

 PLYMOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



10:30 AM  SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“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.*

Plymouth UCC Purpose

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



Thank you for worshipping online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



The church office will be closed during concerns about the coronavirus.

The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.

Check PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for updates.

All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.
The quiet of this place is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.
Thank you for entering this place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

WELCOMERev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Happy birthday to you;
Anniversary, too!

We are so excited to share them with you.
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday to you!

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 1 (Well-Tempered Clavier) J.S. Bach
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donene Blair
(inspired by Acts 2: 14a, 36-24; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35)

One: Travelers on the Way, what shall we do?

**Many: We shall praise God who hears our prayers,
who draws near to us, and brings new life out
of death.**

One: Dear Ones, how shall we live?

**Many: With the confidence of God's beloved children,
with security and joy of God's saving grace.**

One: Friends old and new, what is the promise?

Many: New life, confidence, assurance, the Spirit as gift!

One: Beloved Siblings, how shall we praise?

**All: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks,
and praise! We will praise God as long as we live!**

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

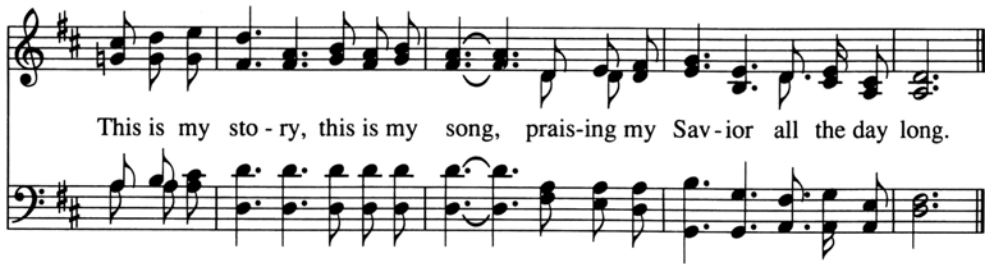
1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

SHARING PEACE The peace of Christ be with you

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED

Rev. Michael Denton,
Conference Minister, Pacific NW Conf. UCC

Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Kenneth Boganey and family (Cousin of Karen Clark), Anna Colwell, Steve Davis, Pam Dorrance, Ellie Edelweiss, Blake & Jo Ann English (Relatives of Lucian Guthrie), Phil Fredrickson, Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Lucian Guthrie, the Guthrie Family, Don Gwilym, Michael Kaid, Libonati Family, Maclay Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), The family of Greg Mimnaugh, Uncle of Mike Pierson), Jo Mitchell, Georgia Nelson, Taylor Patt, Joshua and Ezra (family of Glenda Carper), Dick, Jean and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul Russell), Dorothy Price (“Big”), Jose Robles, Mary Ryan, Rod Shutt, Toni Stanley (Mother of Michael Stanley), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Jim Tsuchiya (Brother-in-law of Bill Castello)
Our hearts are with the family and friends of Carol Reed who passed away April 15.

A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord’s Prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

- Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.**
- May your loving presence be a reality here on earth.**
- May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.**
- Let us share our bread with those who hunger.**
- Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.**
- Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.**
- For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

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INVITATION TO SHARE June Hayakawa-Fung

Giving is a beautiful and important act of worship. It is an opportunity to love God and one another deeply from every part of us, and calls us to transformation as still, we rise together.

In our giving today, let us give, not out of obligation, but from a heart of abundance. Abundance is not a state of plenty, but spiritual posture. It is a recognition that our resources are tied to a loving God of providence in whom we can trust.

Let our gifts be seeds of the living and enduring God, that will sprout in abundance of justice and hope that is necessary for life, here and around the world.

Ways to Give You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

OFFERING MUSIC

I Am a Pilgrim Traditional
performed by Plymouth Ukulele Club

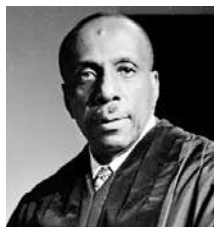
PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

Jesus, we pray your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them.

May we see beyond our current moment to empower all whom you call to trust in God. In faith and hope we pray, Amen.

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Jennifer Castle

I abandon all that I think I am, all that I hope to be, all that I believe I possess. I let go of the past, I withdraw my grasping hand from the future, and in the great silence of this moment, I alertly rest my soul. —*Howard Thurman, from Deep is the Hunger*



Howard Thurman was an author, philosopher, theologian and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE Luke 24:13-24, 28-31

(The Message translation) *The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was. He asked "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?" He said, "What has happened?" They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And he had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

SPECIAL MUSIC Cornelius Johnson

MESSAGE *An Inflection Point* Rev. Kevin Bechtold

HYMN *In the Bulb There is a Flower* PROMISE

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONRev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 1: RondoW.A. Mozart

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano



CELEBRATE GOD'S FIRST GIFT:
WATCH "THE HUMAN ELEMENT" AND JOIN DISCUSSION



We've Celebrated Christ's Resurrection; Now Let's Celebrate God's First Gift to Humanity — the creation of Mother Earth. Since April 22, 2020, is the 50th year after the first Earth Day, a “cluster-seed” group of about 6 of us at Plymouth are inviting each of you to celebrate via online events. When you search for “Earth Day Live events,” you will see lots of online events from April 22 through 24. Choose whatever interests you to view.

We want to encourage you all to watch a video produced for Interfaith Power and Light which is a partner with our local Earth Ministry. It is an up-to-date look at what has happened in our own country as a result of global warming. Yes, it is vivid and emotional; but it is educational and inspiring too. What can we learn from it that could inform our future decisions and actions at Plymouth? IFPL wants each person to sign on so they will know how many have watched. And we will schedule a time on Thursday, April 30, for an online Zoom gathering to discuss what we have seen in the video. Details will be sent by next Tuesday for that.

The movie/documentary is called *The Human Element*. After water, air, and fire, humans have become the 4th element that shapes life on Earth. Go to InterfaithPowerandLight.org and scroll to “view the film.” It takes 1 hr. 18 min. **FILM IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO VIEW THROUGH TODAY, APRIL 26.** After viewing, email Tad Anderson (tadand99@gmail.com) or me (glendaycarper@gmail.com) to join the discussion next Thursday evening. Good viewing everybody!

—Glenda Carper for the group: Adele Reynolds, Tad Anderson, Bruce Shilling, Anita Gras Bryant, Tom Kress, Dave Koeger

GIVEBIG FOR PLYMOUTH HEALING COMMUNITIES



The annual GiveBIG campaign is underway. In this year of a pandemic that has affected so many lives, Plymouth Healing Communities is looking to GiveBIG to help it meet some of the new and unprecedented challenges that PHC residents and staff find themselves facing.

Our overall goal is to raise \$10,000 through this campaign, and we have a \$5,000 match lined up. *Thank you, Nameless Donor #1!* Matching donations can be made any time before May 6. Search for Plymouth Healing Communities when they get to the main GiveBIG page: GiveBigWa.org/Nonprofits

We know needs are great in these times, and that people's capacity to give is not unlimited. We are appreciative for all contributions, of whatever size, and also for the many other ways that people have supported and continue to support PHC. View the PHC companionship video created last year at [Youtu.be/eSGdamYWHSc](https://youtu.be/eSGdamYWHSc)

STAY CONNECTED: GET TOGETHER ONLINE

In this time of physical distancing, Plymouth Church invites you to connect with others for various activities with us each day. Direct links to all these online gatherings are on the homepage, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on "Stay Connected."

Sundays, 10:30 am *Worship ONLINE*

Sundays, 11:30 am *Coffee Hour ONLINE* — Bring Your Own Coffee! (BYOC!)

Mondays, 6 pm *Dinnertime Check-in from Your Home!* Enjoy conversation with Plymouth friends and learn more about the latest technologies we're working with to stay connected.

Tuesdays, 7 pm *Story Time* — Enjoy a story for ALL AGES and share together!

Wednesdays, 9 am *Bible Study* — Sharing God's Word with God's People

Thursdays, 12 pm *Prayer @ Noon* — Light a candle and pray together with our community in faith!

Fridays & Saturdays *Sabbath* and family/family of choice time. Together, let's value rest and renewal. In addition, you may connect on your own through phone or social media, exercise, or sing. Be a source of encouragement and connection.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship 2020: And Still, We Rise! Thank you for all who have already gone online to share your pledge/estimate of giving for 2020! We are happy to help you complete the process using the online green “GIVE” box on the Plymouth Church website home page, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, or using the 2020 Online Stewardship Card link, also on the home page, for the office administrative staff to assist in entering the information on your behalf. Thank you to those who are mailing in your pledge card sent to your home. If you have not yet done so, we will be extending the response time through the end of April to better assist you. The members of the Finance/Stewardship Committee and Church Council members will begin reaching out to those who have not responded in May to know how we can support you in this decision and time of ministry faithfulness. If the technology is a problem, please email SDavis@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org so we may assist you.

Immigration and Asylum Learning Opportunities The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project is offering 2 free webinars this month and next. Although they advertise these as classes for beginners, I always learn new things as the policies and laws change so quickly. Find descriptions, link and register at Nwirp.org. —*Carol Mooney*

Would You Like a Phone Buddy? In this time of physical distancing, quarantines, and isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we may find ourselves facing loneliness. The Community and Care Board has been working diligently to reach out to Plymouth Church congregants to conduct brief check-ins. We want to know how you are doing and whether it would be helpful for you to have a phone buddy. Once paired up, your phone buddy and you can check in on each other and keep each other company as we are apart through this time of the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order. This is an opportunity to build fellowship and friendship with members of Plymouth Church that will last beyond our current situation. If you have not been contacted and would like to be paired with a phone buddy, please contact Toni Arthur at TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or call 206.622.4865.

COVID-19 Community Resources The City of Seattle Mayor’s Office has set up a frequently updated page listing comprehensive resources available at this time: Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19. This page contains information and web links for City of Seattle, King County, Washington State, federal, and community programs and services that help residents significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these programs and services are available to everyone regardless of where you live. All Seattle residents regardless of immigration status are eligible for City of Seattle programs and services unless noted otherwise. The page is continuously updated as more resources develop.

Ukulele Club continues to meet online at 2:30 on Tuesdays! Join in on Zoom at meeting ID 909-859-698

We are a people of

EXTRAVAGANT

WELCOME

Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,
of varied social and economic conditions
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.