

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH
10:30 am Sunday, August 3, 2025
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Communion*

Habakkuk 1:1–5; 2:1
“We’re In This Together”
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio
3 pm Memorial Service for William H. Neukom,
Sanctuary

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.*

EMBRACE JOY



Register now for Women's Retreat Nov. 7-9

The Pacific Northwest & Central Pacific Conferences of the United Church of Christ join together every three years to offer a spiritual and motivational women’s retreat. The retreat theme for 2025 is “Embrace Joy” and registration is now open. Plan now, mark your calendars, and get set to join us November 7-9 for a fantastic event at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.

This open and affirming gathering warmly welcomes all who identify as women. Our aim is to create a supportive and empowering environment where everyone feels valued and included. The planning committee is excited to have Rev. Andrea Rose Cano joining us as the keynote speaker and Rev. Danáe Ashley joining us as our worship leader. Come and take time just for yourself. Breathe deeply, relax fully, and explore, enrich, and rekindle your spirit. This is a retreat created for YOU.

Learn more and register now at NRWR.org.



Return Service Requested

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)

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

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



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 “80 Years After Hiroshima: A Survivor Speaks, A Generation Walks,” an evening of testimony, song, and intergenerational reflection on the 80th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, followed

by 3 days of walking for peace. This 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. Learn more at FierceNonviolence.org.

FROM HIROSHIMA TO HOPE



August 6 at Green Lake

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.

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.

Visit FromHiroshimaToHope.org for more information.

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 second largest city in Oregon. However, in less than two hours in 1948, 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.



August 15-16. Register now.

SPECIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Embodying Restorative Justice: Kural, Gandhi, MLK, and the Art of Beloved Community

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 Pukama, and Rev Dr Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor

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

SAY “I DO” AT PLYMOUTH



Plan your wedding with Plymouth.

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 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 to inquire about availability and start planning. 🌍

REMINDER

Please remember that Plymouth Church UCC has a PO Box.

Send all postal correspondence to:

Plymouth Church UCC
P O Box 21368
Seattle WA 98111

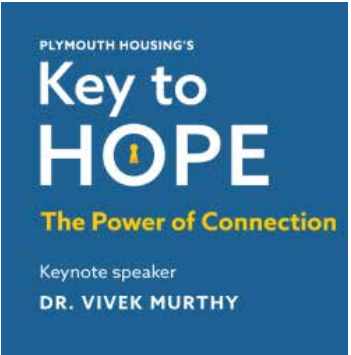
FILM AND DISCUSSION AUGUST 17

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.

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. 🌍

BE THE CHURCH

Covenant giving includes your time and talents. Below are a few volunteer opportunities. We are thankful for all gifts you’d like to share. Contact Toni Arthur, TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, to get started:

- Help count the offering after worship
- Prepare communion (first Sundays)
- Become a greeter on Sundays and at special events
- Prepare and serve food on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry 🌍



YOU MAKE PLYMOUTH POSSIBLE

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts. Your support makes a difference.



We are thankful for all your gifts.

- **Online Giving through Simple Church** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.
- **Text to Give** Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.
- **Cash App** Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org
- **Check by Mail** Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / PO Box 21368 / Seattle WA 98111 🌍

AN EASY WAY TO DONATE



It's quick and easy! Visit CarEasy.org

CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) is dedicated to helping non-profit organizations such as Plymouth Church raise thousands of dollars in vehicle donations through successful car donation programs.

CarEasy.org is just what it says — easy. As the staff person who activated Plymouth’s participation in the program in 2014 and the donor of 2 work vans, I have experienced both ends of the spectrum. They handle everything from beginning to end of the donation process, including marketing, free pick-up, selling, mailing a thank you letter with tax information to the donor (AKA me) and most importantly, mailing Plymouth a check!

If you would like to donate your used vehicle (includes car, motorcycle, boat, plane or RV), avoid the hassle of a private sale and benefit Plymouth UCC in the process, go to CarEasy.org, or call CARS at 1.855.500.RIDE and they will do the rest.

—Diane Jacobsen 🌍

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 Community Organizer, 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. 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 with the subject line “Community Organizer.” Visit TheChurchCouncil.org/News to learn more about the position. 🌍

SCAM ALERT!



It’s good practice to occasionally review internet security. If you get an email or text purporting to be from a Plymouth staff member asking for assistance, do not open it or respond to it.

As we have shared before, **no one from the Plymouth staff will ever send requests for financial or other assistance.**

Fraudsters use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. Losing money or property to scams and fraud can be devastating. If you receive a text, call or email that seems suspicious, don’t respond to it. Read about the latest scams and how to protect against them at ConsumerFTC.gov/scams. 🌍