also referred to as  
a sound bath. Participants are  
welcomed to sit or lie down  
comfortably. Tory will center  
the group with breath work  
and embodiment practices  
and continue by playing

Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls, A Mayan Ocean Drum, and  
improvising vocal toning to relax, heal, and help anchor and  
amplify intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga  
mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort if they wish.  
Some yoga mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Be  
prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing  
experience. 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. 


## 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 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 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). 



August 15-16. Register now.

## WEDDING SHOW DISCOUNT


If you or someone you know  
is planning a wedding, we  
invite you to attend the Seattle  
Wedding Show with a special  
discount from Plymouth. The  
show is held Jan. 31–Feb. 1,  
2026, at the Convention Center  
(705 Pike Street).

When purchasing tickets, use  
the code: **SWSPC** for 50% off  
tickets for a limited time; after  
that, \$5 off per ticket. Visit [WeddingShow.com](https://WeddingShow.com) for tickets.

For those considering Plymouth for their ceremony, please  
keep in mind what we offer:

Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, Plymouth Church  
offers a stunning, light-filled sanctuary featuring a majestic  
5,000-pipe organ—perfect for unforgettable wedding  
moments. As an open and affirming congregation, we joyfully  
welcome all couples and everyone seeking to celebrate love in  
a sacred, inclusive space. Our ministers work closely with you  
to create a personalized ceremony that reflects your values,  
traditions, and story. Celebrate your beginning in a place  
where all love is honored. Plymouth Church—where your  
story belongs.

- **A Historic, Beautiful Sanctuary:** Plymouth Church  
comfortably seats 362, with capacity up to 425, featuring a  
modern open design—making it an unforgettable setting.
- **Personalized, Inclusive Ceremonies:** Our UCC  
ministers work with each couple to create meaningful,  
customized ceremonies—welcoming all backgrounds, faiths,  
and identities.
- **Affordable Rates:** Ceremony-only rentals start around  
\$500, with flexible packages based on guest count and  
time needed.
- **Great Amenities:** We offer a day-of coordinator, dressing  
rooms, piano availability, setup and cleanup support, and  
nearby public parking.
- **Thoughtful Guidelines:** Amplified music is welcome  
(until 8 pm), and we support environmentally friendly  
practices like biodegradable throwables.

Please contact [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to inquire  
about availability and start planning. 



Plan your wedding with Plymouth.



## EIGHTY YEARS AFTER



7:30 pm Sunday, Aug. 3, University UCC.

You are invited to University Church UCC (4515 16th Avenue NE, Seattle) 7:30 pm Sunday, August 3, to take part in an evening of testimony, song, and intergenerational reflection on the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, followed by 3 days of walking for peace. **“80 Years After Hiroshima: A Survivor Speaks, A Generation Walks”**

is an opportunity to hear from Hiroshima survivor Norimitsu Tosu, as well as young adults from the Fierce Non-Violence Pilgrimage.

This free event is part of a larger project to train young adults in non-violent social justice action. This training “pilgrimage” throughout Washington State — rooted in a truth, repair and reconciliation model — is co-sponsored by University Church UCC and culminates not just in this special event on August 3, but in a series of peace walks in the Greater Seattle area.

Visit [FierceNonviolence.org](https://FierceNonviolence.org) to learn more.

## FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE

With music, poetry, and a lantern floating ceremony, *From Hiroshima to Hope* will shine hope and light on Green Lake Wednesday evening, August 6, the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The annual remembrance event honors the victims of the atomic bombings, and all victims of violence.



August 6 at Green Lake

The event begins at 6 pm with lantern preparation, followed at 6:30 pm with performances by Koto No WA and Heron Dancers. The family program starts at 7 pm and features the popular Japanese American drumming group, Seattle Kokon Taiko. Sharon Maeda, noted Seattle social justice activist and journalist, will emcee the program. Performers include keynote speaker Stan Shikuma, activist with Tsuru for Solidarity; Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Janae Lu, The Rhapsody Songsters, Cello performance by Seattle-Japan Suzuki Institute, and Patrick Johnson on shakuhachi. The candle-lit lantern ceremony begins at 8 pm, with lanterns floating on the lake at dusk.

The event is held just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake’s northwest shore near West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North. All are welcome to this free event.

Visit [FromHiroshimaToHope.org](https://FromHiroshimaToHope.org) for more information.

## PADDLE TO ELWHA

The Duwamish Canoe Family invites you to cheer them on as they begin the Paddle to Elwha 2025 Canoe Journey. This sacred voyage spans hundreds of miles, with canoes launching from tribal territories in Washington, British Columbia, and beyond. All will be heading to the final landing site at the mouth of the Elwha River in Port Angeles on July 31. Along the way, crews will stop at host communities, engaging in cultural protocol, ceremony, and rest.



Support the Duwamish 7:30 am July 27.

The Duwamish canoe will launch at 7:30 am Sunday, July 27, from Don Armeni Boat Launch (1222 Harbor Ave SW, Seattle, 98116). Come give them a warm sendoff and bear witness to an important tradition for the Coast Salish tribes.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Remember that this is about the Indigenous people. Give them space and respect.
- Listen and observe. Don’t interrupt preparations or ceremony to ask questions.
- Don’t talk during a prayer, a song, when an Elder is talking or when a canoe family is requesting permission to come ashore.
- Do not touch the canoes unless you are invited to do so.
- Walk behind singers and speakers. Do not cross in between the greeters and canoes.
- Remind children not to play in the water near the canoe landing ceremony.

We hope to see you at Don Armeni Boat Launch on Sunday morning. Read more at [PaddleToElwha.com](https://PaddleToElwha.com).

## FILM AND DISCUSSION AUGUST 17

Plan now to stay after worship Sunday, August 17, to view and discuss *Blue Ticket*, a film exploring how LGBTQ persons were expelled from their Alaskan communities secretly and overtly in the 1960s, a travesty that sadly still happens today. Mo Longworth wrote a historical fiction based on true individual accounts of how it was done in Juneau, by police and their vigilantes, which was turned into a romantic political thriller filmed by PBS. We will watch the 2-hour film together after worship August 17, and author Mo Longworth will join us to answer questions and discuss.



12 pm Sunday, August 17, at Plymouth.

## THE POWER OF CONNECTION

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.



Keynote speaker Dr. Vivek Murthy

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](https://PlymouthHousing.org).

## SEEKING COMMUNITY ORGANIZER



At the Church Council, our role is building collective power with and between congregations and impacted communities for transformational change, through an anti-racist, faith-rooted community organizing lens. We are searching for someone to join our team who would be committed to our

goals of equipping and organizing faith communities toward our vision of a future when justice is realized.

As a Community Organizer at the Church Council, you will play an integral role as a member of the team, collaboratively working as part of our Seattle budget roundtable, Faith Land Initiative, and any emerging organizing priorities.

Candidates who have personal experience navigating the U.S. immigration system, are BIPOC, are part of the LGBTQIA+ community, and/or have a connection to a faith/spiritual community are strongly encouraged to apply. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, the Church Council of Greater Seattle considers applicants for all positions regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, or other protected status.

Applications received by 11:59 pm on August 3, 2025 will be given priority. Rolling applications accepted until position is filled. Please send a resume and cover letter to [Hiring@TheChurchCouncil.org](mailto:Hiring@TheChurchCouncil.org) with the subject line “Community Organizer.” Visit [TheChurchCouncil.org/News](https://TheChurchCouncil.org/News) to learn more about the position.

## NATIONAL DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE DAY: JULY 26

National Disability Independence Day is celebrated every year on July 26. It commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) in 1990. This civil rights law criminalizes any kind of discrimination against individuals with disabilities and assures them full participation in the community, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. The Americans with Disability Act covers the following areas: public accommodation, employment, transportation, and state and local government services. ADA is a life-changing act for many people. Today, one in four Americans with a disability can access and participate better in their workplaces and communities.



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The American disability movement started in the 1960s, aiming to resist the age-old notion that people with disabilities are defective, and as such need to be segregated from civic life. The movement

was inspired by the broader civil rights struggles of the time. It rejected cruel attitudes and advocated for full access to opportunities in education, public life, and employment. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was a major step for the betterment of people with disabilities. This prohibited recipients of federal funds from discriminating against people with disabilities. Subsequent advocacy and legislation led to the ADA, first introduced in 1988 and designed to build on the progress of the Rehabilitation Act, expanding the rights of the disabled community into a single law to ensure freedom from discrimination in employment, transportation, communication, and government and public establishments.

Ways to Observe National Disability Independence Day:

- **Raise Awareness:** Spread the message. Thousands of people are unaware of the discrimination faced by people with disabilities.
- **Support Artists with Disabilities:** Art made by artists with disabilities represents a good chance of employment. Support the disabled community by buying their art.
- **Educate Yourself:** Research and study the history behind the disability movement. Participate in discussions, to know more about the current scenario and the effects of the ADA.

Learn more at [Adata.org/Ada-Anniversary](https://Adata.org/Ada-Anniversary).