

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, August 4, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Communion

Luke 18:1–8

“Already Alright”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **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.

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PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Join online discussion 6 pm August 14

Please join the Developer Selection Committee (DSC) 6 pm Wednesday, August 14, via Zoom (details to come) to learn more about current redevelopment status, and discuss possible futures for Plymouth. This event is online only, as part of our commitment to continue the conversation and include those who can't join in person. We've scheduled it at 6 pm in hopes it is convenient for most.

As previously shared, DSC was informed by our development partner that a redevelopment project on Plymouth property is not feasible at this time. This online conversation will review the process and provide time for discussion. DSC believes we're at the beginning of a new phase to collectively chart a path forward together. We'll answer what questions we can now. There will likely be future gatherings and discussion in person and online.

DSC: *Marcia Almqvist; Tom Maul; Dorothy Woods; David Guthrie; Bing Tso; Ruth Williamson*. Ex officio: *Matthew Durland, Moderator; Rev Dr Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor; Rev Kevin Bechtold, Associate Pastor*

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Susan and David Anderson Cousins of Jeanette Hagen (Cousins of Jeanette Hagen), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), David, Mary, Patrick & Amanda McGee, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Georgette Valle, longtime member of Plymouth who served as a state representative for 24 years. A service was held at Normandy Park UCC July 30.

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



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TAKE A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY



Engage with complex history firsthand.

Plymouth UCC joins Congregational Church on Mercer Island and Museum Without Walls on a journey of discovery as we delve into the untold stories of Native American boarding schools. These institutions played a significant role in shaping the history and identity of Indigenous peoples in America, yet their impact is often overlooked.

Our day trip on August 9 offers a unique opportunity to engage with this complex history firsthand. Through visits to a former boarding school site, the Tulalip tribe cultural center, and testimony from descendants, we will gain insight into the experiences of Native children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities in the name of assimilation.

NIGHT OF HOPE

To sign up for the August 9 Native American Boarding School program, use the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. The cost is \$95. Scholarships available; contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold.

Register now to attend a special evening of philanthropy and community at Plymouth Healing Communities' annual fundraising event, *Night of Hope*, 5:30-8:30 pm Thursday, September 12 at 415 Westlake Ave N. Seattle 98109. Enjoy dinner, and an inspiring program that will leave you motivated to make a lasting impact. There will be a raffle, dessert dash, and more. All event proceeds support Plymouth Healing Communities' housing and circles of support for people who live with mental illness and housing instability. To ensure your place, please purchase your ticket by August 28. The early bird special is \$50 through August 19, and tickets will cost \$65 thereafter. Visit Plyhc.org to get your tickets now.



5:30-8:30 pm Thursday, September 12.

SHARE YOUR LIGHT

Add your light to From Hiroshima to Hope, Seattle's annual lantern-floating peace ceremony, on Sunday evening, August 6 at Green Lake.

The event includes music, poetry, dance, speakers and candle-lit lanterns floating on the lake. Marking the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, From Hiroshima to Hope honors the bombings' victims and all victims of war and violence. This year also marks the 82nd anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to 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. This year's keynote speaker is Naomi Otswald Kawamura, Executive Director of Densho, an organization dedicated to preserving the story of the World War II-era incarceration of Japanese Americans. The lantern ceremony begins at 8 pm, with lanterns floating on the lake at dusk.

Performing artists include choreographer Gabrielle Nomura Gainor, debuting a new dance performance; Japanese American drum group, Seattle Kokon Taiko, Troy Osaki, an award-winning Filipino Japanese poet, organizer, and attorney; Sound Singers, a Japanese choir, with folksinger Michael Stern, and traditional Japanese koto music with Koto no WA.

This year is the 40th anniversary of From Hiroshima to Hope, one of the largest commemorations of the atomic bombings held outside of Japan. This event is created annually by the non-profit organization, From Hiroshima to Hope, and is sponsored by local community organizations, including Plymouth Peace Action Group. It is held just south of the Bathhouse, on Green Lake's northwest shore at West Green Lake Drive North and Stone Ave North, and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome on-site, or in advance at FromHiroshimaToHope.org.

HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 8

Plan now to attend worship **10:30 am Sunday, September 8**, as we begin our church program year. Enjoy *Big Hats and Bow Ties* luncheon after the service. Let us move forward together to see what the Spirit has in store!

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL



Robert Malae

The Congregational Council of Plymouth Church UCC is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Malae as Secretary and Jerry Rice as Treasurer.

Council Secretary: Robert Malae On May 22, 2024, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Robert Malae, Member in Covenant with Plymouth, as Secretary for the Council. The

bylaws provide for interim vacancies to be filled by the Council so that this can happen quickly. Under state law, the church is a non-profit organization and must have officer positions filled in order to operate. This appointment is to fill the position of Secretary upon Ara Lawrence’s resignation. The appointment will end when the church holds its Annual Meeting in January 2025 to call for the election of officers.

Going forward, the Church Council will streamline its official announcements and all other communications through the Secretary. We believe that this means of communication will help to foster better clarity for the Congregation, Staff, Clergy, Church Council, Lay Leaders, Committees and Ministry Boards.

Robert’s pronouns are He/Him. Robert is a former corporate counsel, legal manager, employment lawyer and Diversity Equity and Inclusion investigator with experience in private and public sector. Most recently, Robert served on the Washington State Supreme Court Appointed Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board for the Washington State Bar Association. He currently serves on the board of directors with Plymouth Healing Communities, as co-chair for the Development Committee and co-chair for the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. Robert is grateful for this opportunity to serve this faith community: “It is the space where I get to feed my faith and follow Jesus. I’m grateful for the work that is done here and the work that is done in the world through the church.”

Council Treasurer: Jerry Rice

On June 26, 2024, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Elder Jerry Rice, Member in Covenant with Plymouth, as Treasurer for the Council, to fill the position of Treasurer upon Mark Sandstrom’s resignation.

The bylaws provide for interim vacancies to be filled by the Council so that this can happen quickly. Under state law, the church

is a non-profit organization and must have officer positions filled in order to operate. This appointment was effective July 1, 2024, and will end when the church holds its Annual Meeting in January 2025 to call for the election of officers.



Jerry Rice

Jerry’s pronouns are He/Him. He holds several business designations and certifications including but not limited to CLCS, CHA, CTA. Jerry currently serves as a commercial insurance advisor and brings extensive experience in financial management in various corporate settings, including but not limited to the hospitality industry and commercial insurance industry. Jerry is currently serving on two boards of directors and committees for the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation, as well as the Bellevue Convention Center Authority. Jerry has extensive experience in ensuring Return on Investments (ROI) for his clients. His personal philosophy is that Plymouth Church is a business, a 501(c)(3) entity with significant resources that must be managed with appropriate stewardship, sustainable ROI and personal integrity. Jerry sees this appointment as a spiritual calling and practice to growing the Kin-dom of God!

— Robert Malae, Secretary/Executive Board Member Church Council, Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ 🌍

DUWAMISH SOLIDARITY



Allies of the Duwamish are invited to join The Duwamish Solidarity Group (DSG), an all-volunteer group partnering with the Duwamish Tribe to coordinate Real Rent Duwamish and assist the Tribe as requested.

Volunteering with DSG offers a way to learn more about solidarity organizing, take action

toward community education and social justice, and meet some amazing people. It requires an ongoing commitment to be part of at least one DSG workgroup, which involves one evening or weekend meeting every other week, with occasional work outside those meetings.

We prioritize authentic relationships and deep understanding of indigenous and Duwamish context so that we can best support Real Rent administration, community education and outreach, the Tribe’s federal acknowledgement efforts, and other projects with the guidance of the Duwamish Tribe. Learn more at RealRentDuwamish.org. 🌍

MAKE COMFORT BAGS FOR SUMMER

The Community Care Board continues collecting donations to create Comfort Bags for our neighbors this summer. Please bring non-perishable snacks and basic toiletries and add them to the donation basket at the welcome desk.

On Sundays, we will have items at the back of the Sanctuary for you to assemble bags during worship. Thank you for helping this ministry of care. 🌍



Help make a world of difference.

VOTE WITH LOVE



The United Church of Christ’s Our Faith Our Vote Campaign is our ongoing commitment to equip all with the tools for nonpartisan faithful engagement in our democratic process. The campaign is made up of three main components: voter registration, issue education, and voter empowerment.

The 2024 campaign asks the church to answer the call of 1 John 3:18 to “Let us not love with words or speech, but in action and in truth,” by “voting with love.” Vote with love for creation, for our neighbors both here and abroad, for a just peace, for repair and reconciliation of the brokenness of our nation. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

As the 2024 election season enters its final, crucial months, please check for updates and keep up with the campaign’s latest news. Recent articles include “*Truth in Voting: Combating Disinformation and Misinformation in the 2024 Elections*,” “*Ending Gun Violence: Our Call to Peace*,” and “*Losing Faith in the Supreme Court*.” Read these and more at the Campaign News page at UCC.org/Our-Faith-Our-Vote. Stay up to date and learn how you can “vote with love” this year. 🌍

PATHWAY TO THRIVING

Plymouth Housing’s signature luncheon returns on Wednesday, September 25. We can’t wait to bring our region’s forward-thinking community together to take steps toward ending homelessness. Will you join us? Together we can create a brighter future—where everyone has access to the care and stability they need to thrive.



Esmy Jimenez

This year’s timely and inspiring keynote speaker is Esmy Jimenez, senior reporter for the *Boston Globe* and co-producer of *Lost Patients*, a podcast from KUOW, *The Seattle Times*, and NPR. *Lost Patients* explores the intersection of mental health and systemic inequities, providing valuable insights into improving behavioral health care for the most vulnerable—the people whom Plymouth also serves. The combination of housing stability and on-site services Plymouth Housing offers is proven to help people leave life on the streets forever. Join us in building a future where everyone has a permanent home and the whole-person care needed to live their best lives.

Noon-1:30 pm Wednesday, September 25, at the Seattle Westin. Registration is now open. More information and link to register at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌍

FILL THE JAR: NEW UCC PODCAST

“People know that things aren’t right in this world right now,” said the Reverend Seth Wispelway, minister for Economic Justice with the United Church of Christ. “I wanted to create a resource for those who want to go a little deeper into why systems are not interested in people thriving. You aren’t losing it—capitalism and racism grind us down.”

Rev. Seth Wispelway hosts *Fill the Jar*, a UCC podcast about economic justice. “It’s not an information dump of inside language of economics, but something I hope will give people nourishment and sustenance in their day to day lives,” he said. “I want to show people that they are not alone.”



Rev. Wispelway says there are three jars to fill when it comes to economic justice. “God commissions us to establish economies built around deeply-rooted justice, universal equity, and sustaining compassion so all might thrive. We

are to manifest jubilee, abundance and reparations.” He said the jars can be described this way: jubilee is the cancellation of debts; abundance is plenty for all; and reparations are land and wealth return. Wispelway said his podcast will expound on these tenants, and will urge people to commit, transform, act and advocate.

The first episode of *Fill the Jar* can be found at the UCC Spotify channel (link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). It’s an introduction to Seth and the idea of economic justice as seen through his lens. “We will have conversations around what people are feeling as so many are overwhelmed by the injustices we are witnessing.”

Wispelway has been with the UCC national setting since August, 2023. His background is in organizing, and getting people excited about making a difference. “I’m looking for those who want a meaningful longterm connection,” he said. “Some weeks I will share interviews with colleagues, and other episodes will be pastoral reflection on a topic. We will continue to fight the good fight.” Read more at UCC.org. 🌍

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

United Church of Christ General Minister and President Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson welcomes all in the wider church to participate in an interactive season of prayer. The People’s Prayers for Peace Initiative is an open invitation to read and write prayers, now posted daily at UCC.org. Share prayers at UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace. 🌍