

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

Worship In Person or Live Online

10:30 am Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

John 16:16-22

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown



1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,
Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

SCHOOL SUPPLIES STILL WANTED

The Community and Care Board will again collect donations of school supplies this Sunday. See list of requested supplies in last week's *Herald* or at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you.

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.

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.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU



Tracy Simpson, Church Moderator

If you have questions, concerns, hopes and dreams for Plymouth, join representatives from Plymouth Congregational Council for open discussions online via Zoom 7-8pm the second Wednesday of each month. Email Diane, DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org by 5pm the day of the meeting for the Zoom link. ✨

Save the Date! All Church Retreat, October 21-23, Pilgrim Firs Camp and Conference Center, Port Orchard, WA.

Stand with the Duwamish The Duwamish are the First People of present-day Seattle, and are the original stewards of this land. Yet the U.S. Government has continually failed to give the Duwamish People their rightful recognition. This is an injustice that has persisted far too long. Take action today and sign the petition to grant Federal tribal recognition. Visit RedRoadInstitute.org/Duwamish/ to sign petition.

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Sharon Ahlquist (Sister of Vicki Schoettle), Toni Arthur, Bob Brennan (Brother of Diane Nelson), Charlie Coulter (Brother of Nancy Geller), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Mark and JT Edwards, Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), **Todd Folkert** (Father-in-law of Ara Lawrence), **Lucian Guthrie**, Jim Halfaker, Darline Jones (Aunt of Karen Clark), Michael Kaid, Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Connie Logothetis (Friend of Bill and Marilyn Bumpas), **Doris McDill** (Mother Vance McDill), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Drake Mitchell (Brother of Mari), Montecino Family, Nancy Parker, Jeanne Reynolds, Jerome Robinson (Friend of Kathy Rood), Jose Robles and Family, Thomas Smith (Brother of Twanda Hill), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

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



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LIVE AND IN PERSON



Browse the book cart this Sunday.

Virtual connection has kept us going but we are so ready to see you and reintroduce you to Plymouth Church Library's wonderful collection of books and DVDs. While we are not yet able to invite you into the library itself, we are back with a book table/cart after church in the lounge. We are trying out different locations so search us out on Sunday.

The focus is on books about hope and faith to support our fall focus: Broken Hope, Bold Faith. For those who check out a book, we have a bookmark to use to mark your journey into what others have found in their creative explorations of hope and faith. And of course, many new books to check out, or browse during coffee hour. We can also pull any book from the library shelves that you have been wanting to check out.

We have reprinted part of an interview with activist, Mariame Kaba on how she keeps her hope alive while engaged in her work for social justice. Drop by and pick up a free copy.

And if that isn't enough, we will be supporting the start of Banned Books Week on Sunday with information, resources, and copies of banned books in our collection for you to check out. See you next Sunday! —*Plymouth Library Committee* ✨

PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY MATERIAL

Please look for the library materials that you have and return them as soon as possible. There is a box at the entrance to the Sanctuary where you can deposit your library books, tapes, etc. If you are not planning to worship in person or have moved away, please mail your items to: **Plymouth Church Library/1217 Sixth Avenue/Seattle, WA 98101.** Use "media mail" to get the best rate. Thank you. —*Suzanne Sanderson* ✨



Please return materials for others to enjoy.

READ SOME BANNED BOOKS!

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open

BANNED BOOKS WEEK



#BannedBooksWeek

Check the display at the library cart this Sunday.

access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

Banned Books Week 2022 is September 18 – 24. The theme of this year's event is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." Books unite us in many ways: they encourage boundless exploration and allow readers to spread their wings. Stories give flight to new ideas and perspectives. Reading — especially books that set us free — expands our worldview. Censorship, on the other hand, locks away our freedom and divides us from humanity in our own cages.

By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom compiles lists of challenged books as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country. Visit BannedBooksWeek.org for this year's list of top banned books and more resources. ✨

WALK WITH MIGRANT SIBLINGS

The Church Council of Greater Seattle (CCGS) Immigrant Accompaniment Program invites all new and current accompaniment volunteers to join our first Accompaniment Volunteer training course of 2022 (email Info@TheChurchCouncil.org). Dates TBD. The training will cover CCGS Accompaniment Program's work and volunteer best practices when accompanying our immigrant community. ✨

BUILDING PEACE TOGETHER



An International Day of Peace event.

All are invited to “Building Peace: An Interfaith Dialogue,” led by Imam Jamal Rahman and Reverend Dave Brown Saturday, September 17, 2–3:30 pm at Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, 98004. Reception to Follow.

The General Assembly of the United Nations declared September 17 as International Day of Peace, a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace. It is celebrated around the world. We are asked to honor a cessation of hostilities during this day and to commemorate the day through education and public awareness.

We are honored to have the Interfaith Friends, Imam Jamal Rahman and Reverend Dave Brown lead our conversation on this day. Imam Jamal Rahman is a popular speaker on Islam, Sufi spirituality, and interfaith relations. Jamal’s passion lies in interfaith community building. Reverend Dave Brown is a writer, poet, teacher and former pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Register at Csjp.org/psc, or email Peace@Csjp-olp.org.

Peacebuilding involves everyone. We hope you join us for an informative and inspiring celebration. ✨

ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Join Citizens for the Universal Abolition of Nuclear Weapons at noon on Saturday, September 24, at Cal Anderson Park in Seattle for a march to and rally at the Henry M. Jackson Federal Building where we will call for the universal abolition of nuclear weapons.

Our keynote speaker is David Swanson. Swanson is an author, activist, journalist, and radio host.

He is executive director of WorldBeyondWar.org and campaign coordinator for RootsAction.org. Swanson’s books include *War Is A Lie*. He blogs at DavidSwanson.org and WarIsACrime.org and also hosts Talk World Radio. He is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and U.S. Peace Prize recipient.

Help Seattle plant the seed of a growing movement throughout the world demanding the universal abolition of nuclear weapons! Learn more at AbolishNuclearWeapons.org. ✨



Take action for peace September 24.

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE

Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by appreciating the community’s history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South and Central America.

This year, Seattle Center Festál presents *Sea Mar Fiestas Patrias* in partnership with Sea Mar Community Health Centers. The festival will take place in-person September 17, 1–7 pm & September 18, 1–6 pm in the Armory Food & Event Hall and Fisher Pavilion. It is free and open to the public.

Throughout the two-day event at Seattle Center, attendees can enjoy delicious traditional Latin American food and cooking demonstrations, live music, traditional folk dance performances, art exhibitions representing Latino culture, free health screenings, children’s activities and more. ✨

LEARN TO HELP PREVENT 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.

In recent years, society has become more open and receptive to discussions and conversations on suicide. However, there is still a stigma surrounding it and, with suicide rates increasing, it still means that the right help is not reaching people on time and we have a long way to go. It’s one of the fastest-growing epidemics around the world — approximately 44,000 people in the U.S. alone commit suicide each year.

Every year on National Suicide Prevention Month in September, mental health advocates, survivors, friends and family, and mental health organizations across the country and around the world share their experiences and work towards eradicating this most tragic act. Learn more at 988Lifeline.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. ✨



HEAR FROM KAREN LEE

Come to Plymouth Housing’s annual luncheon—Key to Hope—September 23, 12 noon–1:30 pm, at The Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave) and hear from Plymouth Housing’s new CEO, Karen Lee. Karen will share her perspectives on the state of housing and homelessness in our region and why this year’s theme, *Building Our Future Together*, describes how we are all working together to create a brighter future. Register by September 16 at PlymouthHousing.org. ✨



Karen Lee, Plymouth Housing CEO

OUR FAITH, OUR VOTE



Visit UCC.org to help get out the vote.

The United Church of Christ is calling on churches to get out the vote with its Our Faith Our Vote Campaign for the 2022 midterm elections. It’s not just seats in Congress or city councils that are at stake, according to UCC leaders. Voting rights, access to polls and concerns about democracy itself are being highlighted.

Politics is often taken to be a dirty word, but political processes are simply the way communities organize their common life. For people of faith, public policy is never merely politics. It is a way of living out the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is fitting for local congregations and church structures across the country to develop nonpartisan programs to help the faith community reflect upon the political order.

Visit UCC.org for volunteer opportunities, information and resources, and advocacy and awareness campaigns. ✨

CONFERENCE WOMEN’S WEEKEND

Consider joining us for a joy-filled, nourishing women’s weekend of music, creativity, sabbath and spiritual exploration at Pilgrim Firs, October 7–9. During full group gatherings, small group discussions, and mini-workshops, you will have an opportunity to consider how you would like to *Continue*.

This retreat is designed for all who identify as women.

Led by Marcia McLaughlin, Beth Seacord and Kaila Russell. Email Kaila (Russell.Kaila@gmail.com) with questions. ✨



At Pilgrim Firs October 7–9.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL

The United Church of Christ is focusing on workers and their rights. This fall, UCC leaders are asking congregations to participate in this cultural shift, too.

“Unfortunately, our economic system and cultural values often do not align with the dignity and worth that God gives all of creation,” said Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, UCC minister for economic justice. “For workers, it looks like not having a livable wage, inadequate health insurance, poor work conditions, wage theft, insurmountable debt from education to help in earning a higher wage, lack of paid family and medical leave, and barriers to collective bargaining and union participation, among other things.

At 3:30 pm (ET) October 3, the UCC will host a webinar about ongoing labor issues involving the agricultural industry. The online event will address farmworker justice with the Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Members will share updates on the Fair Food Program and the Wendy’s Boycott.

In addition to workers from the coalition, panelists include the Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson, pastor of First United Church of Tampa, Fla.; UCC Florida Conference Minister the Rev. John Vertigan; and Florida Council of Churches Executive Director the Rev. Russell Meyer. Hamlin will present the panelists along with Vertigan’s and Meyer’s Ohio counterparts: UCC Heartland Conference Minister the Rev. Dave Long-Higgins and Ohio Council of Churches Executive Director the Rev. Jack Sullivan Jr.

Visit UCC.org to register for the October 3 webinar. ✨

UNDOING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshop is offered by The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond a national multiracial, antiracist collective of veteran organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social change. The UIR workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change.

Workshops are held online over 3 days, 10 am–4 pm. Cost is \$350 per person. Registration and full schedule of workshop dates at PINWSeattle.org. ✨



Join the webinar 3:30 pm (ET) October 3.

