

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 27, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Matthew 5:38–42

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Congregational Conversation

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.

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.

*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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Make Sure Friends and Family are Registered to Vote!** Find information, forms, etc. at [SOS.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections). Washington State Registration Deadlines — **By Mail:** Form must be received by **October 28**. **Online:** Form must be submitted by 11:59 pm **October 28**. **In Person:** Register at an election center from **October 18–November 5**. Election day is **November 5**. Ballots must be postmarked by November 5, or placed in a drop-box no later than 8 pm on election day.

**Please Remember** to fill out your card to pledge your time, talent, and treasure and to express your desire to covenant with Plymouth.

**Order Free COVID Tests Now** Every US household is eligible to order 4 at-home tests completely free – you won't even pay for shipping. Read more and order tests at [CovidTests.gov](https://CovidTests.gov).

**Study the Bible with Plymouth** Wednesdays at 9 am or Thursdays at 7 pm. The Zoom link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) is the same every week for both Wednesday morning and Thursday evening studies.

**October is Clergy Appreciation Month** Let your hard-working and beloved Plymouth clergy know they are appreciated.



PO Box 21368  
Seattle, Washington 98111

Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), **Diane Folkert** (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), 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), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), William Chapman Nyaho, Denny Palmason (Brother of Jon Palmason), Mari Mitchell & Alex Putnum, Jaime Rubio Sulficio

Our hearts are with Pam Mitchell and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her husband, Don Mitchell.

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



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

There was joy, and there was a challenge. A painful stitch in her back would not go away this particular day. At the end of the tour, she was left standing above the wooden slides left over from the mining days used as an exit.

In misery, Big let others glide gleefully down to the lower level. She waited, celebrating each person as they descended, while also strategizing how to bend down to sit on the slide. Finally, she was the only one left standing. Big gently descended on her side into the arms of “Big Daddy,” my grandfather, who caught her at the landing. Once on her feet, she got a standing ovation! Everyone was delighted no one was left behind, and she was not the worse for wear.

I am recounting this story because as people of faith, we are often in similar conditions. In the ways that we show up in the world, we may find ourselves standing at the top of a proverbial sliding board, in pain and uncomfortable, strategizing how to move forward. There may be ways to land easily; however, when we follow Jesus, he doesn't deal in comfort as the central way to make meaning. Our currency is faith. Discomfort in transition and trusting our path will also be lined with the joy of wholeness found in seeking God's ways and through community.

This Sunday, we will begin our sacred and careful work with Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny to remember our history, while discerning who we are from those who have been among us for ages and those who just arrived. We will look to see if there are patterns in leadership, in our progress and our conflict as a community. In addition, we hope through our time together to promote healing and reconciliation as we begin our future strategic planning and engagement. I hope to see you there!

This will be the beautiful work of the spirit to discern in such a time as this. Our currency is faith! Let us move grace, joy and hope—even with a bit of discomfort—leaving no one behind.

—Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown



The Publication of Plymouth Church Seattle  
1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101  
206.622.4865 [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

Submissions:  
[RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

Volume 63  
Number 8

October 23, 2024

## AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION

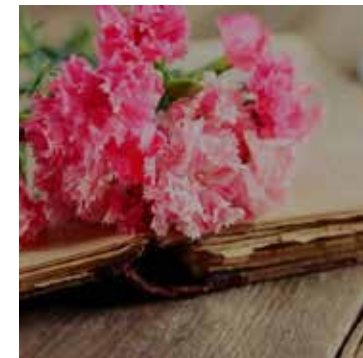
## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Please plan to attend the upcoming congregational events with our consultant, Dr. Mark Smutny, as we begin our future strategic planning and engagement. The following conversations will be in person at Plymouth after worship, unless otherwise noted:

- October 27
- November 3 & 10
- December 14  
(Saturday, 9 am-2 pm)
- January 5, 12, 19 & 26
- February 2

We want to hear from you! Please take time to fill out our latest survey. Paper copies are available at Plymouth, or request one by emailing [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Watch for communication with link to take the survey online. Your insight is vital to this process. Thank you.

## SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE



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

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. Add names using the online form (link in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://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**.

## NEW IN COVENANT

New members will be received during worship Sunday, November 3. All who want to covenant with Plymouth UCC are invited to contact June Hayakawa-Fung. We are grateful for your commitment and welcome you in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.



Take the survey and join the discussions.



VOTE WITH LOVE



Art courtesy of Tracy Simpson

The United Church of Christ’s Our Faith Our Vote Campaign is our ongoing commitment to equip all with the tools for nonpartisan faithful engagement in our democratic process. The campaign is made up of three main components: voter registration, issue education, and voter empowerment.

The 2024 campaign asks the church to answer the call of 1 John 3:18 to “Let us not love with words or speech, but in action and in truth,” by “voting with love.” Vote with love for creation, for our neighbors both here and abroad, for a just peace, for repair and reconciliation of the brokenness of our nation. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

As the 2024 election season enters its final, crucial weeks, please check for updates and keep up with the campaign’s latest news. Recent articles include “*Truth in Voting: Combating Disinformation and Misinformation in the 2024 Elections*,” “*Ending Gun Violence: Our Call to Peace*,” and “*Losing Faith in the Supreme Court*.” Read these and more at the Campaign News page at [UCC.org/Our-Faith-Our-Vote](http://UCC.org/Our-Faith-Our-Vote). Stay up to date and learn how you can “vote with love” this year. 🌍

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS SOCIAL JUSTICE

Faith Action Network urges you to vote NO on Initiative 2117. I-2117 would repeal the 2021 Climate Commitment Act and prohibit all state agencies, counties, and cities from implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading. If passed it would:

- Devastate billions in funding that protects our water, farmlands and forests, air quality, fish, clean transportation and school health improvements.
- Cancel investments to mitigate climate change and pollution on highly impacted, low-income communities.
- Shift the burden of paying for the impacts of pollution from big industries responsible for carbon emissions onto communities, workers, and families.
- Take away a significant tool for slowing life-threatening climate change and ending pollution

Visit [No2117.com](http://No2117.com) to learn more and get involved. 🌍



MEETING THE NEED

Plymouth Housing is excited to announce the opening of the Plymouth Supply Center (PSC). This new storefront in Belltown will provide personal care items, household goods, pet food and other essentials, free of charge, to help Plymouth’s 1,400 formerly homeless residents rebuild their lives.

When someone moves into a Plymouth apartment, having a quality, permanent home is just the beginning. With residents’ annual income averaging under \$9,000, not needing to worry about the cost of essential goods can go a long way in helping someone find stability—allowing them to focus on their healing journey. The center also provides residents with a sense of agency in choosing which products and supplies fit their needs best.

Occupying the street-level commercial space of Sylvia Odom’s Place—one of Plymouth’s 17 permanent supportive housing buildings across the region—the PSC brings back a critical service that we provided to residents for several years before the pandemic. With your support, we hope to stock the PSC with home essentials and basic necessities most requested by our residents. Learn about donating new and used items or volunteering at [PlymouthHousing.org](http://PlymouthHousing.org). 🌍



Help by providing goods or your time.

EXPLORE SELMA & BLOODY SUNDAY

Dive deep into complex history with an immersive educational trip to Selma, Alabama, led by Museum Without Walls, March 6-14, 2025.

The Selma Jubilee honors the anniversary of Bloody Sunday, which occurred on March 7, 1965, when 525 African-American demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, demanding their right to vote. They were violently confronted by more than 50 state troopers, horses, and posemen, 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, helping spur the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Limit 26 persons. Register by Nov. 15. Details and registration link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍



Learn about Bloody Sunday March 6-14, 2025.

SUPPORT DUWAMISH ARTS

The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way in Southwest Seattle, 98106) will host their annual Native Art Market on Friday, November 29, Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1. Come enjoy local Indigenous arts, jewelry, and more. Don’t miss this festive weekend and find great gifts for the whole family, just in time for the holiday season.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us run smoothly. The main help will be with parking, with shifts in two-hour increments. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at [DuwamishTribe.org](http://DuwamishTribe.org). 🌍



YOU ROCK!



Thank you for your faithful support.

Holy trumpets on fire — *Gimme Shelter 2024* was a huge success! Thank you to the almost 200 people who showed up and rocked out with us to the Dusty 45s in support of Downtown Emergency Service Center’s mission to end homelessness. We raised over \$192,000 – coming SO close to reaching our fundraising goal of \$200,000. There’s still time to donate. Visit [DESC.org](http://DESC.org) to help us achieve our goal.

The evening kicked off with our program spotlight, *Mission Possible: Adaptive Approaches to Homelessness*, featuring a panel of homelessness and harm reduction experts. Attendees then made their way to the ballroom to dance to the bold and brassy sounds of the Dusty 45s. Lead singer Billy Joe shared his personal story of how DESC helped his older brother, Matt, find housing and support almost 16 years ago.

At DESC, we choose to serve a community of people facing some of life’s greatest obstacles, like severe mental health challenges, substance use disorders, chronic health issues, and long-term homelessness. Like you, we believe that every person has dignity and deserves housing. And we know that permanent supportive housing is the best way to help people achieve their healthiest, happiest lives. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, attended the event, or donated. We couldn’t do this work without you.

*Note: Plymouth UCC sends quarterly support to Downtown Emergency Service Center from the Steven Williams bequest, authorized by the Community Service & Social Action Board.* 🌍

WELCOME, DR. JOYCE DEL ROSARIO

The Faith Action Network’s Governing Board and Staff are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Joyce del Rosario as the new Executive Director of the Faith Action Network, beginning November 1. Dr. del Rosario brings a wealth of experience to her new role and a relational, collaborative work style to help us move FAN into a new chapter that builds on the successes of the past and broadens our network for the future.



Dr. Joyce del Rosario

Dr. Rosario writes:

“I am deeply honored to have been chosen by the board and staff of FAN to lead us into the next season. I have grown up in Washington and have deep roots in Seattle. I believe that the teachings of our diverse faith traditions and commitments to social justice inform each other and call us all to action. I believe my work in community development, non-profit, and higher education management has prepared me to join the wonderful advocacy work at FAN. I have taught graduate level classes in Social Transformation in Action and Social Change Field Work and I am excited to be back ‘walking the talk’ as they say. More than anything, I am eager to get to know the faith communities and organizations in FAN’s network and learn how we can bring justice and equity to our neighbors and neighborhoods.”

There will be many opportunities to meet Joyce over the coming months, but we especially hope you will plan to attend FAN’s Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 17. 🌍

2025 CALENDARS FOR INMATES



Your kindness makes a world of difference.

We continue to collect 2025 calendars to take to the Monroe Correctional Complex. Please drop them in the box at Plymouth. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ mailroom cubby (#1S). If you won’t be at church, contact Christine Hanson (509-679-7430; [HansonChristineann@gmail.com](mailto:HansonChristineann@gmail.com)). Thank you! 🌍

PICTURE DAY NOVEMBER 3

Plan to attend church in person on November 3 for picture day. Please dress in black (some black shirts will be available to borrow). We need a few volunteers to help: please contact Toni Arthur ([TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) to lend a hand. Your participation is greatly appreciated. 🌍