

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

### Worship In Person or Live Online

10:30 am Sunday, October 9, 2022

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Mark 6:1-6

“Who You Are”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Patio

(no online coffee hour)

**October is Clergy Appreciation Month.**

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

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.*



1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,  
Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

## SHOW WE CARE



Send items for care packages by October 15.

The Plymouth tradition of sending “We Care Packages” to our graduated high school seniors remains intact, as we continue to face these difficult times of a lingering global pandemic. 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 to our graduated seniors by contributing cards, notes, and small items (snacks, tea or coffee, gift cards, school supplies, etc.). Contributions can be sent to June Hayakawa-Fung at Plymouth Church UCC, 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA 98101, by October 15.

Our 2022 graduated seniors are: *Stella Christopherson, Nathan Matthews, Leo Neer, Ann Ogle, Michaela Robins.*

Your help and love and support is greatly appreciated.




—Community & Care Board ♦

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Toni and Tiffany 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), 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), Dawn Mason, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Drake Mitchell (Brother of Mari), Montecino Family, Nancy Parker, Jerome Robinson (Friend of Kathy Rood), Jose Robles and Family, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

Our hearts are with Ann & Carol Reynolds and their families on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Jeanne Reynolds.

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

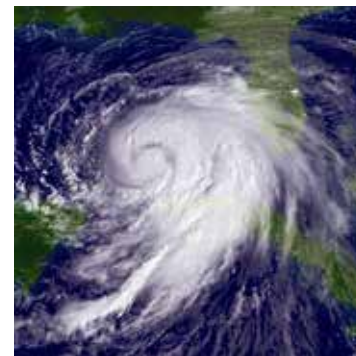
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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## UCC HURRICANE RESPONSE



UCC Relief is on the ground now.

Hurricane Ian, a historic monster storm that raged ashore in Southwest Florida near Fort Myers on September 28, has devastated scores of communities in the Sunshine state and all along the east coast with high winds, rain and floods. Ian, which made landfall in Florida as a Category 4 storm, has wiped

out much of the state's infrastructure, with millions of people still without power or access to clean drinking water.

And there are other immediate needs to address: emergency food support, medical care and temporary shelter. The UCC “Hurricanes 2022” appeal will be used to help those impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona – and storms still to come.

WCM's Global H.O.P.E. team has already sent \$20,000 to partner church Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico as an initial response to support those affected by Hurricane Fiona. People of Puerto Rico were still recovering from Hurricane Maria, which all but destroyed the island's power grid five years ago. The solidarity grant from Global H.O.P.E. will assist with immediate needs in Puerto Rico while basic infrastructure is repaired and more complete assessments can be made.

The Rev. Alan Coe, pastor of Mayflower Congregational United Church of Christ in Naples, is disaster coordinator of the Florida Conference. He is participating in daily statewide disaster response calls. Reached early Thursday, September 29, he noted major damage across the state as he began his assessment of emergency needs.

“There are volunteers from many organizations coming to Florida or are already in the state doing — feeding people, clearing roads, removing trees, and soon will be mucking out,” Coe said. “This a huge disaster that will affect the state in multiple ways for years to come.”

With your help, the UCC will be ready to support those caught in its path, assess the damage left behind and give thanks for those spared the more devastating consequences.

Visit [UCC.org](http://UCC.org) to read the latest updates and to get involved. ♦

## STANDING IN SOLIDARITY

Last week marked the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, an Indigenous-led grassroots effort to raise awareness of the far-reaching impacts of the boarding school era. Faith Action Network facilitates the Interfaith Network with/for Indigenous Communities. We are eager to

share with you two upcoming October events that we are co-sponsoring in collaboration with others to learn more about the Christian Doctrine of Discovery and how it continues to impact Native American nations.



- **October 10, 6:30 pm** in Olympia and online, please join Interfaith Works and FAN to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day in an interactive engagement with author and activist Sarah Augustine. Explore how the Doctrine of Discovery continues to impact Indigenous people today through a case study of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Sarah Augustine is a Pueblo woman who lives with her family in White Swan, WA. She is author of *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. RSVP for the Zoom link at [FANwa.org](http://FANwa.org), or attend in person at The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia.
- **October 13, 6:30 pm** at Seattle Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th St. (in-person only): Mark Charles will lead a conversation on his book *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, Mark teaches the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and Christendom in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. This is a free event, books available for purchase. ♦





## COME JOIN THE SONG



Sari Breznau and I are working hard to bring in-person choral music back to Plymouth! We have two singing options on offer – 9–10 am Sunday mornings in Hildebrand Hall, led by Sari and currently

dubbed the “Sunday Singers.” This group focuses primarily on folk and popular styles of music and largely sings from memory. Another option is the group that will meet on Thursday evenings, 7:30–8:30 pm and/or Sunday mornings FOLLOWING worship, 12:30–1:15 pm, led by Wanda and currently dubbed the “Thursday Singers.” The Thursday Singers focus on the classical choral tradition, so it is helpful if you have some music-reading experience but not required. We can teach you what you need to know!

Two other musical-making options are Plymouth’s Ukulele Club, led by Sari, and the Plymouth Ringers (handbells), led by Wanda. For the full schedule and more information regarding the Sunday Singers or Ukulele club, contact Sari at [SariBrezna@gmail.com](mailto:SariBrezna@gmail.com). For the full rehearsal schedule and more information regarding the Thursday Singers or the Plymouth Ringers, contact Wanda at [WGriffiths@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:WGriffiths@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

—Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Director of Music and Organist ✦

## SONGS OF FREEDOM

### Songs of Freedom: Music from Ukraine

7:30 pm Saturday, October 15 at Plymouth Church UCC  
*Benefit Concert for Ukrainian Refugee Services*

Choral Arts Northwest presents Songs of Freedom featuring music by Ukrainian composers, spanning over 300 years from the Ukrainian Renaissance to folk music of today. Ukrainians have long used song as a means of survival and empowerment, and this program of transcendent and folkloric music connects us with the beauty of Ukrainian land, spirit, and people.

Concert proceeds will benefit Washington State chapter of Rescue.org, an international association which provides broad support for refugee relief in Washington State and beyond. Tickets for 7:30 pm October 15 at Plymouth UCC (1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA) and 3 pm October 16 at St Thomas Church (8398 NE 12th St, Medina, WA) at [ChoralArtsNW.org](http://ChoralArtsNW.org). ✦



Art by LisaBeth Weber

## HEAR THE ESOTERICS AT PLYMOUTH

At Plymouth 4 pm Sunday, October 16, The Esoterics will present a world-premiere commission by Forrest Farhad Pierce: *The Atlas of the Way*, a concert-length a cappella choral work based on the epic Sufi poem, *The Conference of the Birds*, by Farid ud-Din Attar (1145–1221). Pierce’s piece describes the journey of curious birds who are led by their teacher to learn of their origin. Read more and get tickets at [TheEsoterics.org](http://TheEsoterics.org). ✦



4 pm Sunday, Oct. 16, Plymouth Sanctuary

## REGATHER AND RENEW



October 21-23 — Register now!

Register now for All-Church Retreat, October 21–23, Pilgrim Firs Conference Center, Port Orchard.

After so much time apart, we are so happy to gather in October for our first All Church Retreat in many years. The retreat will start Friday evening with dinner and will conclude after worship on

Sunday morning. The retreat is for all ages; rates are as follows:

**Attendees age 13+:** \$150 • **Seniors age 65+:** \$140  
• **Children ages 4–12:** \$125 • **Children ages 0–3:** Free

We do not want cost to be a barrier to attendance, so if you would like to come but need financial assistance, please contact Rev. Jennifer Castle to make arrangements. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Please join us for a meaningful and enriching time together. ✦

## JOIN THURSDAY ONLINE STUDY

Join us for Faith Formation around “Broken Hope, Bold Faith” Thursdays in October from 7 – 8:30 pm on Zoom, beginning October 6. The first week we look at 2 Corinthians 1:8–11, moral distress, grief, and the components of our individual faiths.

In following weeks, we’ll look at hope, liberation, resilience and peace in relation to faith and the challenges we face, individually and as a church. Each week will also include a spiritual practice. Link to register for Zoom link in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✦



Join friends for faith formation evening study.

## CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

In 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in the United States. Various states, counties, and cities in the U.S. have established proclamations and resolutions declaring observance of Filipino American History Month.



Filipinos were the first documented Asian people to arrive in the United States, October 18, 1587 marks the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental U.S., in Morro Bay, California. Filipino Americans today are the second-largest Asian American ethnic group in the nation.

October is also the birth month of Filipino American labor leader Larry Itliong. Itliong partnered with Cesar Chavez to create the United Farm Workers of America labor union.

For the 2022 theme, the Filipino American National History Society (FANHs) has chosen “past, present, future” with an emphasis on celebrating Filipino legacies. 2022 marks:

- 60th anniversary of the first Tagalog course taught at the University of Hawai’i
- 50 years of Filipino American Studies in U.S. colleges
- 40 years of the Filipino American National Historical Society
- 30 years of Filipino American History Month.

Take time to explore the history, arts, and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States. [Fanhs-National.org](http://Fanhs-National.org). ✦

## CREATE CLIMATE HOPE CARDS



Artists of all ages send a message of love.

Kids of all ages can join in the United Church of Christ’s Climate Hope Cards art contest. Participating children will design postcards that highlight hope for, and love of, the earth. Any child can enter, but church youth especially are encouraged to participate. Participating artists can get a template and info at

[UCC.org/ClimateHopeCards](http://UCC.org/ClimateHopeCards).

Beginning October 4, families can submit their children’s earth-loving drawings, doodles and sketches. Then, UCC environmental justice leaders will print the winning art on postcards. An online award ceremony will be held in January. UCC churches everywhere can help send these postcards to elected officials, calling for action now on climate change. ✦

## A LONG JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

The U.S. government just formed a federal office to focus on issues of justice and civil rights. The United Church of Christ was there at its creation — and in the 40-year movement that led to it.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan signed the new office into existence in a Sept. 24 ceremony at the Warren County, N.C., courthouse. It’s the predominantly Black county where a fight against the dumping of toxic chemicals in a landfill in 1982 ignited what is now a global movement for environmental justice.

The new office within the EPA — using support from this year’s bipartisan infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act — will be dedicated to “finally ensuring that communities that have long borne the burden of pollution see, breathe and feel the benefits of the federal government’s investments,” he said.

Read more about this long journey to justice at [UCC.org](http://UCC.org). ✦

## RUINS OF MEMORY: WOMEN’S VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST



Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum Photo Archive

You are invited to experience The Ruins of Memory: Women’s Voices of the Holocaust, by Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre 3 pm October 23, Wallingford United Methodist Church (2115 N. 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98103). Free-will donations at the door.

This theatrical performance piece, adapted and directed by Laura Ferri, features inspiring selections of resistance and resilience from fiction, poetry, and oral histories by survivors and victims of the Holocaust, spotlighting the stories of women from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities. Combining live music, sound and movement with spoken word and song, the production captures emotional snapshots of the time, delineating the mounting tension and fear that swept throughout Europe as Jews were led inexorably to their fates.

For full information on this performance, visit [Alchemysts.org](http://Alchemysts.org).

*Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre is a performance company committed to bringing provocative and entertaining Jewish literature, Jewish writers, and live music to those who have an interest in good storytelling and a desire to explore ideas relevant to humanity.* ✦