

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 15, 2023
Worship In the Sanctuary or Online

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

John 21:15-19

“Freed to Follow”

Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk

1200 5th Ave (formerly IBM) garage will be available
for parking this Sunday, October 15.

9 am Plymouth Singers Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Presentation by Dr. Delk, Sanctuary

The Plymouth Library is open before and after worship on Sundays.

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.

Health Notice

With COVID, RSV and flu cases spiking in King County,
singers and performers at Plymouth will be required to
wear masks. Plymouth maintains a “mask optional but
encouraged” policy for all others in the building.

HELP SAVE A LIFE



As a community, we
have the opportunity
to equip ourselves
with the knowledge
and tools needed to
respond to an overdose.
Public Health – Seattle
& King County and

our partners are committed to increasing awareness and
providing trainings to recognize and prevent an overdose.
Public Health hosts a live, remote overdose prevention
training for the community at large every three months.
These hour-long trainings cover updates on drug trends and
how to be prepared to respond to an overdose, including
the types of treatments available, how to start a conversation
around overdose and training in overdose prevention. For
more information, please visit StopOverdose.org or email
Overdose@KingCounty.gov. Keep yourself up to date by
visiting KingCounty.gov/overdose.

The Plymouth Herald is published every week. **Deadline
is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay
current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us
on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)



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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), **Mykesha Davis (Daughter of
Michael Gordon)**, 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 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),
Jose Robles and Family, Rachel Sebastian (Friend of Jeanette
Hagen), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Charon Washington (Sister of
Michael Gordon), Pluma Wright (Friend of Glenda Carper),
Judy Young (Friend of Glenda Carper)

Our hearts are with Nancy Geller and family on the one-year
anniversary of the passing of her brother, Charlie Coulter.

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

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MAKING VISIBLE THE 5TH STRAND



Welcome Rev. Yvonne V. Delk Oct. 15

Plymouth Church UCC
welcomes the Rev. Dr.
Yvonne V. Delk Sunday, October
15. Plymouth and The Pacific
Northwest Conference invites
congregations to learn the often
untold story about our Afro-
Christian roots in the shaping of
the UCC faith tradition. Please
join us for this rare opportunity!

- **Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:30 am:** The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Delk
preaching at Plymouth Church UCC, in-person and online.
- **After Worship at Plymouth:** Presentation by The Rev.
Dr. Yvonne Delk, editor, *Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth
Stream of the United Church of Christ* (Pilgrim Press, 2023), on
the Convention's Franklinton Center at Bricks in nurturing
racial equity and justice. In-person, interactive, hybrid event.
Introduction by Rev. Joanne Braxton, PhD, President of the
Braxton Institute for Sustainability, Resiliency and Joy.
- **Monday, Oct. 16:** Dialogue on *Resisting and Thriving*.
Mother Delk leads a small group conversation about
the significance of the Franklinton Center at Bricks as a
fundamental UCC resource for the Conference. Facilitated
by Dr. Braxton. For Conference leaders, congregants, friends
of the Conference. Maximum 20 participants. To sign up:
JBraxton@BraxtonInstitute.org.

The Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk was the first Black woman ordained
in the UCC, and the second woman to hold a national leadership
role in our denomination. Mother Delk, as she is respectfully
known, contributed to programs focused on ecumenism, racial
justice, anti-poverty, and the full inclusion of marginalized persons
in religious life. She continues to mentor women leaders and
advocates for LGBTQ participation in church leadership.

She chaired the Program to Combat Racism for the World
Council of Churches. As chair of the National Planning
Committee on Children in Poverty, and she presented its findings
to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988. In 2023, she edited
and contributed to *The Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream
of the United Church of Christ* (Pilgrim Press), a groundbreaking
history of a forgotten tradition within the UCC.

Mother Delk's ordination and work for the UCC has provided a
pathway for the inclusion of other women in religious leadership.
And her efforts to combat injustice at local, national, and global
levels encouraged others to work toward building a more
inclusive church. Delk received the UCC's Antoinette Brown
Award in 1979 for “trailblazing leadership.” She was awarded the
YWCA Sojourner Truth Racial Justice Award in 1994. In 2020,
the Virginia Council of Churches gave her a lifetime award in
ecumenism. Preaching in the Afro-Christian tradition, many
consider her to be one of the best preachers in the world.

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
5. 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, November 1.



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

SHOW OUR YOUTH SOME LOVE



Send 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 in reaching out with love and
support is greatly appreciated.

Our graduated seniors are Lucinda Guthrie and Max Maher.

GOD SAYS NOW!



Special evening at Plymouth October 26.

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.

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.

The ordination of women to the priesthood matters to the Church because it makes possible: (1) proper discernment, (2) better formation, and (3) increased effectiveness in mission.

- **Proper Discernment** God’s Holy Spirit animates creation and works through all of us. Excluding a particular group of people from leadership on this or that basis drastically hinders the Church’s ability to discern God’s desires. In other words, when groups of people are excluded from full participation in the Church, so are the ways in which God is communicating through those groups.
- **Better Formation** A Roman Catholic Church that welcomes women as priests will provide much healthier formation for Catholics. Rather than teaching Catholics that women are defective by nature, and therefore deserving of subjugation on the basis of biology, the Church would be a place where all people flourish.
- **Increased Effectiveness in Mission** The Roman Catholic Church is growing fastest in Africa, and it is also growing in India and parts of Asia. If women can be ordained as priests, this means that women can be ordained as bishops. Imagine a Church led by African women, Indian women, Asian women. These leaders will bring critical perspectives and gifts that will make our Church more effective in mission from the local all the way to the highest levels.

Learn more at FatherAnne.com.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Please help Plymouth’s Immigration Ministry Team by filling out a short online survey: bit.ly/imt2023survey. Your responses are important to help us in our mission to seek justice for the most vulnerable among us. Thank you.

2024 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Each year we collect calendars for the coming new year to bring to the Monroe Correctional Complex. In the past we have collected over 1000! The inmates really appreciate them. If you receive free calendars in the mail you won’t use, would you please donate them? Ask your neighbors to see if they might wish to donate theirs.



A small gesture makes a big difference.

There will be a box at church to drop off calendars on Sundays, from now until December. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ cubby hole in the mailroom (#1S). If you are unable to make it to church, we will do our best to collect them from you. Call or email Christine Hanson (509-679-7430) to arrange pick up. Thank you in advance for this simple act which brings so much joy to our incarcerated friends!

JOIN PLYMOUTH UKULELE CLUB



All skill levels are welcome !

What better way to cheer up the colder months than strumming a ukulele with new friends! Ukulele is a fantastic starter instrument, and even if you have no musical experience you’ll find yourself strumming along in no time. Ukulele Club meets online on Mondays at noon, with occasional in person gatherings. Email Sari Breznau for information: SariBreznu@gmail.com. We even have instruments you can borrow to get started.

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. Visit RIPMedicalDebt.org to learn more.



You can make this a year of jubilee!

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

Together we will gain practical tools each individual can apply to move forward and proactive solutions that can have a positive impact in your community. 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.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY CITINGS



Plymouth Library is open every Sunday.

October is a busy month for designated observances. The busiest, in fact. That it has 31 days, probably helps in its appeal! A year ago, our Librarian Alumnus, Suzanne Sanderson, wrote about Filipino American history, for many of us probably the least known of

the ten called out for October. Certainly the least written about which Suzanne mentions in her blog that can still be enjoyed at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org/blog/pinoys.

Suzanne recommends the book, *Uncle Rico’s Encore* by Peter Bacho which we have in the Plymouth Library and is a great choice for the Biography/Autobiography square for those participating in the Plymouth Church Library Book Bingo. (Visit the Plymouth Church Library, open every Sunday morning, to pick up a bingo card or let us know if you would like us to mail you a copy. The library email address is below.)

The Booklist has this to say about *Uncle Rico’s Encore*: “Spanning from the 1950s to now, Bacho’s mosaic, communal Filipino American memoir expresses unexpected humor, lingering regret, deft insight, and profound gratitude.” And there is added enjoyment for Seattleites as Bacho’s memories take place in Seattle. “In a series of punchy, funny essays, Bacho documents the union battles, civic movements and cultural unrest that he watched as a child...Bacho always returns to the Seattle that shaped him, nurtured him and taught him how to fight.” (*The Seattle Times*) —Melony Joyce, *Plymouth Church Library Committee*, Library@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Plan to remain after worship Sunday, October 29, for a special recital with Ibidunni Ojikutu and Dr. Nnenna Ogwo at 12:30 pm (suggested donation \$20). Program features songs from Florence Price, Hale Smith, Margaret Bonds, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Robert L. Morris and African American spirituals.



Ibidunni Ojikutu

Ibidunni Ojikutu began her tenure as Plymouth’s Artist-in-Residence on October 8. Looking forward to her time with us, she 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.” Read more at IbidunniOjikutu.com.

Dr. Nnenna Ogwo is a pianist, composer, educator and arts innovator of Caribbean and African descent. As a concert pianist, she has performed in Europe, the Middle East, South America, the Caribbean, and the United States, equally at ease performing on grand stages as well as more intimate settings and is known for an engaging warmth that makes diverse audiences feel at home. This is an essential aspect of her mission to expand and diversify classical music audiences. Read more at Nnenna.net.



Dr. Nnenna Ogwo

Spread the word — invite friends and family for an afternoon of inspiring music in our Sanctuary.

CLOTHES AND SHOES STILL NEEDED



Bring gently used clothing and shoes.

Plymouth Church, UCC is now a proud sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound. You can help by dropping off clothing and shoes at the church in the grey bin located by the elevator on the 1st floor. Gently used clothing and shoes of any size are appreciated. This is also an opportunity to help the environment by diverting used clothing from landfills.

Read more about their mission and programs at InspireBig.org. Contact Toni Arthur (TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you have any questions.