

 PLYMOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



10:30 AM  SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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.

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 10, 2020
FIFTH 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

PRELUDE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds Setting by Anna Laura Page
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

INVOCATION Kael Sherrard

We gather together to worship
our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother,
knows us intimately,
loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.
We honor nurturing parents of every kind,
Those who birth,
Those who mourn,
Those who embrace with ease and gladness,
And those who struggle to live into a parent's call.
For all who mother, we give you thanks, O God,
Acknowledging that as the world turns
the definition of mother widens to welcome loving parents of all identity.
In the joy and complication of this day, we praise you, Holy God,
the Source and Sustainer of life!

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,
 For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,
Refrain
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED Jennifer Castle

Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Kenneth Boganey and family (Cousin of Karen Clark), Helen and Ernie Boyer (Parents of Becky Colwell), 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)

*Our hearts are with Lois Duncan and the Rolfe family on the one-year anniversary of George's passing.
We are with George Corley and family on the one-year anniversary of Peggy Corley's passing.*

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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SHARING PEACE Ms. Castle

The peace of Christ be with you.

INVITATION TO SHARE Al Bentley

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 DANCE. Diane Jacobsen and Gener Rillo, Cloggers
Railroad and Gamblin' by Uncle Dave Macon
performed by Slim Pickins

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Mr. Bentley

**God, bless these tithes and offerings, that they may
heal and make whole the lives of all your children.
And bless those who give and those who long to give,
that we may become living stones of mercy, grace
and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC. *Teach Your Children* Graham Nash
performed by Charlie Torres and Atticus Torres

CONTEMPORARY VOICE

Starlings in Winter by Mary Oliver
read by Anne Kiemle

Chunky and noisy,
but with stars in their black feathers,
they spring from the telephone wire
and instantly
they are acrobats
in the freezing wind.
And now, in the theater of air,
they swing over buildings,
dipping and rising;
they float like one stippled star
that opens,
becomes for a moment fragmented,
then closes again;
and you watch
and you try
but you simply can't imagine
how they do it
with no articulated instruction, no pause,
only the silent confirmation
that they are this notable thing,
this wheel of many parts, that can rise and spin
over and over again,
full of gorgeous life.
Ah, world, what lessons you prepare for us,
even in the leafless winter,
even in the ashy city.
I am thinking now
of grief, and of getting past it;
I feel my boots
trying to leave the ground,
I feel my heart
pumping hard. I want
to think again of dangerous and noble things.
I want to be light and frolicsome.
I want to be improbable beautiful and afraid of nothing,
as though I had wings.



Mary Jane Oliver was an American poet who won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. The New York Times described her as "far and away, this country's best-selling poet."

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN John 14:1-6a
read by Dr. Brown

(NRSV translation) *On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life...”

SPECIAL MUSIC. *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*
recorded by Miriam Gnagy with drawings by her daughter Lilli

MESSAGE *Building Me A Home* Dr. Brown

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit African-American Spiritual
Setting by Mark Patterson

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Stewardship Commitments of pledges and estimates of giving continue to come in by mail to the church office, as well as online. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our ever-changing ministry in these days of great transformation being Church in pandemic life! Your continued support is making a difference in our outreach, in sharing support and encouragement, and in being a stand for justice and advocacy. As of this week, we have received 105 giving units for a total of \$388,567 toward our budget income of \$550,000 in pledged revenue for 2020. If you have not yet done so, please mail in your pledge card, or fill out the online pledge card information and we will contact you to set up automatic payments and/or verify your intentions for 2020. We are happy to assist you as you help bring life and hope to so many longing for and in need of community.

Help Welcome New Residents Plymouth Housing is working to help residents of the newly opened 105-unit Bob and Marcia Almquist Place successfully transition into their home, through welcome baskets that include essential items like blankets, pots, pans, and toiletries. In order to assemble the welcome baskets safely, Plymouth Housing has created an Amazon wish list where donors can go online and purchase the items, which then get shipped directly to their offices. Please visit news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for direct link to the wish list. Thank you for your faithful support.

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

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.