

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, June 28, 2020

Lectionary text for Sunday, June 28: Matthew 10:40-42

Pride Sunday

Nikkita Oliver, preaching

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

Gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering through end of June will be divided evenly between Strengthen the Church and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.

Virtual Worship Only!

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The church building will be closed for all activities until further notice.

Check PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for updates.

All pastoral care will be via telephone or e-mail.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral voice mail, 206.622.4865 *833, checked daily.

Staff e-mail addresses are listed under the "About" tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on "Ministers and Staff."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday We Welcome Nikkita Oliver delivering the message. Nikkita Oliver is a Seattle-based creative, community organizer, abolitionist, educator, and attorney. Working at the intersections of arts, law, education, and community organizing she strives to create experiences which draw us closer to our humanity and invites us to imagine what we hope to see in the future.

COVID-19 Community Resources Go to Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19 for information and links for programs and services that help residents impacted by COVID-19.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ernie Boyer, Anna Colwell, Steve Davis, Pam Dorrance, Ellie Edelweiss, Mark Edwards, Phil Fredrickson, Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Don Gwilym, Michael Kaid, Libonati Family, Maclay Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Jo Mitchell, Georgia Nelson, Dick, Jean and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul Russell), Jose Robles, Mary Ryan, Rod Shutt, Jim Stultz (brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Jim Tsuchiya (Brother-in-law of Bill Castello)



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RAISING ANTI-RACIST WHITE CHILDREN



Jennifer Palmason Kaiton reflects on recent webinar.

I have been continuing in my anti-racist work by taking a three-part webinar series called "Raising Anti-Racist White Children" put on by the Center for the Study of White American Culture. Here are some

take-aways from the first webinar. —Jennifer Palmason Kaiton, Faith Formation Coordinator

It should not come as a surprise that the majority of white parents do not talk to their children about race, while many parents of color talk to their kids about race at an early age. I believe this happens because many adults don't have the tools themselves to talk about it. We talk to our kids about gender, about physical disabilities, eye color, hair color, and therefore why not skin color? Whether we talk to them or not, children are collecting information from the world around them every day. According to Erin N. Winkler Ph.D. at The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; "They are picking up on the ways in which whiteness is normalized and privileged in U.S. society. That means consciously or unconsciously, middle-class white culture is presented as a norm or a standard in the U.S. in terms of appearance, beauty, language, cultural practices, food and so on. This message is so prevalent, it's like a smog in the air and we are all breathing it. The "smog" comes in forms of children's books, movies, TV, and songs which all contain that subtle message that whiteness is preferred. Studies show built in bias happens as early as two and a half." So it is never too early to talk about race, and put in front of them books, songs, movies, & TV that put people of color at the center.

The fundamental principles:

1. **Talking is essential** — the myth is that children are not ready to talk about race when in fact they are and they are drawing their own conclusions whether we talk to them or not. Our silence will not help them. As white people, racism IS our fight and our struggle. We must name our whiteness and not lie to children. When they ask questions, we must have clear anti-racist answers for them. By not

talking to kids about race, we are compromising their humanity and setting them up to be vulnerable to the thick white supremacy and white culture that harms our society.

2. **Modeling anti-racism as a basic method of teaching anti-racism** — Non-verbal communication about racism is also how we communicate to our children, so be aware of what we are saying with our bodies/physicality. Those messages are strong despite what we may think or no matter how much we talk to our kids about race and racism.
3. **Reject colorblindness & promote color-consciousness** — many white people were taught colorblindness (we are all equal), and it's harmful to our society. We must point out that not all are equal under the current laws, and that people are treated differently because of the color of their skin.
4. **Recognize and counter internalized racial superiority** — We cannot be perfect, but we can examine how we learned what we learned about white culture and supremacy and work to undo it.
5. **Developing a support network is essential** — We can't do this work alone. We must build friendships and communities where the work of anti-racist education lives.
6. **Activism is a great teacher** — Jump in and get to work, we will learn so much along the way. ✨

PLYMOUTH IS PROUD!

Seattle's LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is going virtual with three days (June 26-28) of solidarity featuring speakers, performances and activities. Register at TogetherForPride.org.

- Friday, June 26, 5 pm to 10 pm
- Saturday, June 27, noon – midnight
- Sunday, June 28, noon – 6 pm

The organizers wish to acknowledge and stand in solidarity with other regional LGBTQIA+ organizations to condemn the senseless murder of George Floyd, standing together against racism in all forms. The LGBTQIA+ community knows firsthand the feeling of marginalization, and the importance of compassion and standing together — especially in this time of need. As with other impactful movements, the LGBTQIA+ movement also began with a protest. Much of the Virtual Pride programming will be centered on matters of activism and centering black, brown and indigenous community voices. ✨



PLYMOUTH CELEBRATES

REJOICE, GIVE THANKS & ADVOCATE



We celebrate with the more than 800,000 “Dreamers” (DACA recipients brought to the US as children) as the US Supreme Court ruled that the Trump Administration cannot end the DACA program based on its current case. These excerpts from a UCC letter shared with us by Rev. Noel Andersen highlight the joy and the work ahead:

“We do not decide whether DACA or its rescission are sound policies,” Roberts wrote in the majority opinion, in which he was joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor. “The wisdom’ of those decisions ‘is none of our concern.’ We address only whether the agency complied with the procedural requirement that it provide a reasoned explanation for its action.”

“The movement of immigrant youth that led to this decision is simply remarkable,” said UCC Domestic Policy Advocate Katie Adams. “I’m grateful the Supreme Court has upheld what simply should not have been in question. Simply, our DACA siblings belong here and are rightfully here. Now we return renewed and with increased vigor to pass legislation that provides a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth and Temporary Protected Status holders.”

“The contributions and gifts of DACA recipients have never been more clear than during the COVID-19 crisis, with over 200,000 of them essential workers on the frontlines,” said Adams who also chairs the Interfaith Immigration Collaborative. “As people of faith we understand that dignity, value and worth are inherent to every person. It is far past time for the U.S. Congress to now step in and do what’s right for the country — which is to enact permanent protections and a path to citizenship.”

It’s important to remember that this is temporary good news. The Administration has other avenues to end DACA and will continue other actions that hurt immigrants and refugees. Please join our Immigration Ministry team in continuing advocacy at the local and national level for justice. —Plymouth Immigration Ministry

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG

This week’s entry is about Pride and Plymouth Church.

Plymouth has participated in Seattle’s annual Pride Parade since the late 1980s. By 1990, there was already “a vigorous open and affirming action group,” and on May 16, 1993, the congregation voted to officially become Open and Affirming.

Read the blog at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on the Library box on the homepage and then the link to the blog. A new article is posted every Monday.

FACE MASKS NEEDED NOW

One hundred fifty unaccompanied children in our area have no face masks — something we should all be concerned about! The Immigration Ministry team requests your immediate help

in providing washable cloth face masks for these kids who are represented by K.I.N.D. (Kids in Need of Defense). Janet Gwilym, Plymouth member and managing attorney at KIND’s Seattle office, said the city has been unable to supply the masks.

Ideally, each kid would have 2 masks, allowing for one to be washed and dried while the other is being worn, but even one mask per kid would allow them to meet health guidelines in public places. The masks can be any style that meets the CDC guidelines. Since most of the kids are teenagers, the adult size face mask is best.

Do you sew or do you know someone who might be willing to sew? If not, would you consider buying one or more washable masks and donating them? If each of us could provide one or two reusable masks, we would have 150 kids protected in no time.

Thank you for your generous response in sewing masks for the kids served by K.I.N.D. We have about 80 now and are hoping for 150 as a minimum so each teenager would have one. To purchase masks to donate, there are many stores online. Any style in adult size is fine. Here are 4 local companies currently offering masks from \$5-10 each:

SwaddleDesigns.com; SplashFabric.com; SnugAsAMug.com; Etsy.com. For other prices and styles made locally see SeattleRefined.com. Live links for all these sites at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Choose the drop off location that is easiest for you: downtown to Mary Margaret Pruitt at Horizon House; Janet Gwilym’s house on Beacon Hill, or Ruth Williamson in Shoreline. Their contact information can be found in Simple Church.

K.I.N.D. social service coordinators and legal staff are doing all they can to support these kids who are already traumatized by our immigration system and the horrors they escaped from in their home countries. Let’s do our best to show them that Plymouth cares about them too. Thank you.



Please help provide masks for migrant siblings.

150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE

SEATTLE DEMONSTRATES

What have the recent demonstrations in Seattle accomplished? Black voices are being heard, for one thing. The city council has



View discussion with Dr. Brown at PostAlley.org.

struggled to understand what to do in response. The Council had been eager to show how much they supported the police. In an instant that has shifted. The Labor Council has also begun to talk tough to the police unions. Already there are police reforms in the works — bans on choke holds, tear gas, flash bangs. There are strong political winds that have shifted significantly. View recent discussion with Dr. Brown at PostAlley.org.

SPECIAL OFFERING CONTINUES THROUGH END OF JUNE



Thank you for your generosity.

Through the end of June, gifts earmarked Pentecost Special Offering will be divided evenly between Strengthen the Church and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.

As called by General Synod, 50 percent of our offering to Strengthen the Church stays in the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC, and 50 percent is sent to the national work of strengthening the church universal: through grants towards new church starts, inspiring

youth and young adults into leadership, and equipping pastors for ministry in the 21st century.

The remaining 50% will go in the Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund to enable members and friends in financial hardship to take part in opportunities offered by and through Plymouth UCC. Thank you for your faithful support.

FIGHT AGAINST XENOPHOBIA



The intolerable racist and xenophobic attacks on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from all levels of government officials has continued, but needs to end now. While others respond with fear and hate, as Christians we are called to respond in love. Please join with the National Officers of the UCC signing onto a letter denouncing false information that leads to xenophobia and racist actions. (See news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for link to letter.)

STAND FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Come to Plymouth and stand join others standing for racial justice. We as a majority white Christian church created and have benefited from systemic institutional racism, and we must be part of changing it. This is one simple action we can take to show up. Dr. Brown and Rev. Steven Davis support this effort.

Come when you can, stay for any length of time you want. Contact Ruth Williamson (206.313.5931) for parking and other logistics. Social distancing and mask-wearing protocols will be observed. Bring a sign with message and face mask.

