

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 6, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Mark 13:1-8

“Earth At the End of Its Rope”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Let your hard-working and beloved Plymouth clergy know they are appreciated.

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

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.

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OBSERVANCES IN OCTOBER

- **Clergy Appreciation Month**
- **World Hunger Awareness Month**
- **LGBTQ+ History Month**
- **Diversity Awareness Month**
- **Filipino American History Month**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Diabetes Awareness Month**
- **Disability Employment Awareness Month**
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **10/3 – Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset 10/2)**
- **10/6 – World Communion Sunday**
- **10/10 – World Mental Health Day**
- **10/12 – Yom Kippur (begins at sunset 10/11)**
- **10/13 – Access Awareness Week**
- **10/14 – Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **10/20 – National Pastoral Care Week begins**
- **10/24 – United Nations Day**
- **10/26 – National Make a Difference Day**
- **10/27 – UCC Higher Education Sunday**
- **10/31 – Reformation/Reconciliation Day**
- **10/31 – Halloween/Harvest Fest**
- **10/31 – Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights)**

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Christian and Kim Arvin (Son and Daughter-in-Law of Donene Blair), Conni Bentley (Sister-in-law of Al Bentley), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), The Colwell Family, Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), William Chapman Nyaho, Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Jaime Rubio Sulficio

We grieve with Cory Maclay and family on the passing of her aunt, Patricia Jean Wortman Kopcho.

We grieve with Ingrid Holmlund on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her mother, Carolyn Lunemaker.

bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.



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UCC RESPONDS TO HURRICANE



NOAA satellite image, September 26, 2024.

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida on Thursday, September 26, as a category 4 storm empowered by high water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico. After landfall in Florida's Big Bend region, the storm moved northeast into Georgia, South Carolina, western North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee as a category 1 storm. As of

this appeal, 100 people have been confirmed dead, a number expected to rise as flood waters recede.

Helene has caused between \$145 and \$160 billion in damage, which is also likely to rise. The magnitude of damage combined with the geography of the impacted area further exacerbates and complicates what is certain to be an extended recovery process.

The full extent of the damage is still being realized. We continue to communicate with conference staff in the Southern, Southeast, and Florida Conferences as they work with local congregations and become aware of their needs. As we continue to pray for and support those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts in the following ways:

- **Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal:** Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild. Contribute to Hurricane Helene relief at Support.UCC.org/Global-HOPE.
- **Crisis Cleanup Phone Banking:** One of the greatest needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic disaster is situational awareness and information gathering. Crisis Cleanup needs volunteers to help input cases into their dashboard, used by response organizations to coordinate and deploy resources. If you are interested in this remote volunteer opportunity, sign up using the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.
- **Hygiene and Cleanup Bucket Assembly:** One of the biggest requests is the need for cleanup buckets. UCC congregations interested in assembling cleanup buckets are eligible for a matching grant through the Global HOPE office. Read more at Support.UCC.org/Hurricane-Helene-Relief.

SPECIAL OFFERING OCTOBER 6

Our Worldwide Communion Sunday special offering will be divided evenly between *Neighbors in Need* and *Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund*.

In 2024, the **Neighbors in Need** theme is “*Mental Health Justice For All!*” This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is one where people with mental health challenges are respected and receive care.

Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund remains supported by half of the proceeds from this year's Worldwide Communion special offering. These funds are dedicated to assisting members and friends facing financial challenges, enabling them to participate in opportunities provided by Plymouth UCC. Thank you for your support and generosity.



EXPLORE SELMA & BLOODY SUNDAY



Learn about Bloody Sunday March 6-14, 2025.

Take a deep dive into complex social history with an educational trip to Selma, Alabama, led by Museum Without Walls, March 6-14, 2025. On March 7, 1965, 525 African-American demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, demanding their right to vote. They were violently confronted by state troopers, horses, and possemen, who brutally attacked them when they refused to turn back. This shocking event was broadcast nationwide, revealing the grim reality of racism in the South. Two weeks later, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led 3,200 civil rights activists on a historic 49-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, which helped spur the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Limit 26 persons. Register by Nov. 15. Trip details and registration link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Please note: The trip to Vanport, Oregon is postponed. Information on new dates will be shared when available.

HONOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY



Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a holiday celebrated on the second Monday of October in the United States, in lieu of Columbus Day (October 14 this year). Indigenous Peoples’ Day, at its core, 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, though, Indigenous Peoples’ Day moves beyond the narrative of oppression and honors the histories, cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.

Ways to stand in solidarity on this Indigenous Peoples’ Day:

- **Indigenous People Festival 10 am-5 pm, Seattle Center:** A free event to celebrate Indigenous arts, culture, and cuisine. Shop from Native vendors, experience cultural performances and dance in celebration. Indigenous People Festival is held in partnership with Seattle Center.
- **Rally, March, and Round Dance for Peace 1-5 pm:** Rally and march begins at King Street Station Plaza (303 South Jackson Street) and ends at Westlake Park (401 Pine Street).
- **Celebration at Daybreak Star Cultural Center 5 pm:** Enjoy activities, food and music. We encourage you to bring a drum, rattle, flute, etc. for a jam session!

In addition to these festivities, this is a good time to reflect on how you live on the land you inhabit. Consider joining a land-tending day with land-back projects, such as Heron’s Nest (TheHeronsNest.org). Invite friends and family to join you in paying Real Rent Duwamish (RealRentDuwamish.org). 🌍

WE DID IT!

On September 24, more than 1,100 members of our community gathered for Plymouth Housing’s signature luncheon. Thank you for supporting Plymouth’s proven, evidence-based, and compassionate approach to ending homelessness. Together, we raised over \$1.6 million!

Each of us can make a difference. It takes our combined efforts to ensure everyone in our community has a home and can live with dignity. If you were unable to attend this year’s luncheon, we invite you to make a contribution to Plymouth Housing today at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌍



Plymouth Housing CEO Karen Lee and Emcee Joyce Taylor of KING 5 TV.

HOLD FAST TO DREAMS

Choral Arts Northwest presents “Hold Fast to Dreams” at Plymouth 7:30 pm Saturday, October 12. The Plymouth Church community receives \$5 off general pre-sale tickets if purchased by October 7 using discount code **PlymouthOct2024**. More info and tickets at ChoralArtsNW.org/season/#Oct2024.

Visionary voices soar in pitch and poetry with bold aspiration toward the best of what we can be in community and as country. Margaret Bonds’s 1965 setting of W.E.B. Du Bois’s *Credo* powerfully expands his “I believe” texts, moving us towards a “life lit by a large vision of beauty and goodness and truth.” Our community partner, Youth Speaks Seattle, grounds us in the here and now with “I believe” responses by young poets, engaging with Du Bois’s *Credo* today in Seattle. Bonds’s friendship with Langston Hughes comes alive in solo song settings of his poetry, sung by guest artists Myah Rose Paden and Richard L. Hodges. Hopeful settings of Langston Hughes by Atlanta-based composer Joel Thompson spur us to dream of a new dawn, to sing for the future, and to swear for all, “America will be!” 🌍



HELP AT PLYMOUTH ASYLUM CLINIC

Plymouth will host another all-day asylum legal clinic on **Saturday, October 19, from 9 am to 6:30 pm.** *We are seeking all sorts of volunteers!* Folks to welcome applicants and volunteers; interpreters (Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Lingala); administrative volunteers; and childcare providers. We also need people to provide snacks.

The Plymouth parking garage will be open for volunteers and applicants. Most volunteers will need to arrive before 9 am to complete a brief orientation and training, with materials and a video to review before the clinic opens. Client work begins at 9:30 am. Most volunteers will be finished before 6 pm, but some will work together until the last minute. Pizza lunch provided!

If you are available on October 19 and willing to devote your day to helping an asylum seeker, please e-mail Janet Gwilym, J.Gwilym@hotmail.com, or contact Carol Mooney by **Friday, October 11**. Thank you for making Plymouth a welcoming space for our immigrant neighbors. 🌍



Volunteer at Plymouth’s legal clinic Oct. 19.

GET FREE COVID TESTS

Every US household is eligible to order 4 at-home tests completely free — you won’t even pay for shipping. Order now at Special.USPS.com/TestKits. Need help placing an order? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

COVID-19 testing can help you know if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others.

The tests available for order:

- Rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR.
- Can be taken at home or other locations. Results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required.)
- Can be used for testing even if you do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Can be used for testing whether you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines or not.

Visit CovidTests.gov for more information. 🌍

GIVE THEM REST



Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Sheraton Grand.

Plymouth Church UCC has provided financial support for REST (Real Escape from the Sex Trade), a Seattle-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals escape the sex trade and build brighter futures.

A Christian organization, REST provides respectful services to individuals of all faiths, with a focus on unconditional care, relationships, strengths, minimizing barriers, and walking with clients on their journey to freedom. You’re invited to an inspiring evening of community, commitment and courage at our annual *A Night of REST Gala*. Join us Thursday, October 17, at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Seattle. Evening begins at 5 pm with drinks, appetizers and silent art auction. Dinner, live auction and program starts at 6:30 pm. Join us for a memorable event of storytelling, inspiration, and impact as we come together to raise funds to help survivors of sex trafficking. We hope to see you October 17. Thank you for your kind support.

Visit IWantRest.com for more information and tickets. 🌍

POWER THE POLLS

The *Our Faith Our Vote Campaign* is an initiative of the UCC’s Office of Public Policy and Advocacy in Washington, DC, formed in partnership with *Power the Polls*, a nonpartisan organization launched in 2020 to address a nationwide poll worker shortage.

As the UCC’s nonpartisan election engagement campaign, *Our Faith Our Vote* offers resources for voter registration, issue education, voter mobilization and more. Since the partnership began, many UCC members have signed up to be poll workers through the UCC’s link with *Power the Polls*. You can sign up to be a poll worker at PowerThePolls.com/UCC. 🌍



2025 CALENDARS FOR INMATES



Your kindness makes a world of difference

Each year we collect calendars for the coming year to take to the Monroe Correctional Complex. The inmates really appreciate them. If you get free calendars in the mail, please donate them. Ask friends and family to donate theirs. There is a box at church to leave calendars through December. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ cubby in the mailroom (#1S). If you won’t be at church, call or email Christine Hanson (509-679-7430; HansonChristineann@gmail.com) to arrange a pick-up. Thanks for bringing joy to our incarcerated friends. 🌍

SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE

Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3. Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Add names using the online form (link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or sign the book in the Lounge. Please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months. Please send/sign names by Wednesday, October 30. 🌍



For all the saints who from their labors rest...