

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 1, 2023

Worship In Person or Online

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Plymouth Singers Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Artist Reception, Lounge

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://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.

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## 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](mailto:HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com) or call 509-679-7430. —Christine Hanson 🌍



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Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

*Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), 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), Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), 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 JoAnn 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), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon), Bob Woodruff, Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper), Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)*

*We remember Ann Reynolds and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her mother, Jeanne Reynolds.*

*Our hearts are with Kathy Rood, on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her father, Paul Joseph Rood, Jr.*

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

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## 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 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 UCUC 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 in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍

## SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 1

Our October 1 gifts will be divided evenly between **Neighbors in Need** and **Plymouth Welcome Circle**.

One-half of World Communion Special Offering will be deposited in Plymouth UCC Immigration Fund, designated specifically to support Welcome Circle's on-going efforts in settling the Afghan family.

In 2023, UCC Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and tossed into, our waterways, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. One-third of the NIN offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. 🌍



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



10:30 am Sunday, October 8.

All are welcome to bring your pets to the 10:30 am service on October 8 for the Blessing of the Animals. The Blessing will occur near the beginning of worship. After your pet's blessing, you will be invited to recess out so you may place your pet in the car or other location as needed. If you think your pet may be too rambunctious, bring your favorite

photo. Please let the church office know if you plan to bring your animal. Email [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Our pets have an enormous impact on our well-being and the well-being of others in our communities. They are our beloved companions through life and in their selfless and unconditional love, we catch a glimpse of God's love. Please join this special Sunday as we celebrate creation and all that lives within it. 🌍



## PASS THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT



Last Sunday, Janet Gwilym spoke of legislation that would allow our new Afghan neighbors to apply for permanent status to stay in the United States. She asked us to urge our Congress members to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. Do that by using links at [Rescue.org/Take-Action](https://Rescue.org/Take-Action) or by signing letters at Plymouth this Sunday.

More than 78,000 Afghans were welcomed to the U.S. through Operation Allies Welcome in 2021 under a special process called “humanitarian parole.” This allowed Afghans to be admitted to the U.S. quickly and enabled them to stay in the U.S. for up to two years, but did not guarantee a path to lawful permanent residence or eventual citizenship. Despite meeting the definition of a refugee, these Afghans find themselves under a cloud of legal uncertainty.

Congress can remedy this situation and provide long-term support to our new Afghan neighbors by passing the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act. The Afghan Adjustment Act will provide a pathway to lawful permanent status for these humanitarian parolees—the same legal footing they would have enjoyed had they been resettled to the U.S. as refugees. After a historic all-hands evacuation effort, the United States should guarantee Afghan humanitarian parolees not just temporary safety, but certainty: the certainty of future security, the certainty that citizenship affords families and their future generations, and the certainty that they will be able to craft their lives from all—not just some—of what the U.S. has to offer. Please reach out to your congressional representatives and ask them to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act.

Sign letters to our congress people at Plymouth this Sunday, or sign online at [Rescue.org/Take-Action](https://Rescue.org/Take-Action).

## OBSERVE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY

Indigenous Peoples’ Day is celebrated the second Monday of October (Oct 9 this year) in the United States, in lieu of Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples’ Day aims to celebrate and honor the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the US and acknowledges the legacy of colonialism, which has devastated Indigenous communities historically and continues to negatively impact them today. More importantly, Indigenous Peoples’ Day moves beyond the narrative of oppression and honors the histories, cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.



## GOD SAYS NOW!

At 7 pm Thursday, October 26, Plymouth welcomes Father Anne to discuss why ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church matters. At 8 pm there will be an element of action, followed by Mass at 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

Father Anne was ordained on October 16, 2021 in Albuquerque, NM through the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests and is now an independent Roman Catholic priest. Father Anne’s mission is to see women welcomed into the Roman Catholic priesthood. Father Anne obeys the call of the Holy Spirit to collaborate with God on the project of equality within one of the most powerful institutions in the world.

Learn more at [FatherAnne.com](https://FatherAnne.com). Look for more information in coming issues of the *Herald*.



Special evening at Plymouth October 26.

## SHOW OUR YOUTH WE CARE



Join in sending gifts and messages of love.

The Community and Care Board continues our Plymouth tradition of sending “We Care Packages” to graduated high school seniors. 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. Your help with reaching out to our graduated youth with love and support is greatly appreciated.

Our graduated seniors are Lucinda Guthrie and Max Maher.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Plymouth Singers rehearse at 9 am every Sunday in Hildebrand Hall. 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 welcome all levels of skill and experience. The Singers perform in the service on the second Sunday of each month. See you there!



Join Plymouth Singers Sunday, 9 am, Hildebrand Hall.

—Sari Breznau, Music Ensemble Leader

## MEET THE ARTIST THIS SUNDAY

After worship on October 1, all are invited to meet painter Laurie Davenport. Her solo exhibition *Art of Survival*, on display at Plymouth Church from October 1–November 19, aims to humanize individuals experiencing homelessness. We are pleased to announce 50% of all proceeds from art sales will go directly to Plymouth Healing Communities.



Laurie Davenport

The artist expresses, “I’m impressed with PHC. Their emphasis on permanent supportive housing and availability of medical respite and companionship/support are exactly what should be happening and growing.”

Laurie Davenport was born in Tacoma 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, 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, she has focused on art and continued to develop skills in drawing, painting, 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, nonprofit charitable organization providing free civil legal aid to low-income persons who face legal issues in Pierce County. —Joe Williams

## WELCOME, IBIDUNNI OJIKUTU

Plymouth Church is thrilled to appoint soprano Ibidunni Ojikutu as Artist-in-Residence, effective October 8–June 2. In addition to bimonthly appearances in worship, she will perform a full-length recital with New York City based pianist Dr. Nnenna Ogwo immediately following service on October 29.



Ibidunni Ojikutu, Artist-In-Residence

Ibi says, “I’m beyond excited to contribute to the magic that Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown has created in this beautiful congregation. Plymouth is a welcoming, open, loving yet accountable space. I’m really fortunate to have found another church home that allows me artistic freedom and whose focus is on kindness and service. I look forward to seeing how I grow as an artist and a person.”

## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY CITINGS

Several weeks ago, I mentioned in this column a book of essays that looked promising, *The Givenness of Things* by Marilynne Robinson. Can I just say that it is nothing short of manna from heaven. My marked pages became so many that it was way over the threshold for getting my own copy. So, the book is back in the library if you would like to check it out. (Perfect for the “Essay Collection” square of the Plymouth Church Library Book Bingo.)



Photo courtesy of Cameron Florey

What does the photo above have to do with this citing? It was only because of my love for Robinson’s novels that I picked this book from the Plymouth Church Library shelves, the jacket cover being totally uninspiring. But that allowed me to consider what I would put on the cover – this photo, taken by our own Cameron Florey, of the hands-down favorite space of visitors to my home. Young and old. A small closet that adults cannot enter fully standing. Child size and evoking a child’s drawing of home with its small window in the peak of the only white wall. Up in the attic, it looks out to my neighbor’s enormous Douglas Fir tree that touches heaven for sure.

But it is what is inside that appeals, enveloped in the mind-expanding black of the other three walls and the touching of light that Cameron Florey captures here so beautifully. The globe is a new addition, joining an open book of Shakespeare, a homey, hand-stitched Lord’s Prayer on the wall, and for the journey to come – a small red travel case and a blue, playfully modern take on a lantern. Where normally a globe would draw lines between land and sea and nation, this globe is totally black, like the three walls of this room, allowing for thinking large with no “cutting into creation.” Leaving us to explore untethered. Exactly what Robinson’s essays encourage us to do.

Read more in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

—Melony Joyce, The Plymouth Church Library Committee

## LICKS OF FIRE: HELP ELIMINATE 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](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Visit [RIPMedicalDebt.org](https://RIPMedicalDebt.org) to learn more.