



SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH
10:30 am Sunday, September 21, 2025
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 10:1-14
Rev. Erica Williams

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

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

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week.
Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.

*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.*



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Return Service Requested



*Hispanic Heritage Month
is an opportunity to
celebrate and affirm the
dignity of a community
that is currently under
attack in the US*

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long
celebration starting September 15th to honor
the history, culture, and contributions of
Hispanic Americans.



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or
deportation., 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), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd
Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett),
Denise Johnson (Friend of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon),
Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), **Debbie Longworth** (Sister of
Mo Longworth), Robert Malae, Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece
(Friend of Karen Clark), **Bing Tso**, Rev. Harriet Walton (Friend
of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Hayden McManus and family on the one-year
anniversary of the passing of her father, Tom Lemly.

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.



HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE



Hispanic Heritage
Month is a month-long
celebration of Hispanic and
Latino history and culture.
While we celebrate Hispanic
and Latino communities
beyond this month, from
September 15 to October 15
we give extra recognition to
the many contributions made
to the history and culture of

the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant
art, popular and traditional foods, and much more.

Hispanics in the United States are a diverse group who
bring a rich combination of language, culture, educational
backgrounds, and experience to the great American experiment.
This multifaceted background brings with it a wealth of ideas
and perspectives. One uniting factor within our Hispanic
community is the desire to be included and represented in all
aspects of American society. When different voices are sitting at
the table and included in key decisions, the entire community
benefits from solutions that address concerns from all people.

Whether it be education, government, business, or the
environment, ensuring that all voices are represented provides
results in better and more thoughtful decisions. Hispanic
Heritage Month is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the
unique voices and experiences of Hispanic/Latino Americans
and recognize their history, journeys, and achievements. We call
on citizens of this nation from all walks of life to look around
and welcome new voices to the table. This will help us build
stronger communities and in turn, a stronger nation. 🌍

SCHOOL SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED

Donations of school supplies
are still being collected every
Sunday. Please leave them in
the bin by the Welcome Table
in the Lounge. Supplies will
go to Urban Impact, a local
organization dedicated to
helping people and communities
thrive. See list of most requested
items in the news article at
PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. 🌍



Please bring school supplies on Sundays.

MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

World Communion
Sunday, October 5, is the
day Christians worldwide
celebrate Holy Communion,
recognizing their unity
in Christ and the global
community of faith.

Our World Communion
Sunday special offering is
one of four special offerings
throughout the church year
to support national and local
ministries within the United Church of Christ. Our October
5 gifts will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and
Alain Locke Initiative.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the
United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and
compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is
given to the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM),
the voice for American Indian people in the UCC, and the
remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries. In
2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant
recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of
direct service and advocacy.

The remaining half of the October 5 special offering will
support the **Alain Locke Initiative (ALI)**. Their Mission
is committed to empowering young Black queer men (ages
14-21) in the Seattle area through mentorship and holistic
support and to guide them in navigating life's challenges,
completing their education, and accessing career opportunities
and scholarships. By fostering personal growth, resilience, and
professional development, ALI aims to inspire these young men
to live authentically and achieve their fullest potential. Read
more at AlainLockeInitiative.org.

Your generous support truly makes a world of difference. 🌍

CELEBRATE LOVE OF LEARNING

Join TINFA (Technology and Information for All) 6 pm
Saturday, September 20, at Plymouth for dinner, drinks and
live music as we celebrate all of the inspiring teachers and
students at our partner schools in Guatemala. Visit Tinfo.org
to learn more and reserve your place. 🌍



Thank you for your faithful support.

HELP MAKE A HOME



Thank you for helping tenants get settled.

Your contribution will stock the Plymouth Supply Center, where residents can shop for items free of charge. Whether it's a warm blanket, a fresh set of sheets or a comforting cup of tea, your donation helps residents feel at home. See two ways to give below.

Drop Off Items In Person: Bring new and gently used household goods to Plymouth Housing's administrative office through September 26. Click here for list of most needed supplies. Please bring your donations up to the door at 2121 Third Ave., Seattle, 9 am-4 pm Monday-Friday. Ring the buzzer and a staff member will assist you. If you need help unloading your donation, please call Kaley at 206-210-0443 with 30 minutes notice, and someone will help you bring in your donation. Please reach out to PSC@plymouthhousing.org if you have any questions!

Order Items Online: Buy items directly from our wish list, and they will be delivered to the Supply Center on your behalf. Visit PlymouthHousing.org to access order form.

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. The retreat theme is "Embrace Joy" and registration is now open. Get set to join us November 7-9 for a fantastic event at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.



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

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. We have fabulous workshops lined up to help you embrace joy through movement, music, creativity, nature, and more. 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.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The United Church of Christ extends an open invitation to anyone who feels called to offer a prayer to end violence in any manifestation, and to bring about peace. Read prayers and share your own at UCC.org/Peoples-Prayers-For-Peace. New prayers are published daily. The following prayer was recently shared by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister & President/CEO, UCC:



Share your prayers for peace at UCC.org.

Bring us back from the edge, O Lord, the edge where our humanity frays. Draw us closer to your everlasting light, as our lives are impacted again by the violence that pulses around us. Grant us wisdom to lower the guns and to eliminate the rhetoric which has become a relentless stream of violence. Provide us with words of hope where hope feels elusive and our desire for change seems long in coming.

Cleanse from us the toxic hate which fills our media, oozes into our town halls and public squares, and seeps into our schools and faith communities. May your love find us in new ways as we wrestle with the anger and animosity surrounding us.

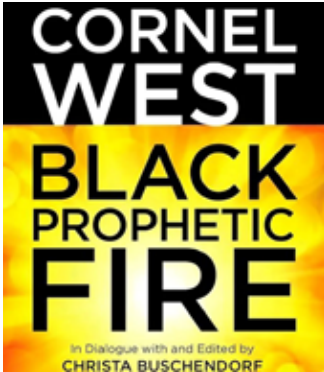
We know that your light still shines, your path of peace remains close by, your Spirit is ever ready to guide us beyond the edge and into your love. Open our hearts to seek, find, and follow you. End the violence. Bring us back from the edge, O Lord we pray. Amen.

READ TOGETHER, LEAD TOGETHER

An all-church discussion of the book *Black Prophetic Fire*, by Cornel West will begin soon. Purchase your copy now. Available from Beacon Press: Beacon.org.

Black Prophetic Fire is an unflinching look at African American leaders and their visionary legacies. Cornel West, with Christa Buschendorf, provides a fresh perspective on six revolutionary African American leaders: Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King Jr., Ella Baker, Malcolm X, and Ida B. Wells. West examines the impact of these men and women on their own eras and across the decades, rediscovering the integrity and commitment within these passionate advocates but also their fault lines.

Keep checking our news page and the *Herald* for updates on discussion details. Get your copy at Beacon.org.



NO KINGS PROTEST OCTOBER 18

No Kings is back in Seattle on October 18 to make history again with the largest nationwide protest our country has ever seen. Millions took to the streets in large cities and small towns for the June 14 protest to stand up to a wannabe dictator and say "We Have No Kings!"

This time we're going even bigger to make this a record-breaking movement. Make it clear we will not be intimidated, we will not be silent, and we will stand up for the rights of everyone and protect our democracy from a fascist takeover.

Join the The No Kings Coalition online kick-off call 8-9 pm EDT Thursday, September 18. This virtual event will explain the vision, urgency and strategy behind this national day of action. Whether you're brand new or a seasoned organizer, the time to act is now! Link to register in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The Seattle protest begins 12 pm, October 18, at Seattle Central College (1709 Broadway E). Keep reading for updates.

LIFT EVERY VOICE



Make a joyful noise with Plymouth Choir.

Plymouth Choir and Plymouth Quartet have returned to Sunday services, singing 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.

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Contact Choir Director Eliza Woodyard (EWoodyard@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).
CREATIVELY MALADJUSTED
This fall, Plymouth United Church of Christ invites you to participate in our 2025 stewardship campaign: *Creatively Maladjusted*. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we joyfully reject the status quo of injustice and complacency. Your financial generosity helps fuel ministries of justice, love, inclusion, music, and worship. Join us as we seek to raise \$500,000 and embody courageous, creative generosity.

AWARENESS LEADS TO PREVENTION

In order to create awareness and strengthen the fight against suicide, the entire month of September is Suicide Prevention Month. There are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death in America — second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. You can help prevent suicide by getting involved with local organizations and listening to those who need help.



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.

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.

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. Visit NAMI.org to learn more.

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.

BE THE 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:

- Help count the offering after worship
- Prepare communion (first Sundays)
- Become a greeter on Sundays and at special events
- Prepare and serve food on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry