

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, July 30, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Matthew 4:1–11

lenny duncan

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

## HERALD ON HIATUS

The Plymouth *Herald* will be on hiatus for three weeks, beginning August 9. Weekly publication resumes August 30. Stay up to date by checking [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), and look for periodic email updates.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://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.

*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*

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



John Adams (Father of Katherine Guthrie), Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Alvina Mae & Walter Bethel (Friends of Karen Clark), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark &

JT Edwards, JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian Guthrie), Anna Florey, Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Lucian Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), The Keith Family (Friends of Mari Mitchell and Alex), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Lindsey (Niece of Nan Macy), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Paula Orrego, Jim Oswald (Friend of Bing Tso), Anna Partch (Friend of Sari Breznau), Joshua Robinson (Grandson of Patricia Valentine), Jose Robles and Family, Rachel Sebastian (Friend of Jeanette Hagen), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper), **Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)**, Ashley and the Zorich Family (Granddaughter of Betty Eberharther)

We grieve with the family and friends of Emilie Adams who passed away July 12.

Our hearts are with Gary Magnuson and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of his wife, Sharon Masse.

A memorial service for Jim Reynolds will be held 1 pm August 6, at Horizon House Sky Lounge. All Plymouth friends are welcome.

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

## WHO TO GO TO FOR WHAT

We now have a “Who To Go To For What” guide showing all Clergy and Staff. Find the link to the guide on the “Meet our Staff” page under the “About” tab at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (in the blue banner, under “Meet Our Amazing Team.”) The guide includes contact information and particulars about workweek schedules.



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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## WELCOME, LENNY DUNCAN



Welcome, lenny duncan, preaching July 30.

This Sunday, July 30, we welcome lenny duncan to preach at our 10:30 am worship service in the Sanctuary or online in our Worship Center. lenny duncan (they/them) is a writer, speaker, scholar, and media producer working at the forefront of racial justice in America. lenny is the author of *Dear Church, United States of Grace*, and *Dear Revolutionaries*, and a co-creator of the podcast BlackBerryJams with PRX. A PhD student in historical and cultural studies of religion, lenny is currently researching what they call “a people’s history of magic.” lenny is originally from West Philadelphia, has hitchhiked thousands of miles on American byways, and makes their home up and down the I-5 with their found family, and in the East Bay area of San Francisco for research. ✦

## RIP MEDICAL DEBT

Over a hundred million Americans, one in three, struggles with the weight of medical debt. Your donation helps lift the burden. Join us as we end medical debt for the most impacted in the Pacific Northwest, the South, and in places where the crisis of medical debt looms. Together, you and I can do the work of equity and justice, following the spirit to infuse freedom in the world.



Help make this a year of jubilee!

Through your donations, RIP Medical Debt purchases bundled medical debt portfolios from the secondary debt market and hospital systems and then eliminates that debt for pennies on the dollar. Each recipient will owe nothing on the debt and will face no tax penalty. For those touched by this movement to abolish medical debt, it will be a year of Jubilee! —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Contribute to Plymouth’s campaign, “Licks of Fire” by clicking the link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Visit [RIPMedicalDebt.org](https://RIPMedicalDebt.org) to learn more. ✦

## HELP OUR AFGHAN NEIGHBORS

Last week, Congress reintroduced the Afghan Adjustment Act, which would establish a path for displaced Afghans to apply for permanent status in the U.S. and expand pathways to protection for Afghans who remain left behind.

Since the fall of Kabul in August 2021, millions of Afghans have been displaced from their homes, including many who risked their lives in support of the U.S. mission. During the evacuation, the U.S. welcomed more than 76,000 Afghans via humanitarian parole, which provides only temporary protection and no clear path to permanent status.

Almost two years after the evacuation, tens of thousands of evacuated Afghans are stuck in limbo in the U.S. with only temporary status. Many more remain at risk in Afghanistan where pathways to evacuation and protection have been limited and backlogged. We must provide a pathway to permanent status for our Afghan neighbors. The Afghan Adjustment Act would provide stability for our Afghan neighbors and expand safe pathways for those left behind in Afghanistan or other countries where they remain in harm’s way.

Please see the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for links to contact your representatives and help spread the word among your friends. ✦

## ORGAN RECITAL AUGUST 6

Plymouth was blessed to welcome internationally renowned composer and keyboard virtuoso Dr. Mikhail Johnson as our Organist in Residence since June 25. Dr. Johnson will continue to lead worship experiences for Plymouth until his residency culminates in a recital following worship on Sunday, August 6.

Plan now to attend a special musical afternoon and to thank Dr. Johnson for his contribution to our worship life. ✦



Protect the most vulnerable.



Dr. Mikhail Johnson



# ONE OF PLYMOUTH’S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT LOANS: VENTURES



Visit Ventures in the Market

Here is another report about a recipient of a Plymouth Community Investment loan, following the first such recent article in the July 5 *Herald*. This time I will tell you about Ventures, a local Seattle non-profit which encourages low-income entrepreneurs (VenturesNonprofit.org). Ventures provides “access to business training, capital, coaching, and hands-on learning opportunities. We serve those in our community for whom traditional business development services are out of reach, with a focus on women, people of color, immigrants, and individuals with low income. Our ultimate goal is to support individuals to increase their income potential, achieve long-term financial stability, provide for their families, and enrich their communities through small business ownership.”

Ventures has helped launch 2,565 businesses, helping 7,639 individuals, since its founding in 1995. Plymouth loans supporting them currently total \$115,000. The Fiscal Committee takes seriously continually monitoring both the soundness of this investment (like all the funds in our Endowment Fund, to assure the Fund’s future), and the virtues and effectiveness of this recipient organization in making our community and our world a better place.

An exciting aspect about Ventures for each of us individually is, we don’t need to look any further than the Pike Place Market to see and buy products from some of Ventures’ supported businesses. The Ventures Marketplace Store (see photos, including Ventures staff members) is downstairs one flight below the fish vendor and the pig statue, in the Market. Visit soon! Other Ventures-supported local businesses include Queen Care at 23rd & Jackson, and Señor Carbon Peruvian Restaurant in Pioneer Square.

Mark Sandstrom, Treasurer/Fiscal Committee Chair  
(Other FC Members: Dorothy Mann, Kael Sherrard, Robin DeCook, Dave Koeger, Marcia Almquist, Al Bentley, and Robert Neer) ♦

# DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP, CONTINUING DIALOGUE

When The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries gathered for Holy Convocation in Atlanta, it marked a special 10-year anniversary for the United Church of Christ. The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries. (TFAM) is a trans-denominational, theologically-diverse fellowship of primarily African American Christian leaders and laity representing churches and faith-based organizations globally. The major purpose of TFAM is to support religious leaders and laity in moving towards a theology of radical inclusivity.



Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson delivers message during worship.

At the 2013 General Synod, delegates passed an affirmation of the relationship between the UCC and TFAM, committing to “deepening friendship, continuing dialogue, and joint public witness with TFAM.”

The relationship was strong at this year’s July 5-9 Convocation where UCC pastors, leaders and laypeople gathered.

Newly elected UCC General Minister and President the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson provided the message during worship. The Rev. Tara Barber, UCC minister for ministerial support and accountability and member of Liberation UCC in Seattle, attended the celebration. She said, “My faith and life have been forever changed by being a member in a TFAM/UCC congregation. The worship is embodied and authentic. The community has nurtured me, prayed over me, and challenges me to confront my racism alongside my belovedness as a child of God.” Read more in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ♦

# BRING CLOTHING AND SHOES

Plymouth Church, UCC is now a proud sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound. You can help by dropping off clothing and shoes at the church in the grey bin located by the elevator on the 1st floor. Gently used clothing and shoes of any size are appreciated. This is also an opportunity to help the environment by diverting used clothing from landfills.



Bring gently used clothing and shoes.

Read more about their mission and programs at [InspireBig.org](http://InspireBig.org). Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you have any questions. ♦

# GUNS TO GARDENS

When the resolution “Affirming Guns to Gardens and Other Gun Violence Prevention Ministries” came to the floor of the United Church of Christ’s General Synod on the Fourth of July, support poured in. A former gun owner, a 911 operator, a delegate whose father had used a gun to commit murder, a former member of the military, a self-described conservative pastor and many more spoke in its favor. In fact, no one spoke against this resolution from the plenary floor.



A rifle barrel is hammered into a trowel.

Six hundred and forty delegates voted to approve the resolution while only five voted against it. The resolution, according to its text, offers “an opportunity for individual congregations, Associations and Conferences to provide practical, pastoral and prophetic ministry related to preventing gun violence.”

The resolution specifically uplifts the ministry of Guns to Gardens. It describes such initiatives as practical because they reduce unwanted guns; pastoral because they accompany people through what can be a difficult process; and prophetic by demonstrating “the biblical vision that God creates us to live in gardens, not battlefields.” Read more in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ♦

# FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE



6 pm Sunday, August 6 at Green Lake.

Candle-lit lanterns will spark hope at Seattle’s annual lantern-floating peace ceremony on Sunday evening, August 6 at Green Lake, just south of the Bathhouse. Program includes music, poetry, dance and speakers. The event marks the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, honoring all victims of violence. We also remember 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 and includes the Japanese-American drum group, *Seattle Kokon Taiko* and dancer/choreographer Gabrielle Nomura Gainor, presenting “*Sadako and the Cranes*.” Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown will be the keynote speaker.

Lantern ceremony begins at 8:15 pm. Patrick Johnson will play *shakuhachi* at the dock, the traditional flute music accompanying the floating lanterns. Visit [FromHiroshimaToHope.org](http://FromHiroshimaToHope.org) for more information or call 206-928-2590. ♦

# PLYMOUTH CROSSING OPENS

Plymouth Housing is proud to share our newest building with you! Located in the Eastgate neighborhood of Bellevue, Plymouth Crossing is our first building outside of Seattle and the very first permanent supportive housing on the Eastside. This project is truly a milestone in our mission to address the homelessness crisis—and proof that multifaceted, collaborative efforts make all the difference.



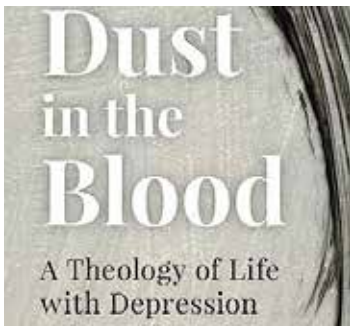
Latest Plymouth Housing building opens.

Plymouth Crossing is part of the Eastgate Housing Campus, an innovative partnership with Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) and Inland Group that will bring a range of crucial homelessness services and affordable housing options to Bellevue. In addition to our 92-apartment permanent supportive housing building, CFH will operate a 100-bed men’s shelter, and Inland Group will provide 353 units of affordable housing.

The sixth building to open thanks to our PROOF Capital Campaign, Plymouth Crossing will provide space for people who experienced homelessness to heal and rebuild their lives knowing their home is permanent. Residents will have access to a range of supportive services on-site, including case management, physical and behavioral health care, and 24-hour front-desk staff. In addition to these supports, the building features a community room with computers and a patio with shaded seating.

Our first building in Bellevue was possible thanks to the meaningful relationships we’ve developed in East King County. Read more at [PlymouthHousing.org](http://PlymouthHousing.org). ♦

# THEOLOGY AND DEPRESSION



Dr. Jessica Coblentz will present material from her book *Dust in the Blood: A Theology of Life with Depression* to help Christians think about how we theologically frame depression. August 9, 7-8:30 pm at The Well at Queen Anne UMC (1606 5th Ave W Seattle, 98119).

This conversation will walk us through how theology has talked about depression and will look at how we might “sketch new maps” for addressing living with depression as people of faith. Link for tickets (pay as you are able) in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), or visit [TheWellQueenAnne.org](http://TheWellQueenAnne.org). ♦