

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, September 3, 2023
Worship In Person or Online

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 5:38-42

“The Other Cheek”
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

Note: The Horizon House bus will not run on September 3.
Horizon House residents are invited to ride the bus on
Homecoming Sunday, September 10.

Plan now to attend worship **Sunday, September 10**,
as we begin our church program year. Let us move forward
together to see what the Spirit has in store!

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.



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth),
Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn
Bennett), Merryn Bentley (Granddaughter
of Al & Judy Bentley), Walter Bethel
(Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Carter
(Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen
Bernard), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend
of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend
of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski),
Mark & JT Edwards, JoAnn English (Relative of Lucian
Guthrie), 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), Kyna Shilling,
Jaime Rubio Sulificio, 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 Eberharter)



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Return Service Requested

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Ann
Frothingham, on the one-year anniversary of the passing of
her husband Don.

We grieve with the family and friends of Drucilla Briggs
who passed away August 8.

We grieve with Linda Harris and family on the passing of her
husband Greg August 9. There will be a celebration of his life
Saturday, October 21, 1-3 pm at the Hyatt Regency Seattle.




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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



Bring supplies next Sunday, Sept. 10

The Community and Care
Board will collect donations of
school supplies on Homecoming
Sunday, September 10.
Please bring what you can:
notebooks, pens, pencils,
crayons, backpacks, rulers, glue
sticks, etc. All donations are
appreciated and will be put to
good use. ✨

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SHARE A NIGHT OF HOPE



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Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown
Plymouth Church, UCC
Senior Pastor



Greg Wong
City of Seattle
Deputy Mayor

Plymouth Healing Communities invites you to a special
evening of philanthropy and connection at our annual
fundraising event, Night of Hope, on Thursday, September 21 at
Washington Hall (153 14th Ave, Seattle 98122).

Enjoy appetizers, lively music, and an inspiring program that
will leave you motivated to make a lasting impact on Plymouth
Healing Communities. All event proceeds support Plymouth
Healing Communities. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor
of Plymouth Church, UCC and City of Seattle Deputy Mayor
Greg Wong will speak to the importance of communal support
for those experiencing mental illness and housing instability.

To ensure your attendance, please reserve your seat by September
13. There is no cost to attend. A donation of \$100 or more will be
requested during the event. Register at Plyhc.org

- **5:30 pm** Welcome Reception with flavorful innovations by
That Brown Girl Cooks!
- **6:30 pm** Stories of Hope & Raise your Paddle
- **7:30 pm** Festivities continue with soulful live music from
Darelle Holden and the Quintet

Special Guests Include:

- **Padrica Hoffman**, Executive Director of Plymouth Healing
Communities.
- **Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**, Plymouth Church UCC Senior
Pastor
- **Greg Wong**, Deputy Mayor, City of Seattle
- **Robie Flanagan**, Board President, PHC

If you can't join us, please make a donation now to Plymouth
Healing Communities. Questions? Email Events@Plyhc.org. ✨

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY: CITINGS

Last Sunday before church, strolling
along the curve of books in our library,
I was richly rewarded. *Song of the Crow*,
a novel written by Layne Maheu, a
Seattle author, *The Spirituality of Music*
by John Bird, and *The Cult of the Black
Virgin* by Ean Begg. Can't report back
yet as have only started reading but
already grateful for these gifts from
Plymouth that go on giving.



See what's waiting for you!

I picked up one other book, *The Givenness of Things* by
Marilynne Robinson and while it is still early in the read, I
highly recommend as a possibility for the “Essay collection” box
on the Plymouth Church Library Book Bingo card. Have you
started your reading journey yet? Remember that when you do
find a good one, pass on the recommendation to someone also
playing so they can check off the “Recommended by a fellow
Plymouthian” box. It is in the same row as the Essay box so
you could be helping them get one row completed. Yay! More
on the Book Bingo as we move into fall and the new church
program year.

One last thing this week, don't forget to check out Plymouth's
Free Library bookcase in the Lounge. (Slightly hidden across from
the piano.) The Library recently received several very generous
book donations with duplicates of timely books that are already
in our collection so are now available in this bookcase for you to
own. Please check out these offerings and consider a small cash
donation if you snag a book or two, or donating books you have
read and enjoyed, helping build up these books to own as well as
add books you have loved to the library's collection.

—Melony Joyce, Plymouth Church Library Committee ✨

WHO TO GO TO FOR WHAT



A link to a guide for who on staff to
contact with your needs or questions
can be found on our “Meet The
Staff” page under the “About” tab
at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.
(in the blue banner, under “Meet
Our Amazing Team.”) The guide
includes areas of responsibility and
contact information. ✨



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REAL RENT DUWAMISH EVENTS



Come see us at Rainier Beach Farm Fest Saturday September 16 10 am – 3 pm

Real Rent Duwamish will have a booth at this year's Farm Fest hosted by Tilth Alliance, Nurturing Roots, and the Friends of Rainier Beach, an annual celebration of urban agriculture and the South Seattle community

to sing and dance along to cultural performances, engage in food and gardening activities, enjoy food from around the world, and learn more about urban agriculture in our city.

Real Rent Appreciation Event September 23 Duwamish Tribal Services is planning to honor Real Renters on Saturday, September 23. The Fall Equinox has special significance for the Tribe and they will be sharing some of that with us. Be on the look for more info to come!

The Duwamish Tribe filed a lawsuit against the Department of the Interior (DOI) seeking to compel the U.S. Government to provide the long-awaited federal recognition to the Tribe. The lawsuit marks the most recent chapter in a struggle by the Tribe to gain federal recognition and enforce the promises made to the Duwamish Tribe in the Treaty of Point Elliott. The Tribe's previous lawsuit against the DOI resulted in the Court ordering the agency to reconsider its decision not to federally recognize the Duwamish Tribe. The DOI again refused to recognize the Duwamish Tribe. The current lawsuit seeks to correct that error and compel the DOI to respect the promises made to the Duwamish over 150 years ago.

The Tribe is currently seeking a judicial declaration to compel the DOI to list the Tribe as a federally-recognized Indian tribe, requests that the court find the DOI unlawfully discriminated against the Tribe, requests the court find that the DOI violated the Tribe's due process rights, and requests that the court find the DOI's actions in deciding to deny the Tribe recognition arbitrary, capricious, and unlawful.

Read more and get involved at RealRentDuwamish.org. ✦

LABOR & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Plymouth Church acknowledges the land that we occupy, which was stewarded by the Duwamish people, the first stewards of this land. We also offer a labor acknowledgement for the African American enslaved upon whose backs this country gained much of its wealth, as well as the work and lives of others who emigrated to this country. In our journey to become more fully the church, we honor our social location of power and privilege, and our position to do justice within and in the world, and recognize that such a statement is only the beginning of the work to which we are called. ✦

RIP MEDICAL DEBT

Over a hundred million Americans struggle with the weight of medical debt. Your donation helps lift the burden. Through your gifts, RIP Medical Debt purchases bundled medical debt for pennies on the dollar and then eliminates that debt. 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!

Contribute to Plymouth's campaign, "Licks of Fire" by using the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Visit RIPMedicalDebt.org to learn more. ✦



Help make this a year of jubilee!

BRING CLOTHES AND SHOES



Bring gently used clothing and shoes, any size.

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.

Read more about their mission and programs at InspireBig.org. Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you have any questions. ✦

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Join Tory Trujillo for a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes referred to as a sound bath. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices and help anchor and amplify each participant's intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, and other items of comfort if they wish to participate while lying down. Some mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. Session will last between 60 and 75 minutes.



Tory Trujillo

Please join us in Hildebrand Hall 12:30 pm Sunday, September 24. Suggested donation \$20. ✦

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. In addition to shifting public perception, we use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. Suicidal thoughts can plague anyone regardless of age, gender, or social status. Commonly linked to depression, there is no foolproof indicator of suicidal tendencies. Many people suffering from depression or suicidal thoughts cover them up quite well. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and its partners work to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention, to actions that promote healing, help and give hope. Learn more at SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.



If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, dial 988 for The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, or 911 if in immediate danger. ✦

THURSDAYS IN BLACK



In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma, and further violence. Globally, 30% of women experience physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. The Thursdays in Black campaign is simple

but profound. Join Wider Church Ministries, and our partners, in the campaign by doing the following:

- **Pause** Pause for a moment of silence on Thursdays at noon your local time to remember and honor those who have died at the hand of sexualized or gender-based violence.
- **Pray** Pray with us: We stand with invisible victims of sexual and gender-based violence. We see you. We hear you. You are not forgotten.
- **Post** Post your prayers, photos, or inspirations on social media using the hashtags [#ThursdaysinBlack](https://Twitter.com/ThursdaysinBlack), [#UnitedChurchOfChrist](https://Twitter.com/UnitedChurchOfChrist), and tag us.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, seek help immediately. You can call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). ✦

CARRYING THE DREAM FORWARD

United Church of Christ members, clergy and national staff joined the crowd of thousands in Washington, D.C. Saturday, August 26 for the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington. The event was both a commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom — where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech — and a call for continued action. Attendees gathered at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to hear from a long list of speakers sharing a similar message: that America is facing a wave of attacks on civil rights and on democracy.



Report from Washington, D.C.

"I'm grateful for the UCC's participation in the 60th anniversary actions because our movements need watershed moments like these to catalyze change, to empower people to get involved in new ways and to place in front of us our deepest needs and our wildest dreams," said Sharon Fennema, curator for the UCC's Join the Movement toward Racial Justice campaign.

UCC advocates who joined this year noted a more inclusive program from past anniversaries.

"I arrived at the Lincoln Memorial early and was delighted by the fabulous diversity of speakers, many of whom didn't have a place on the stage at the first March on Washington: gay men, women of all ages and sexual orientations, and transgender people," said Rev. Ellen Jennings, pastor at the local Cleveland Park Congregational UCC. "In this 2023 moment of national crisis, it's this progress and these voices that give me hope. For any time the voices of those who used to be silenced are given sound, the bells of freedom and justice ring."

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Rev. Michael Neuroth, director of the UCC's D.C. office, felt similarly moved, saying, "We must see the March — and our ongoing work — not as a 'commemoration' looking

to the past, but rather as a 'continuation' focused on the future and the actions needed to make Dr. King's Dream a reality." Speakers covered a range of issues: fighting for racial justice, an end to gun violence, combating antisemitism, addressing poverty and more. Voting rights and protecting democracy was a central focus, with multiple speakers referencing the uptick in voter suppression bills across the country. Passing the Freedom to Vote Act was noted as one important step in the fight for voting rights. *Read more at UCC.org.* ✦