

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, September 24, 2023
Worship In Person or Online

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-10, 33-34

Immigration Ministry Panel Discussion

9 am Plymouth Singers Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

12:30 pm Sound Medicine Meditation, Hildebrand Hall

The Community and Care Board collects donations of school supplies again this Sunday. Please bring what you can.

PLYMOUTH'S GOING TO THE DOGS!

All are invited to bring your pets to the 10:30 am service on Sunday, October 8 for the Blessing of the Animals. Look for more information in next week's *Herald* and in the News section at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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.

THANK YOU!



Dear Rev. Dr. Kelle,

We had an incredible evening celebrating Michael Ramos' 19+ years at the Church Council and reconnecting with all of you last Friday! Your commitment to our mission – to build collective power through faith-rooted community

organizing for transformational change toward liberation and justice – was clear, as together we doubled our fundraising goal! We raised over \$15,000 on Friday night, which added to our \$10,000 match and \$7,500 raised prior to the event, became a total of over \$32,000! Thank you for your gifts in honor of Michael's legacy that will fuel the work of the Church Council into the future.

We invite you to continue the journey with us as we organize around faith-owned land, antiracism, communities navigating the immigration system, and workers' rights, centering those most impacted by systemic oppression. Stay tuned for updates on our work and photos from this weekend on our e-news and social media! Thank you again for all the ways you partner with us, and for sharing in joy together this season,
—The Staff and Board of the Church Council 🌍



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Return Service Requested

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), 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 Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), **Bob Woodruff**, Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper), Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)

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

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MEET THE ARTIST



Laurie Davenport

After worship on October 1, all are invited to meet painter Laurie Davenport. Her solo exhibition, on display at Plymouth Church from October 1–November 19, aims to humanize individuals experiencing homelessness.

Laurie Davenport was born in Tacoma, Washington and grew up in Seattle, where she attended public school and graduated from the University of Washington. Although she has been drawing and painting since early childhood, she is essentially self-taught as an artist, having chosen to focus her formal education in music. As a musician and artist during her career, she has participated in multi-media events, created concert posters and CD recording graphics and had several solo art showings connected with concerts and musical events.

After returning to Tacoma 20 years ago to settle in the Lincoln District, she has increasingly focused on art and continued to develop her skills in drawing and painting as well as digital art and graphic design. In 2019, Laurie began a charcoal sketching project which focuses on capturing the joy and sadness of everyday life, catching ordinary people and situations 'in the act' and posting daily sketches on social media (@lauriedavenportart on Instagram and Facebook). She has worked for Tacomaprobono, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization providing free civil legal aid to low-income individuals who face legal issues in Pierce County, Washington, since 2000.

Come meet the artist and enjoy the exhibit.

—Joe Williams, Director of Music and Arts 🌍



Preview of the exhibit coming to Plymouth.

WORSHIP WITH IMMIGRATION MINISTRY THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 24, come worship with Plymouth's Welcome Circle and Immigration Ministry Team at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary or live online.

Members from both groups will take part in a panel discussion in place of the sermon. Members of the Welcome Circle will reflect on the time they have spent walking alongside an Afghan refugee family including new experiences, gained knowledge, and impact on their faith. Worship will also be led by members of the Welcome Circle and Immigration Ministry Team. 🌍



Panel Discussion in worship this Sunday.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes referred to as a sound bath. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort if they wish to participate while lying down. Some yoga mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. Event will last between 60 and 75 minutes. **Plan to join us in Hildebrand Hall at 12:30 pm Sunday, September 24. Suggested Donation \$20.** 🌍



12:30 pm this Sunday in Hildebrand Hall.

FAUNTLEROY RECYCLE ROUNDUP

Bring items for free, responsible recycling to Fauntleroy UCC's Recycle Roundup, 9 am – 3 pm Saturday, September 23. Visit FauntleroyUCC.org to see the list of what we can take and what we cannot. Since initiating these twice-yearly events in 2010, we have kept nearly 337 tons of recyclables out of landfills. Spread the word! 🌍

REVIVAL FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION



This fall a coalition of congregations and partners are hosting a 4–night revival, with each night beginning at 7 pm. Our theme is “*Reclaiming the Welfare of the City: A Revival for Racial Reconciliation*,” based on the Jeremiah 29. Revival includes vibrant music, powerful preaching, creative expression, and multi-racial community building.

Our revival begins **October 3** at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Seattle’s Central District. Rev. Yolanda Norton, founder of Global Arts and Theology Experience (GATE) and the curator of the Beyoncé Mass, is our opening night preacher. GATE’s Black Girl Magic Ensemble will lead music. This is the same worship team that brought the Beyoncé Mass to Seattle.

October 4, we gather at Quest Church in Ballard. In partnership with Acts On Stage theater, we present a unique arts-based, interactive worship & workshop experience. This night of the revival invites attendees to witness and then discuss a theatrical presentation entitled, *Story of An Off Brand Band*. Written by Michelle Lang-Raymond, this one-act play is an art imitating life piece that centers us on the Micah 6:8 call to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.” Suitable for all ages. Discussion groups will be based on age with mild facilitation.

October 5, we converge downtown at Plymouth UCC. Preaching this night is Rev. Steve Jerbi, Minister of Christian Formation, Love & Justice at University Congregation UCC in Seattle. The Chancel Choir from UCUCU will offer music and the Black Girl Magic Ensemble returns as our praise band.

Closing night, **October 6**, moves to University Congregational UCC. Rev. Joe Kim, lead pastor at Bothell United Methodist Church, is our preacher this night. Musical selections will come from the Black Girl Magic Ensemble and the praise team at Kingdom Family Worship Center. Details and RSVPs in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshops are designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” racist structures that hinder effective social change.

Next workshop is **October 4–6**. Find full schedule and link to register at PinwSeattle.org.



DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Join a free online event to explore and discuss ways for communities to unite and truly break down oppressive systems that lead to youth incarceration. You will learn from the perspective of people impacted by the system and explore approaches to the challenge of changing the system as we together envision a hopeful future.



Join online discussion October 29

In this interactive online conversation you will learn to be in community, to understand the impact of the school-to-prison pipeline, and explore big-picture ways schools can change. We will gain practical tools each individual can apply to move forward and proactive solutions that can have a positive impact in your community.

This event will bring together educators, activists, and community organization members to discuss strategies and solutions. Learn, connect, and be part of the movement for change 7–9 pm (PDT) Sunday, October 29, online. Find link to register for this free event in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH PRISON VISITATIONS



I would like to invite those who might be interested to consider biweekly visitations to the Monroe Prison. This is an opportunity to visit with inmates who get no visitors and are also in a unit for those with mental issues. What on the surface may seem somewhat daunting has

become for me an extremely rewarding experience. I feel as though I am really making a difference in this individual’s life. We visit every other Friday, meeting in Monroe around 11:15 am at a diner so our visitation group can connect and prepare for the visit. Then we go to Monroe Correctional Complex to visit in the Special Offender Unit. We meet with one inmate at 1 pm and another at 2 pm. We leave the unit at 3 pm.

This is not a toe–dip into a volunteer position. This is a deep dive into a meaningful justice commitment. If you are interested, please email HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com or call 509–679–7430. —Christine Hanson

SHOW OUR YOUTH SOME LOVE

The Community and Care Board continues our Plymouth tradition of sending “We Care Packages” to graduated high school seniors. We want to ensure these youth of our Plymouth Family that we stand by them along their journey of transitioning into adulthood, which can be challenging. Please join us in sending love and uplifting messages by contributing cards, notes, and small items (snack items, tea or coffee, gift cards, school supplies, etc.). Bring contributions to the church by October 14.



Join in sending gifts and messages of love.

Our graduated seniors are Lucinda Guthrie and Max Maher. Your help with reaching out to our graduated youth with love and support is greatly appreciated. Please contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa–Fung with questions.

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Join this Sunday, 9 am in Hildebrand Hall.

Plymouth Singers will start rehearsals this Sunday in Hildebrand Hall at 9 am. All are welcome! Singing is a great way to contribute to church life, get to know your fellow congregants, and nurture your spiritual growth. We will do

everything we can to accommodate a wide variety of skill and experience levels, so please know that you are truly welcome, even if you’ve never participated in a choir before. The choir rehearses every Sunday morning before worship and performs in the service on the second Sunday of each month. See you there! —Sari Breznau, Music Ensemble Leader

SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 1

Our World Communion Sunday special offering collected Sunday, October 1, will be divided evenly between **Neighbors in Need** and **Plymouth UCC Welcome Circle**. Half of the gifts collected will be deposited in Plymouth UCC Immigration Fund, designated to support Welcome Circle’s ongoing efforts in settling the Afghan family. The other half will go to UCC Neighbors in Need. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. We must be better stewards of our planet and protect vulnerable communities most affected by environmental abuse. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.



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. These improved decisions support the greater good and minimize negative impacts to marginalized communities and people of color. 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. Learn more at Latino.si.edu.

SCAM ALERT!



From time to time it’s good to remember best practices for internet security. As we have shared before, no one from the Plymouth Church UCC staff will ever send requests for financial or other personal assistance.

Fraudsters use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine

sophisticated technology with age–old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. Losing money or property to scams and fraud can be devastating. If you receive a text, call or email that seems suspicious, don’t respond to it. See the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for some tips on how to handle suspicious emails, current scams making the rounds, and resources to help you stay ahead of scammers.