

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, JUNE 28, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PRIDE SUNDAY

*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.*

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

WELCOMERev. Steven Davis and Rev. 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 *It is Well with My Soul* . . Setting by Michael Larkin
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Davis

One: Gathered together, we proclaim the good news of God publicly, intentionally, and explicitly:

Many: **This community joyfully affirms God’s love for LGBTQIA and Two-Spirit people.**

One: The presence of God welcomes the fullness of who we are.

Many: **We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice love in many ways.**

One: We celebrate love that is platonic and love that is erotic.

Many: **Love that is queer and love that is collective.**

One: We are people who want to know and be known—for who we’ve been, who we are, and who we are becoming.

Many: **We honor identities in transition. We delight in authentic self-expression. Whether queer, trans or intersex or cis, God moves in our becoming.**

One: How wonderful are the many works of God’s creative hand!

All: **May all who long for Love’s embrace feel their holy worth.**

HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS
Jennylynn Vidas, Sari Breznau, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
 3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self- seek-ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED Dr. Brown

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)

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 PEACEDr. Brown

CONTEMPORARY VOICEDavid Allen

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTUREGenesis 9:6-15
(A Voice translation) read by Mona Terry

Whoever sheds the blood of a human,
that person's blood will be shed in return by another
for God made humanity in God's own image.

Now all of you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out and populate the earth.
But God was not finished. He had more to say both to Noah and his children.

Eternal One: Look, for I am now going to make a pact, a special covenant, with you and all your descendants. This covenant also extends to every living creature in the world—the birds, the domesticated animals, and every wild animal on the earth—as many as emerged with you from the ark. As part of this covenant, I promise you I will never again wipe out all living flesh by means of flooding waters. Never again will a flood destroy the earth. As a sign of this perpetual covenant I now make between Me and you and all living creatures along with you, as well as all future generations, I will hang a rainbow among the clouds. It will serve as a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. And from now on, whenever a cloud rises over the earth and a rainbow appears in the sky, I will remember My covenant—My promise I have made between Me and you and all living creatures.

CONTEMPORARY VOICEHistory: Marsha ‘Pay No Mind’ Johnson



Marsha P. Johnson used the phrase “pay it no mind” sarcastically when questioned about gender. She stood at the center of New York City’s gay liberation movement for nearly 25 years. She was on the front lines of protests against oppressive policing and helped found one of the country’s first safe spaces for transgender and homeless youth.

**ANTHEMLight of a Clear Blue Morningby Dolly Parton
Plymouth Singers, soloist Annabelle Russell**

MESSAGENikkita Oliver

BENEDICTIONDr. Brown

POSTLUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past. Setting by Anna Laura Page
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano*

CLOSING.Dr. Brown

Special thanks to guest preacher Nikkita Oliver, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masks Needed 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). 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. 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.

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

Call to Action On March 3 in Tacoma, Manny Ellis died while being arrested by Tacoma Police. We are in a complex and volatile time and the investigation into the death needs to be credible and transparent. State law gives the Governor authority to ask the State AG to do a criminal investigation and this is the time to use that extraordinary step. Call the Governor's office and demand action: 360.902.4111.

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.