

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH
10:30 am Sunday, August 17, 2025
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 6:17–25

“Lessons in Leveling”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

12 pm “Blue Ticket” Film and Discussion

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

Homecoming September 7

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



PO Box 21368
Seattle, Washington 98111

Return Service Requested

Black Pride Worship Service



Join Liberation UCC for a powerful, joy-filled and
liberating Black Pride Worship Service as we celebrate the
beauty, brilliance and resilience of Black queer identity.
2:45 pm Sunday, August 24, in Hildebrand Hall.
All are welcome. Bring friends and family!

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), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Anne Kiemle on the passing of her
friend Diana Solomon.

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.



FILM AND DISCUSSION AUGUST 17



12 pm Sunday, August 17, at Plymouth.

Stay after worship Sunday,
August 17, to view and
discuss *Blue Ticket*, a film
exploring how LGBTQ
persons were expelled from
their Alaskan communities in
the 1960s, a travesty that sadly
still happens today. We will
watch the 2-hour film together
after worship and author Mo
Longworth will join us answer
questions and discuss. 🌍

BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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. Supplies most needed are:



Please bring school supplies on Sundays.

- Lunch box
- Composition notebook
- Graph paper
- Blue or black pens
- #2 pencils
- Pencil pouch
- Metric/standard ruler
- Small pencil sharpener
w/shavings holder
- Eraser
- Tape
- Box of crayons
- Glue stick
- Spiral notebook (single or
multiple w/dividers)
- Backpack (no wheels)
- Water bottle
- Fine tip markers
(8-10 ct)
- Thick markers
(8-10 count)
- Colored pencils
(12 pack)
- Scotch tape
- Dry erase markers 🌍

HOME RUNS TO END HOMELESSNESS

The Seattle Mariners are
teaming up with Plymouth
Housing for a special night of
baseball and community. Join
us Friday, August 22, for the
Mariners vs. Oakland Athletics
game and support our work to
end homelessness in the region.
Through Home Runs To End
Homelessness, a portion of
every ticket sold will benefit
Plymouth Housing.



Ticket purchase benefits Plymouth Housing

This year marks Plymouth Housing's 45th anniversary. Since
our founding in 1980 with a few apartment units, Plymouth
Housing has grown to operate 17 buildings across King
County. We are proud to provide permanent homes and on-
site supportive services to nearly 1,400 individuals who have
previously experienced homelessness.

Let's celebrate this milestone and knock homelessness out of
the park — one home run at a time!

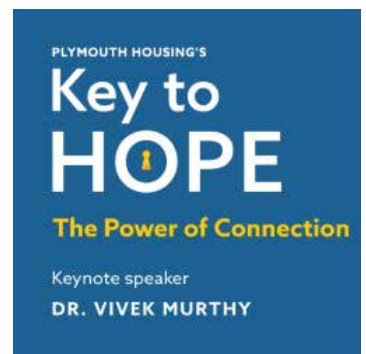
Get tickets at [MLB.com/Mariners/TicketsSpecials/Plymouth](https://mlb.com/Mariners/TicketsSpecials/Plymouth).
*Note: This special ticket offer is available online only and is not
available at the box office.* 🌍

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, where community and connection help residents
rebuild their lives.

Learn more and register now at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌍



ADVOCATE FOR A MORAL BUDGET



Join Faith Action Network for a special federal advocacy training series with the United Church of Christ Washington, DC Office of Public Policy & Advocacy to learn how to meet with your member of Congress. Register for two 1-hour trainings, which will teach you how to (1) set up a meeting

with your senators and representatives and (2) prepare for that meeting.

With the support of the UCC Public Policy Office, we are hosting a Moral Budget Advocacy Week, September 22-26. During this week of action, registrants from around the state will have in-district meetings with their members of Congress to urge the importance of a moral budget that funds our social safety net and rejects increases to the administration’s mass deportation campaign.

Register at FANWA.org.

- **12 pm PT August 27:** Zoom Webinar on How to Request a Meeting with a Member of Congress
- **12 pm PT September 17:** Zoom Webinar on How to Meet with a Member of Congress

You will receive the tools, talking points, and materials to lift your voice in support of these critical programs, with no experience necessary! The skills and tools learned will also be useful for meeting with your state legislators in the interim and during the state legislative session.

As people of faith, we object to the recently passed “One Big Brutal Bill” that made permanent tax cuts for the wealthy and increased funding for the Administration’s deportation and detention program by over 40%. These were paid for by slashing the funding for Medicaid and SNAP, leaving more folks without healthcare or food for their families. Yet there could be even more funding flowing to immigration enforcement and more cuts to housing, food, and healthcare assistance programs as the federal budget is being considered by Congress ahead of the September 30 deadline.

Please join us to urge Congress to prioritize funding for social safety net programs and humane policies that protect the rights and dignity of migrants. These are not merely political issues, but moral imperatives that reflect our shared values and our commitment to building a just and compassionate society for everyone. Read more and get involved at FANWA.org.

SAY “I DO” AT 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.

Read more at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



Plan your wedding with Plymouth.

BE THE CHURCH



As we look forward to a new church year, you are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are some available volunteer opportunities.

Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to get started:

- Participating in money counting after worship
- Preparing communion (first Sundays)
- Becoming a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Answering phones 2 days a week from 10 am–2 pm
- Cleaning/decluttering (short-term commitment)
- Food preparation and service on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry

This is a partial list. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Toni and discuss how best to contribute your gift to our community. We are grateful for all you bring to the life and ministries of Plymouth UCC.

EMBRACE JOY

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. Danée 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.



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

LIFT EVERY VOICE



All voices welcome in Plymouth Choir.

Plymouth Choir will reconvene 5-7 pm Monday, August 25, for a choir retreat to refresh our souls through the power of music. We will meet in Hildebrand Hall to sing through upcoming pieces and share a potluck dinner afterwards, enjoying friendship, connection, and nourishing food. If you have always wanted to sing in a choir, this is the first of many opportunities to add your voice and 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.

LET’S GET MOVING

Join the Movement toward Racial Justice is an invitation to demonstrate God’s love and to partner with others who are working for the transformation of racism in our world so that we might foster flourishing lives for all.

As evidenced in the wake of the May 25, 2020 murder of George Floyd, and numerous attacks on our siblings of color across the nation, the movement for racial justice cannot be separated from faith commitments to do justice and love our neighbors. As divides deepen across our country and world, we are being called to grow our capacity for interdependence and nurture connections that value difference and promote equity.

We find ourselves living in a time where increasing numbers of individuals, organizations, and communities are actively building and amplifying our collective power to move toward racial justice. This movement is not new. We build on the revolutionary work of our freedom-making ancestors. But this particular moment offers us unique opportunities to cultivate movements with healing and repair at the center. The Christian church began as a movement towards a just world through the teachings of Jesus. As followers of Jesus, it is our mandate to seek justice, love, and compassion, as we join with and become our own Spirit-led movements toward racial justice.

We all have a role to play in actively building and amplifying our collective power to move toward racial justice. Whether you’re sharing a story, seeking resources or inspiration, collaborating with others or attending an event, everyone everywhere can Join the Movement and help create a truly just world for all.

Read more and get involved at JoinTheMovementUCC.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.

This call for prayers comes amid ongoing war and violence globally as well as continued injustice in the United States. Share prayers at UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace.