

 PLYMOUTH CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



10:30 AM  SUNDAY, MAY 3, 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

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

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team via e-mails below, or call the pastoral voice mail (206.622.4865 \*833), checked daily.

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020  
FOURTH 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.*

**WELCOME** . . . . .Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship.

Before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread and juice of some sort. Let it be something you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice.

Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. You are invited to light a candle or place a flower or plant or something meaningful into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. Thank you for your preparation.

**PRELUDE**

*As the Deer and Fairest Lord Jesus* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

**INVOCATION** . . . . . Rev. Steven Davis

Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names;  
you care for us.  
When we face confusion and death,  
walk beside us.  
When we hunger for your love,  
fill us with your presence.  
When we are fearful and weighted with worry,  
feed us at your table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives as we become the church rising, Amen.

HYMN . . . . . *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.* . . . . . BEECHER



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.



**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Kevin Rev. Bechtold, Rev. Donene Blair,  
Rev. Davis, Dr. Brown

*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*

**INVITATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**CONSECRATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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, Natalie and Stephen Simmons, Toni Stanley (Mother of Michael Stanley), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Jim Tsuchiya (Brother-in-law of Bill Castello)*



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**

**Holy One, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** . . . . . Sari Breznau

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Rev. Bechtold  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life as we rise through and beyond life's challenges and welcome hope. Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. May we create open tables of radical love and inclusivity. May we place seats for those sure there will be no invitation. May we feed the hungry until they want no more. Amen.**

SHARING PEACE . . . . . Sue Maul  
**The peace of Christ be with you.**

INVITATION TO SHARE . . . . . Ms. Maul  
Good Shepherd of the Sheep, you have opened the door to new life for us through your dedication and your sacrifice. May we reflect your love for us by opening the doors of our hearts to you and your church in the act of giving our tithes and offerings.

**Ways to Give** You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

OFFERING MUSIC  
*Time after Time* . . . . . Cyndi Lauper and Rob Hyman  
performed by Tim Keller and Miranda Antoinette

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (**unison**) . . . . . Ms. Maul  
**Thank you, Risen Christ, for moving the hearts of the people to give of themselves. May our offerings of service and financial support give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.**

CONTEMPORARY VOICE . . . . .read by Patricia Valentine

*Blessing of the Gate*, by Jan Richardson, from *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*

Press your hand  
to this blessing,  
here along  
the side  
where you can feel  
its seam.

Follow the seam  
and you will find  
the hinges  
on which  
this blessing turns.

Feel how  
your fingers  
catch on them—  
top,  
bottom,  
the slightest pressure  
sending the gate  
gliding open  
in a glad welcome.

Wait, did I say  
press your hand  
to this blessing?

What I meant was  
press your hand  
to your heart.

Rest it over that  
place in your chest  
that has grown  
closed and tight,  
where the rust,  
with its talent  
for making decay  
look artful,  
has bitten into  
what you once  
held dear.

Breathe deep.  
Press on the knot  
and feel how it  
begins to give way,  
turning upon  
the hinge  
of your heart.

Notice how it  
opens wide  
and wider still  
as you exhale,  
spilling you out  
into a realm  
where you never dreamed  
to go  
but cannot now imagine  
living this life  
without.



*Jan Richardson is  
an artist, writer,  
and ordained  
minister in the  
United Methodist  
Church.*

**READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE . . . . . Acts 2:42-47**

(NRSV translation) *Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

**SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . . *No One Is Alone* . . . . . Stephen Sondheim  
Elizabeth Nestlerode, Soloist**

**MESSAGE . . . . . *The Church Rising* . . . . . Dr. Brown**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION . . . . . Dr. Brown**

**POSTLUDE . . . . . *Joy Song* . . . . . Mark Hayes  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano**

**CLOSING STATEMENT . . . . . Dr. Brown**





# 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](http://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.

For those who haven't seen, or would like to re-view the PHC companionship video created last year, see it at [Youtu.be/eSGdamYWHSc](https://youtu.be/eSGdamYWHSc) It is a testament to the power of companionship.  
—*Plymouth Healing Communities*

## 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](http://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** *Media Monday* 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.



## 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.

You can also learn more about the services listed on this page over the phone by calling the City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm at 206.684.2489 or 206.684.CITY. If you are a King County resident and have symptoms of COVID-19 or questions, you can call 206.477.3977. This helpline is open from 8 am - 7 pm every day. The operators are able to connect with a third-party interpreter. Please look out for each other and check in with your neighbors during this challenging time. We are in this together, and we will get through this together!



**City of Seattle**

### 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](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or call 206.622.4865.

## 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](http://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](mailto:SDavis@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) so we may assist you.

**Bob and Marcia Almquist: A Legacy of Compassion** Plymouth Housing Group recently opened Bob and Marcia Almquist Place, a new start for over 100 people who’ve experienced homelessness, as well as permanent, supportive housing for decades to come. Bob and Marcia have been a part of Plymouth Housing Group since the very beginning. They were among the volunteers who founded the organization in 1980, and continued to play integral roles for decades. In the 1990s, Marcia served on Plymouth’s board. Bob, who passed away last year, was a Plymouth staff member for 15 years. He worked in the Social Services department, first as a housing case manager, then as a supervisor to housing case managers. Please visit the Newsroom at [PlymouthHousing.org](http://PlymouthHousing.org) for a detailed recounting of the early years of Plymouth Housing Group and a touching tribute to the Almquists.

**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](http://Nwirp.org). —*Carol Mooney*

**Share Your Plymouth Stories** I have been researching articles for the Plymouth Library blog and the “Plymouth Church Library” Facebook page that highlight moments in Plymouth’s 150 year history. This week, read about what Plymouth Church was doing to clean up Seattle and get rid of demon rum: [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org/library/blog.html](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org/library/blog.html). A new article is posted every Monday. I could use your help. I invite you to send me special memories you have from your time as a member of Plymouth Church. Please email them to [PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com). I would also like to write an article on Plymouth authors. Let me know about any writings you have published. Looking forward to hearing from you! —*Suzanne Sanderson, Plymouth Librarian*

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

# PRAYS WELL WITH OTHERS



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.