

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Embodying Restorative Justice:

Kural, Gandhi, MLK, and the Art of Beloved Community

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

Featuring Dr. Sinead Younge of the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership at Morehouse College; author and poet Thomas Hitoshi Pruiksma; and Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown.

This service 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.

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

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



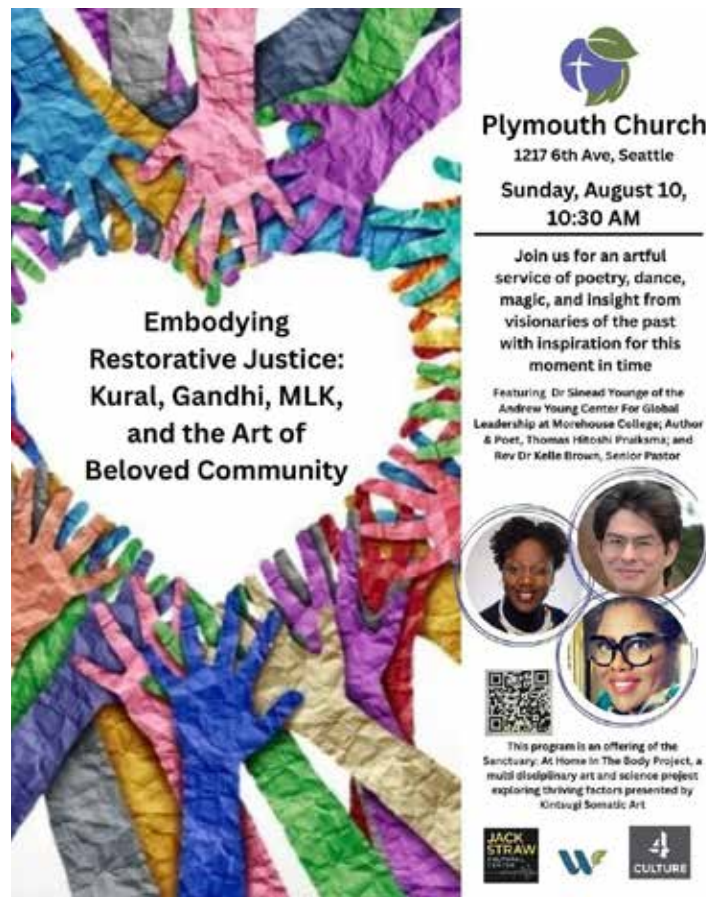
Return Service Requested

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)

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

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.



BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Please bring school supplies on Sundays.

The Community and Care Board will collect donations of school supplies every Sunday now through September. Supplies will go to Urban Impact, a local organization dedicated to helping people and communities thrive. Through their youth program, they'll distribute items to kids who might otherwise go without. Please, help us help more kids get off to a great school year. All donations are appreciated. Supplies most needed are:

- Lunch box
- Lined composition notebook
- Graph paper
- Blue or black pens
- #2 pencils
- Pencil pouch
- Metric/standard ruler
- Small pencil sharpener with shavings holder
- Eraser
- Adhesive Tape
- Box of crayons
- Glue stick
- Spiral notebook (single subject or multiple with pocket divider)
- Backpack (no wheels)
- Water bottle
- Fine tip markers (8-10 count)
- Thick markers (8-10 count)
- Colored pencils (12 pack)
- Small scissors
- 4 pack of dry erase expo markers

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.

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. 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 acknowledgment efforts, and other projects with the guidance of the Duwamish Tribe. Learn more at RealRentDuwamish.org.

HOMEcoming SEPTEMBER 7

Plan to attend worship **10:30 am Sunday, September 7**, as we begin our church program year. Plymouth Choir will return to fill our worship space with song (*see article page 2*). Let us move forward together to see what the Spirit has in store!

ERODING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson.

The following is an excerpt from a recent blog entry by United Church of Christ General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson. Read the full article at [UCC.org](https://ucc.org).

Religious freedom is guaranteed for all, regardless of the religion practiced. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

protects the right of individuals to practice their religion while preventing the government from favoring one religion or another or religion in general.

On-going attempts to identify the United States as a Christian nation and to privilege Christianity are at odds with the First Amendment. The February 6, 2025 presidential executive order Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias identifies the targeting of Christians by the previous administration, claims which have been refuted by Interfaith Alliance, which noted: There is no evidence of widespread anti-Christian bias in the United States and perpetuating this myth is deeply offensive to the actual Christian persecution that happens in other countries around the world.

“...Christianity itself is diverse with different practices, beliefs, interpretation of scriptures, understanding of Divine presence, and the role of God among people.”

Present in the United States are diverse religious practices which reflect the variety of religions of the world. While it is a challenge to identify the number of religions in the world, some estimate the number exceeds 4,000, with the most widely recognized being Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. The religious landscape in the United States continues to change, even as Christianity remains the dominant religious practice in the country. While studies continue to show a decline in the number of people who identify as Christians, individuals practicing Christianity are still a majority at 67% of the population. Yet, Christianity itself is diverse with different practices, beliefs, interpretation of scriptures, understanding of Divine presence, and the role of God among people.

In 2019, the United Church of Christ General Synod passed a resolution receiving the interfaith statement “*A Just World for All: Engaging with All God’s Creation*,” renewing the conviction that God has called the church to affirm new ways in which Christ is reconciling the world; reaffirming with love and certainty our commitment to inter-religious relations with all communities of faith. As Christians, in a predominantly Christian country, protecting religious freedom is paramount.

— Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson 🌍

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Plymouth Choir will reconvene the evening of Monday, August 25, 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 Sunday September 7, Plymouth Choir and Plymouth Quartet will return to Sunday services, after a preparatory rehearsal 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!*”

Contact Choir Director Eliza Woodyard (EWoodyard@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to learn more. 🌍



All voices welcome in Plymouth Choir.

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. What a perfect time to Embrace Joy! Come and take time just for yourself. Breathe deeply, relax fully, and explore, enrich, and rekindle your spirit. 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. 🌍

STRONGER TOGETHER

Immigrant justice means creating a Washington where everyone—no matter where they come from—can live with dignity, access opportunity, and feel a true sense of belonging. Now more than ever, the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network is doubling down on our commitment to providing unwavering support and resources to immigrant and refugee communities across the state.

The urgency of this work is all around us. Harmful policies, systemic inequities, detentions, deportations, and everyday injustices impact individuals, families, and entire communities. But when we come together, we can transform these challenges into opportunities for change. Acting together is how we protect what matters most: our shared humanity, our communities, and our collective future.

Every contribution you make fuels this fight for justice — whether it’s keeping families together, protecting immigrant workers, or standing up to discriminatory policies. By giving today, you’re strengthening a statewide network of support that works to ensure no one falls through the cracks. Thank you for showing up for Washington immigrants in this critical moment.

Visit Waisn.org to learn more and make a donation. 🌍



Stand in solidarity with migrant siblings.

TRANS LIFELINE



Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. For 10 years, we have been building community-based alternatives to the ways trans people have been policed, pathologized, and targeted by oppressive systems at every turn.

With the current presidential administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

Fear and anxiety are running high. But as one of the largest trans-led direct service provider to trans folks in North America, we are determined to remain steadfast in our politics of care. Community support has always sustained our work. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at TransLifeline.org. Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people. 🌍

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.

As one of the largest providers of permanent supportive housing in King County — and with a 95% success rate of helping people exit homelessness for good — Plymouth plays a vital role in ensuring our neighbors have the homes and support they need to thrive. This year’s event will explore how human connection is essential to healing, stability, and long-term well-being — especially for those who have experienced homelessness. Together, we can build a future where no one is left behind.



Keynote speaker Dr. Vivek Murthy

This year’s luncheon will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Vivek Murthy, the former U.S. Surgeon General and a leading voice on public health, connection, and well-being. Dr. Murthy has championed the importance of social connection as a critical factor in public health, warning of the dangers of loneliness and its impact

on mental and physical health. At Key to Hope, he will share insights on how community and connection can transform lives, particularly for those who have experienced homelessness.

The connections formed at Plymouth — between residents, staff, and supporters — offer more than just housing; they offer stability, care, and a sense of belonging. Join us in exploring the power of connection and how, together, we can make a lasting impact.

At Plymouth Housing, we dream of a future where everyone has a home. We provide residents with furnished studio apartments and services such as health care and counseling. Each Plymouth Housing resident has a unique personal history, but they also have a lot in common: 95% have a disability, 61% are 55 or older, 15% are veterans, and 47% are people of color. All are people who previously experienced homelessness for many years, and they are bright, resilient members of our community.

Join us in exploring the power of connection. Learn more and register now at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌍

