

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

**Worship In Person or Live Online**

**10:30 am Sunday, November 13, 2022**

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Rite of Farewell for Rev. Jennifer Castle*

John 2:14-22  
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**Bring your Covenant Card!**

11:30 am Fellowship Hour on the Patio

2 pm “Invitation to Voyage” Concert, Sanctuary

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.*



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Return Service Requested

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Watch Now!** The two-part *Challenge 2.0* program, *Emerging from the Prison Behind Bars: Since I Been Down*, featuring Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and Dr. Gilda Sheppard (first broadcast in late September and early October) is now on YouTube, available free. Find links in the Announcements section of “Sunday with Plymouth” on the News Page at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

**Did You Know...** You can view past services on our website, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Under the “Worship” tab, click “Recent Services.” You can also view past services, musical performances and special events on our YouTube channel, Plymouth Church UCC.

**All Aboard!** Horizon House residents can ride the charter bus to Plymouth the first Sunday of every month. The bus will pick you up at Horizon House and bring you to Plymouth in time for the 10:30 am service and return you to Horizon House afterward.




**Please Return Library Books** There is a box at the entrance to the Sanctuary where you can deposit your library materials. If you are not planning to worship in person, please mail your items to Plymouth Church, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle WA 98101.

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Toni and Tiffany Arthur, Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Mark and JT Edwards, Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Jim Halfaker, Darline Logothetis (Friend of Bill and Marilyn Bumpas), Dawn Mason, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Montecino Family, Nancy Parker, Jerome Robinson (Friend of Kathy Rood), Jose Robles and Family, Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

Our hearts are with Mari Mitchell and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her father, Bob Mitchell.

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

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## CENTERING THE SILENCED



What do you believe is the single greatest social and liberative challenge facing us at this time?

Even in progressive faith spaces, we have historically silenced the voices of humans who are not part of the dominant culture. This summit will flip the script and only feature such voices. We will ask each of these

important voices what they believe is the single greatest social and liberative challenge facing us at this time, and, more importantly, what is the church's responsibility in the conversation?

Join me next week, **November 14-18**, for the *Centering the Silenced Summit*. This **free** gathering, hosted by Convergence and the Activist Theology Project, will feature voices that have historically been marginalized. I'm honored to be one of those voices. Link to register for the **free** Summit in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown ✨

## INVITATION TO VOYAGE

Join Seattle native and operatic tenor, Kenneth Gayle, for an artful musical voyage of songs, arias, Spirituals, quotes, and poetry inspired by themes of waves, water, and journeys. 2 pm Sunday, November 13 at Plymouth. Suggested Donation \$20.

This program features 20th and 21st century art songs by living American and African-American composers, and settings of poetry by Langston Hughes and Lucille Clifton. Tenor Kenneth Gayle and collaborative pianist, Joseph Williams, weave a salon-style musical journey through centuries, languages and cultures, exploring timeless artistic inspirations from the past, and new 21st century perspectives.

All funds collected will go to the Washington State Chapter of the *Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*. The Campaign is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. Visit WashingtonPPC.org to learn more and get involved. ✨



Kenneth Gayle at Plymouth Nov. 13

## AWARENESS AND REMEMBRANCE

Each year between November 13-19, people and organizations around the country participate in **Transgender Awareness Week** to help raise the visibility about transgender people and address issues members of the community face. It is a crucial time to lift the voices and experiences of the transgender and nonbinary community and to educate the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence.

The week's activities culminate on November 20, **Transgender Day of Remembrance**, a day in which transgender and nonbinary people and allies come together to honor the lives lost to anti-transgender violence. This is an opportunity to remember those we have lost in horrific circumstances, come together to overcome divisions in our community, heal and grieve with other people affected by this terrible issue and attempt to find a way to educate those who are transphobic.

“Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. I am no stranger to the need to fight for our rights, and the right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people — sometimes in the most brutal ways possible — it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice.” —*Transgender Day of Remembrance founder Gwendolyn Ann Smith* ✨

## LEANING IN

Rather than “pledging,” we are vowing financial commitment as a part of the covenant the congregation made on Homecoming Sunday. You are invited to share your financial gifts as well as your participation and volunteer hours as we work together to empower Plymouth Church and our needed ministry in the world. You will see your gifts at work in our church, community and the world.

You should have received your Covenant Card. Please bring it with you this Sunday, November 13, or mail it as soon as you can. If you have not received your card, contact the church office. We give thanks for your faithful giving. ✨



## CAREGIVER APPRECIATION MONTH



We honor those caring for others every day.

November is National Caregiver Appreciation Month, a tribute to recognize individuals providing caregiving support to a family member or loved one. Caregiving can be a 24-hours a day/7-days a week job. Providing care around the clock can crowd out other important areas of life. And you never know when you will need to rush to the hospital or leave

work at the drop of a hat. What challenges do family caregivers face, and how do they manage them day and night?

- **Morning: Getting off to work.** The average family caregiver is a working mother of school-aged children. Mornings become a tricky balancing act making sure all your loved ones have what they need before getting to work.
- **All Day Long: Managing medications.** Up to 70% of the time, the family caregiver manages medications.
- **During the Workday: Juggling caregiving and work.** Six out of 10 family caregivers work full or part-time in addition to juggling their caregiving responsibilities at home.
- **Evening: Family and meal time.** Nourishing loved ones while also ensuring that you get proper nutrition to maintain strength, energy, stamina, and a positive attitude.
- **Late at Night: Taking time for yourself.** Late at night might be the only time you get a few minutes for yourself.
- **The Middle of the Night: Emergency room visits.** Have you ever had to take your loved one to the emergency room in the middle of the night?

During National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize the challenges family caregivers face day in and day out. Please visit [CareGiving.org](http://CareGiving.org) for information and resources. ✨

## GIVING FOR LIVING

Creation care and environmental justice will once again be the focus of Giving Tuesday, November 29 — a commitment that builds on the United Church of Christ's historic prophetic leadership and continues to address a priority that will be underscored for several years to come. UCC's Environmental Justice Ministries is deeply engaged in answering our first calling as people of faith: caring for God's creation. Our movements include addressing the climate crisis, environmental racism, and a host of issues affecting our planet. Your generous donation to Giving Tuesday will move us further to success. Read more at [UCC.org](http://UCC.org). ✨



## ADVENT AND ABOLITION

The word “abolition” isn't just for history textbooks. It also describes the way some community organizers and activists want to address justice issues across the country. This Advent, United Church of Christ leaders are calling for renewed engagement in contemporary abolition movements. One way to take part is through a virtual Abolition Advent Calendar shared via email.

When we talk about, “abolition” we often mean the movement to end slavery. But abolition movements continue today around the world, working to end racism, reduce harm and violence, and move us all toward freedom.

There's no better time to reflect on abolition than Advent — the season when we prepare and awaken to signs of God's love and justice unfolding in our midst. This Advent, prepare the way by engaging with contemporary abolition movements — dismantling the prison industrial complex, fighting for reproductive justice, learning new ways to address harm and engage conflict, and more.

Visit [UCC.org](http://UCC.org) for the link to subscribe to receive daily reflections on Advent scriptures, as well as quotes, prayers, and ways to continue your exploration. ✨

## 2023 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Visitations have started again for Monroe Correction Complex inmates and we are excited to reconnect with our friends there. The inmates really appreciate a calendar for the coming year. As you receive free calendars, please donate those you can't use. Ask your neighbors to see if they might wish to donate theirs.

Leave calendars in the box in the Plymouth Lounge. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones' cubby hole in the mailroom (#1S). If you can't make it to Plymouth, contact Christine Hanson ([HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com](mailto:HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com), 509-679-7430) to arrange a pick up. Thank you for bringing cheer to our incarcerated friends. —Christine Hanson and Mike Pierson ✨



Sign up for virtual Advent calendar.



Thank you for charing and bringing cheer.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Community and Care Board will again assemble Christmas food boxes of fresh produce and poultry, on Saturday, December 17. Christmas flowers will be delivered Sunday, December 18. Keep reading the *Herald* and website for how to help. ✨

## CALLED TO LEAD

The following is an excerpt from a four-part series published in the *South Seattle Emerald*. Read the full series at [SouthSeattleEmerald.com](http://SouthSeattleEmerald.com) (search “Poor People's Campaign”).

“In 1967, after fighting against Jim Crow segregation and winning many civil rights victories for Black and Brown Americans, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others called for a ‘revolution of values’ in America.

“The Poor People's Campaign marks Dr. King's philosophical shift from civil rights to human rights — demanding a new consciousness amid the threat of war, poverty, racial discrimination, and white supremacy. This inclusive fusion movement would unite all races through their commonality of struggle, to create solutions that would revolutionize American values.

“In June 1968, an assembly of poor impacted communities were to gather in Washington, D.C., for the inaugural Poor People's Campaign March. However, in April 1968, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Poor People's Campaign was continued under the leadership of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

“Fifty years later, in 2018, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival continued Dr. King's legacy. Now, branches in over 30 U.S. states are active participants in this national call for a moral revival — including Washington.”

Read the full article and series at [SouthSeattleEmerald.com](http://SouthSeattleEmerald.com). ✨

## ANNOUNCING MEN'S RETREAT



Conference Men's Retreat February 3-5

We'll meet at Pilgrim Firs February 3-5 for the Conference Men's Retreat. The topic is “Gratitude and Practices to Enhance Gratefulness.” There will be music, singing, a wisdom circle and an optional silent retreat Thursday evening (February 2) to begin the weekend.

We all have our own levels of risk tolerance. Vaccines have reduced but have not eliminated the chance of illness or on-going symptoms. Please don't attend if you are uncomfortable with the risk. Unfortunately, Pilgrim Firs has poor Wi-Fi connectivity so we are not able to offer a remote video option.

Look for details as we get closer to the date. In the meantime, enjoy the upcoming holidays.

—Charlie Torres, Don Jenkins, Hans Dankers, Jim Gaudino, Larry Kiriluk, Paul Withington and Rick Russell ✨



Dr. Brown, Washington Tri-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, outside the U.S. Capitol building..

## FACING THE PAST TO CHANGE THE PRESENT

James Baldwin famously wrote, “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” If we are deeply present to our current political and social context, we cannot help but notice the ways in which our capacity as a country to face the real complexities and injustices of our history is being challenged.



“Till,” MGM Studios film photo

This is not a new challenge; the control of whose history is told and how it is told has always been an exercise of power and privilege. But we are experiencing in new ways organized efforts to maintain a whitewashed story of the past by suppressing and eliminating cultural historical education. We are being encouraged, pressured even, to turn our faces away from the demanding historical truths that live in and around us.

The recently released film “Till” issues a different invitation — the call to face the past and change the present. An intervention in the whitewashing of US history, this movie summons us to engage the story of Emmett Till, both his life and his heinous racist murder, more deeply and courageously. Perhaps more remarkably, it draws our attention to Till's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, and her life-long struggle to address her son's lynching and educate and motivate others to join the movement toward racial justice. In some ways, this movie continues Mamie Till-Mobley's devastatingly powerful decision to hold an open-casket funeral for her son, so that the truth of his murder might be faced, and by being faced, begin the journey toward transformation.

Read more on this film and find links to study material at [UCC.org](http://UCC.org). ✨

## UNDOING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM



The UIR workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to “undo” the racist structures that hinder effective social change. The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and

that it can be “undone” if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated.

Workshops are held online over 3 days, 10 am-4 pm. Cost is \$350 per person. Registration and full schedule of workshop dates at [PINWSeattle.org](http://PINWSeattle.org). ✨