

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 12, 2025
Worship in Person or Online

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–10; Psalm 133:1–3;
2 Corinthians 2:14–16; Mark 14:3–9

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Report from Vanport History Trip, Loungee
*Come hear what the group learned about the
destruction of Oregon's second-largest city in 1948.*

New Member-in-Covenant Orientation
after worship next Sunday, October 19.
Please RSVP to Faith Community Nurse
June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawaFung@
PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to take part.

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.

BE THE CHURCH



As we begin a new church
year, you are invited to
volunteer at Plymouth 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:

- Participating in money counting after worship
- Preparing communion (first Sundays)
- Becoming a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Staffing the office on Sunday morning
- Cleaning/decluttering (short-term commitment)
- Food preparation and service on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry

This is a partial list. If you have a talent you would like to
share, please contact Toni and discuss how best to contribute
your gift to our community. We are grateful for all you
bring to the life and ministries of Plymouth UCC. 🌍



Return Service Requested

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, The Bagoyo Family
(Family of Linda Rose Cook),
Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-
in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence),
Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd
Gossett), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), 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, **Raney Newman**, 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)

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.



GODSPEED, KEVIN



Rev. Kevin Bechtold

I began serving at Plymouth
in August of 2018 and have served in various capacities in the
intervening years. It has been, and continues to be, a great
honor to be a part of the ministerial staff here. Many of you
are aware that I grew up at Plymouth. When I finally listened
to God's call to ministry, it was a dream of mine to serve in
ministry at Plymouth. You have allowed me to fulfill that
dream and I am forever grateful to each of you for this chance
to serve the Church in this setting.

Over the past seven years, I have matured and learned a great
deal from each of you and especially from Rev. Dr. Kelle
Brown, June Hayakawa-Fung, and Rev. Jennifer Castle. It
is time for me to spread my wings and put those learnings
to good use in other settings of the Church. While I will
no longer be with each of you in a ministerial capacity,
rest assured I will continue to pray for each of you and for
Plymouth's future because I know how important this faith
community is to the city of Seattle and beyond.

Our work together may be coming to a close, but know that
this place and you, the people, have left an indelible mark on
my heart and soul that I will carry with me wherever I go.

Yours, in God's service,

Rev. Kevin Bechtold 🌍

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. 🌍

WHAT A NIGHT!

*Thank you to all who you poured time talent and energy in welcoming
India Arie to Plymouth Sunday, October 5, to begin her Sacred Space
series. Now is the time to dream!*



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 2. 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 29. 🌍



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

HELP PROVIDE COMFORT



They will know us by our love.

The Community Care Board seeks donations to create Comfort Bags for our neighbors this fall. Items we are looking for: non-perishable snacks, facial tissue, hand sanitizer, lotion, socks, gloves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene products. Please leave your donations in the basket at the Welcome Table in the Lounge. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors.

STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH

Our Duwamish siblings invite you to learn and join in community by participating in events throughout the year. Below are a few upcoming dates to note on your calendar now. Read more about how you can get involved and lend your support at DuwamishTribe.org.

- **Wine & Cheese Pairing**
Enjoy a wine and cheese pairing event at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center. 3-5:30 pm October 10. Net proceeds go to Long Live the Kings, a salmon restoration organization. \$70 for each ticket, available at DuwamishTribe.org.
- **Spooktacular Halloween Celebration**
Fun for the whole family 6-8 pm October 25 with pizza, games and prizes at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way, Seattle 98106). RSVP before October 18 by calling 206-431-1582.



NO KINGS PROTEST OCTOBER 18



No Kings is back in Seattle on Saturday, October 18 to make history again with the largest nationwide protest our country has ever seen. Join the Seattle protest 12 pm, October 18, at Seattle Center (*note venue change from Seattle Central College*).

This is a peaceful day of national action — a mass mobilization of ordinary Americans determined

to stop authoritarianism and corruption and to champion the freedom and dignity of all people. Learn more at NoKings.org

2026 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Each year we have collected calendars for the coming new year to bring to the Monroe Correctional Complex. The inmates really appreciate them. If you receive free promotional calendars in the mail that you won't use, please leave them in the box in Church Lounge on Sundays. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones' cubby hole in the mailroom (#1101). If you are unable to make it to church, email Christine Hanson (hansonchristineann@gmail.com) or call 509-679-7430 to arrange pick up. Thank you in advance for this simple act which brings so much joy to our incarcerated friends.



A simple gesture can mean so much.

EMBRACE JOY

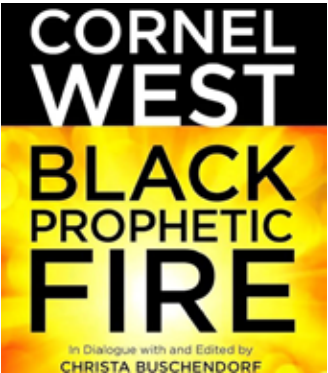
The Pacific Northwest & Central Pacific Conferences of the United Church of Christ join together to offer a spiritual and motivational women's retreat. The retreat theme is "Embrace Joy." Get set to join us November 7-9 for a fantastic event at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.

This open and affirming gathering warmly welcomes all who identify as women. Come and take time just for yourself. This is a retreat created for YOU. Learn more and register now at NRWR.org.



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

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.

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 David C



Share your prayers for peace at UCC.org.

Prayers of support for victims of political violence and their families.

Prayers that we de-escalate and condemn political violence all around, whether victims are political allies, rivals, or neutral.

Prayers for innocent children in schools who lose their lives to vicious shooters.

Let's change our choices and thinking so that we all understand these deaths are lose lose situations.

There are no winners, only losers on all sides.

Haven't we lost enough? Let's pray.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER NAMED



Rev. Demontrice Bigham

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is thrilled to announce Rev. Demontrice Bigham has joined us as our new Community Organizer. Demontrice will be supporting our Faith Land Initiative, Seattle City Budget Organizing, and emerging organizing priorities.

Rev. Bigham (he, him) is the founder of the Alain Locke Initiative, a mentorship program empowering young queer Black men in the Greater Seattle area. A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Royal House of LaBeija, and a nonprofit professional with over 10 years of experience in human services and housing.

Demontrice has worked with organizations such as POCAAN, DESC, and Community Roots Housing. He brings a passion for faith-rooted community organizing, mentorship, and building bridges across diverse communities to advance justice and collective liberation. Welcome, Rev. Bigham!

WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER

Feeling in need of support? Join the Transitions Support Group. We meet monthly on Zoom and support each other in life's ups and downs of care-giving, loss and empty nesting. Contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

STRONGER TOGETHER

Immigrant justice means creating a Washington where everyone—no matter where they come from—can live with dignity, access opportunity, and feel a true sense of belonging. Now more than ever, the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network is doubling down on our commitment to providing unwavering support and resources to immigrant and refugee communities across the state.



Stand in solidarity with migrant siblings.

The urgency of this work is all around us. Harmful policies, systemic inequities, detentions, deportations, and everyday injustices impact individuals, families, and entire communities. But when we come together, we can transform these challenges into opportunities for change. Acting together is how we protect what matters most: our shared humanity, our communities, and our collective future.

Every contribution you make fuels this fight for justice — whether it's keeping families together, protecting immigrant workers, or standing up to discriminatory policies. By giving today, you're strengthening a statewide network of support that works to ensure no one falls through the cracks. Thank you for showing up for Washington immigrants in this critical moment.

Visit Waisn.org to learn more and make a donation.

TRANS LIFELINE



Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. For 10 years, we have been building community-based alternatives to the ways trans people have been policed, pathologized, and targeted by oppressive systems at every turn.

With the current presidential administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

Fear and anxiety are running high. But as one of the largest trans-led direct service provider to trans folks in North America, we are determined to remain steadfast in our politics of care. Community support has always sustained our work. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at TransLifeline.org. Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people.