

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, November 17, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 7:11-23

Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny

9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

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**.

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*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.*

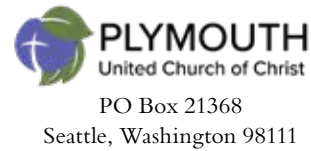
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Festival of Hope — Alternative Holiday Fair Saturday November 23 10 am-4 pm and Sunday November 24 noon-3 pm at Keystone Church (5019 Keystone Pl N, Seattle). You are invited to a unique, not-for-profit holiday fair. Browse and shop, have a tasty lunch (Saturday only) and know that the money you spend goes to support hunger relief and self-help projects, both locally and globally.

Music for Neighbors in Need Join Puget Brass 7-9 pm Saturday, December 7, at Plymouth for a program of brass and organ music supporting Plymouth Immigration Ministry. Admission is free. Contributions of cash, check, non-perishable food items, and toiletries welcome. See PugetBrass.org/Events for more info.

Pathway to Freedom Film screening at Plymouth, 5-7 pm Sunday, December 8, followed by a panel discussion on justice activism. Pizza, salad and refreshments served. Donations accepted to help the mission of Families Shoulder to Shoulder. Kindly RSVP to ciara@familiesshouldertoshoulder.org.

2025 Calendars Sought for Inmates The inmates at Monroe Correctional Facility appreciate current calendars. Drop them in the box at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Christine Hanson: HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com.



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), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (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.



A PRAYER AFTER A TURBULENT ELECTION

Poem by Kaeley McEvoy

Read in worship Sunday, November 10, 2024



*A Prayer after a Turbulent Election,
by Kaeley McEvoy*

Ageless God, we seek the wisdom of Shiphrah and Puah, midwives who defied Pharaoh's orders and instead protected life.

Like the Hebrew women living under empire, teach us how to create systems of mutual aid, community care, and resistance.

Help us center the vulnerable, so that all may experience abundant life, resisting the pain of empire.

We know, O God, that white supremacy, xenophobia, and homophobia must be defeated, no matter who holds dominion.

Give us strength to resist whenever a child of God is dehumanized.

God who is greater than all kings, may we remember the wisdom of our ancestors — their songs, prayers, and guidance.

May we remember your words to Moses when he feared Pharaoh's wrath: "I will be with you."

In times of trial, faith has always found a way.

Along with the midwives, we hold on to the witness of Miriam, who in fleeing Egypt had the forethought to grab her tambourine, knowing that one day joy would be necessary.

God of liberation, we know that one day the captives shall be free. We know that one day your peace shall have the final word.

Until that day, may we hold each other tightly, work for your beloved community to reign supreme, and live together in pursuit of peace for all of God's children.

Amen. 🌍

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

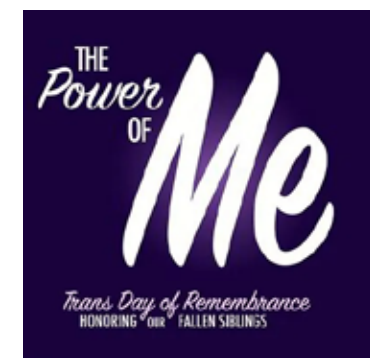
For generations, the transgender population has suffered various forms of abuse (and even death) for challenging the views, notions, and stereotypes around "male" and "female" identity. Every year we set aside November 20 as a Transgender Day of Remembrance. This holiday is meant to honor, commemorate, and memorialize those who face discrimination and stigma (often on a daily basis) across the nation. This holiday is also meant to advocate for transgender people's rights as well as focus on the persistent struggles they face in their everyday lives, and how others can share their love, support, and hope.



Transgender Day of Remembrance encourages us to stop and reflect on the transgender community — specifically the abuse many of them face as they attempt to lead their everyday lives. It's also meant to help spark transgender advocacy, support, and change across the U.S. This day offers the opportunity for others to better understand the stigma, discrimination and barriers that many transgender people face. This understanding can lead to deeper empathy, and can remind us that we are all more alike than we are different. It is an invitation for communities to come together and unify against the powers of hate and fear.

Join the cause of equality for the transgender community: visit TransEquality.org to get involved. 🌍

THE POWER OF ME



Seattle Trans and Nonbinary Choral Ensemble (STANCE) presents special memorial concerts to honor Trans Day of Remembrance this month. The Power of Me will be held twice: 3 pm Saturday, November 16, and then on the actual national day of remembrance, 7:30 pm Wednesday, November 20.

Both concerts at University Congregational Church (4515 16th Ave NE Seattle). Tickets and info at StanceSeattle.org. 🌍

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW



Water accumulating on the Sanctuary roof.

November is a time of gratitude and rainfall in Seattle. With that in mind, let us recognize the work of our amazing Plymouth Custodial Team. On Saturday, October 26, Rogie Eclipse noticed water dripping from the ceiling of the Sanctuary

at the south wall as well as behind the organ. Early Sunday October 27, he found even more leaks and all buckets on the floor filling quickly. Rogie went across the street to the former Hilton building where he assessed from above the rising water level bearing down on the roof of our Sanctuary. With the trap door to the roof blocked since the installation of the organ in 2015, there is no easy way for the Custodial Team to get onto the roof to periodically clear drains.

Thanks to the quick thinking and ingenuity of Rogie, Josué Hernandez Aparicio and Mark Marcial, they succeeded in opening one of the drainpipes using a “bamboo gun” strategy: they cut part of the pipe down at ground level, inserted a garden hose into the pipe, and turned it on full pressure. Despite loss of pressure due to gravity, the hose dislodged the blockage and the water trapped on the roof drained through that single pipe—for well over an hour!

Disasters avoided are often ignored. Given the many ways the Plymouth building is ailing, our Custodial Team are working everyday miracles. Please share your appreciation to Gener Rillo, Rogie Eclipse, Josué Hernandez Aparicio, Cameron Florey and Mark Marcial. —Kate Forrester 🌍

BORN TO BE WILD



Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs Jan. 31-Feb. 2

Registration is now open for the 2025 Conference Men's Retreat. We'll meet at Pilgrim Firs the weekend of January 31 – February 2, 2025. (optional one-day silent retreat begins Thursday evening, January 30). Reverend Bill Comfort will lead this year's “wild” retreat. Link to register in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Bill will guide us in an interactive exploration of how wildness influences who we are, or can be, as men. Through large and small group discussions we will figure out together what being wild means for our lives. All believers, seekers and doubters who identify as male are welcome. 🌍

PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Please join the work party at Plymouth 11 am–1 pm Tuesday, November 26, to decorate the church building in preparation for Advent (beginning Sunday, December 1). We'll hang greens in the Sanctuary and around the building as a symbol of our anticipation of the eternal coming to dwell among us. Enjoy time with friends in service.

Questions? Contact June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌍



Join friends to prepare for the season.

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION



Next session is Sunday, November 24.

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation, sometimes also referred to as a sound bath. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices to amplify intentions. Be prepared to receive a profoundly transformational and healing experience. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes.

Next session is Sunday, November 24, 11:45 am in Hildebrand Hall. (Note: start time is subject to change, determined by the length of Sunday service.) Suggested Donation \$20. 🌍

988: HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is a time of year where many are vulnerable to additional stress, anxieties, feeling overwhelmed, loneliness and feelings of sadness. We may turn to coping mechanisms that are harmful to us and others. Some are triggered this time of year as they navigate personal histories of trauma and unresolved grief.

This time of year can be especially challenging for those impacted by mental illness. Sometimes, because of the stigma and shame associated with mental health challenges, people are hesitant to share when they are struggling or having a hard time. It is important to be present with loved ones, to listen attentively and let them know you care.

If you or someone you know is struggling, dial **988** to connect with trained mental health professionals. The Lifeline is available for everyone. Get help for yourself, or be the vital difference for a loved one. 🌍



You are not alone: reach out for help.

DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Community and Care Board continues a long tradition of delivering cheerful Christmas flowers to Plymouth folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. We will make deliveries to Horizon House and other senior living facilities, and to some individuals. If you can deliver flowers, please email June Hayakawa-Fung.



Share the joy.

You can support this ministry by making a donation in the name of loved ones. Names of donors and those honored will be listed in the *Herald*. Please email names of those to be honored to Robert Turner, RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or include a note with your check to the church. You can also donate on our “Giving” page or use the online form in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you for continuing this Plymouth tradition of care. 🌍

HOUSING NEEDED



Housing sought for Afghan siblings.

The Plymouth Welcome Circle is excited to announce that the Afghan family we have been supporting has been selected for a voucher through the Seattle Housing Authority to help pay their rent. The family is asking for your help to find a 4 bedroom, 2 bath house for their family of 8 within the Seattle city limits.

The landlord needs to accept the housing voucher, formerly known as Section 8. The children need good schools near the house for high school, middle school and elementary school. They would love a yard where they can play safely, and they would be happy to care for a garden.

Contact Janet Gwilym (j.gwilym@hotmail.com) or Carol Mooney if you have any leads to offer or any questions. 🌍

STEP UP TO SERVE

Would you like to become more actively involved in the work of Plymouth Church? The nominating committee would like to hear from you. We will be nominating members for 2025 Church Council, Community Service and Social Action Board, Community and Care Board, and the Fiscal Committee. These are the people who form the lay leadership of the church and provide service to the church community and the community beyond.

Introduce yourself to Michael Gordon, Judy Bentley, Carol Mooney, or Jamie Shilling if you would like to know more about these positions. 🌍

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness, awareness of issues among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.



November 20 is World Children's Day.

Parents, teachers, healthcare providers, government leaders, civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations. World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. This World Children's Day, it's more important than ever that the world listens to their ideas and demands as they stand up for a more equal, inclusive world. Take action at Unicef.org. 🌍

REGISTER NOW FOR SELMA TRIP

Register with deposit by **November 15** for an immersive educational trip to Selma, AL, led by Museum Without Walls, March 6–14, 2025.

On March 7, 1965, 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 possemen, 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. Details and registration link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. 🌍



Learn about Bloody Sunday March 6-14, 2025.