

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, July 12, 2020

Lectionary text for Sunday, July 12: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Dr. Elizabeth Gordon, preaching  
"Breaking the Silence"

### No formal online coffee hour in July

#### Virtual Worship Only!

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

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

Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Click on "Ministers and Staff."

*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 UCC.*

Church Online  
NOT CANCELED

Quiet Time With God  
NOT CANCELED

Praying For The Sick  
NOT CANCELED

Checking On A Friend  
NOT CANCELED

Helping Others  
NOT CANCELED

Being The Church  
NOW MORE THAN EVER

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ernie Boyer, Glenda Carper, Anna Colwell, Steve Davis, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, Ellie Edelweiss, Mark Edwards, Phil Fredrickson, Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Don Gwilym, Joyce Irving (mother of Rev.

Louis Mitchell), 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, Rod Shutt, Jim Stultz (brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Jim Tsuchiya (Brother-in-law of Bill Castello)

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## TO MY SIBLINGS IN FAITH:

*This article continues the update that began with a similar piece in last week's Herald.*

### Exploratory Development Committee

A number of members have volunteered to serve on an Exploratory Development Committee, which would be charged with pursuing the development possibilities identified in the Meriweather report. The committee has not yet been formed, but we would like to move forward with this work soon. We are continuing to seek additional persons who would like to be a part of this important project so that we can meet the congregation's stated goal of having diverse representation along all identifiers.



Further update from Moderator Sue Maul

### Paycheck Protection Program

This was shared in our Zoom congregational meeting, but wanted to provide the information to all: As part of the CARES act enacted in late March, a novel Payroll Protection Program ("PPP") was created. Under PPP, churches, non-profits and businesses were offered the opportunity to apply for "forgivable" loans (in effect, gifts) to permit them to continue making their payrolls through June 30. Plymouth was offered the opportunity to apply for a PPP loan. A quick decision was needed because overall PPP funds were limited. Moderator Sue Maul, Vice-Moderator Al Bentley, Treasurer Cindy Anderson, Lead Pastor Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and Rev. Davis conferred and decided to seek a PPP loan for Plymouth. The same group later decided — as did some for-profits and educational institutions — not to continue with PPP, because given our endowment we did not really need the funds. Proceeds of the PPP loan were transferred to the church's account, but those funds were returned to the bank. This action was approved by the Council. Please reach out to me if you'd like to talk further about last week's information or what's above.

Yours in faith,

Sue Maul, Moderator 

## RAISING ANTI-RACIST WHITE CHILDREN, PART 3

The importance of teaching media literacy to our kids as an act of anti-racism.

- Work to develop the habits of inquiry and help them be critical thinkers.
- Judge the validity of information.



Jennifer Palmason Kaiton reflects on recent webinar.

- Develop an informed understanding and to ask questions. One tool you can use to analyze media with your child is the DIA Protocol — Without using this protocol, media will just go right into our subconscious. Take a look at picture books, or a print ad, or a billboard and use the tools below to analyze the images.
- **DESCRIBE** — Nothing is created by accident. What do you see in the image? What is the lighting? What is the positioning of people or characters? What are the shapes? What is the structure of the piece you are looking at? What is missing? Who is present? This step is naming the surface features, not any meaning yet.
- **INTERPRET** — What is the meaning of this media? What is the message they are trying to get across? Who is missing? What is missing?
- **ANALYZE** — What is the impact? What stereotypes do you see? Is this piece racist or what does it say about racism?

**Exercise idea:** What was your favorite children's book growing up? What is your child's favorite book or was a favorite growing up? These books are clues into the messaging that we got growing up. Use that book with the DIA protocol, and see what surfaces.

Media is the most influential system to our kids, and we need to teach them how to be color-conscious rather than blinded by white culture and it's centralizing message. Remember, colorblindness (which is what many white people were taught growing up) promotes silence. We cannot be silent any longer.

**Advice:** Many parents (in the webinar) who have kids over the age of eight asked "What if my child doesn't want to talk about race or rolls their eyes at me when I do?" The Director of our training said "Don't let it stop you, they are still listening. Remember, you are planting seeds." —Jennifer Palmason Kaiton 

CONTINUE TO STAND FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



Put faith in action and make your voice heard!

Come to Plymouth and 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. Come when you can, stay for any length of time you want. Social distancing and mask-wearing protocols will be observed.

A worker returning to Seattle Infant Development Center took this photo and commented:

*"I've had to return to work this past week, and these ladies make my day every morning."*

Ruth Williamson has been coordinating and scheduling this effort. Contact her (206.313.5931) for parking and other logistics. Remember to bring your sign and mask.

Help keep a Plymouth presence on the streets! See photos of folks bearing witness at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Under the "Connect" tab, click on "Albums." ✦

ONLINE DISCUSSIONS WITH REV. DR. KELLE BROWN

Watch recent videos of discussions with Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown on some of the pressing issues of the day.

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

There are strong political winds that have shifted significantly. **View recent discussion with Dr. Brown at [PostAlley.org](http://PostAlley.org).**

**Exit Strategies from the Pandemic** Hear thoughts on the issue from the Daughters of Abraham, Rev. Dr. Kelle J Brown, Aneelah Afzali and Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg, an interfaith group of female faith leaders. **View the video at [PathsToUnderstanding.org/challenge/](http://PathsToUnderstanding.org/challenge/).** ✦



Hear from Dr. Brown and other civic leaders.

UPDATE FROM YOUR CARE TEAM

This July, as many of the staff take time off, we remain committed to maintaining availability of the pastoral care staff to handle any care concerns that might come our way. Members of the care team will be on call during various weeks of the month in case care needs arise. As always, we encourage you to call the pastoral care voicemail with any care concerns. The voicemail is checked at least once a day (usually in the morning). This is one of the best ways to make sure the care team is aware of a pastoral care concern. **The phone number is 206.622.4865 ext. 33.** —Rev. Kevin Bechtold, for Care Team ✦



CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG



Read how Plymouth responded to challenges to democracy in the early 20th century.

This week's entry is titled "Democracy and Plymouth Church." *"Some of you may be pondering on the present day challenge to democracy. Around eighty years ago, this is how Plymouth Congregational Church faced the issue."*

Read new articles posted every Monday at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Click on the Library box on the homepage and then the link to the blog. ✦

NOW IS THE TIME TO SERVE

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates rewarding opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and better who are committed to social and ecological justice. We are offering new ways for our members (JVEs) to serve from home during this time of increased need for those who live on the margins. JVEs meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community while staying safe. JV Encorps is an inclusive and welcoming community. Priority application deadline: **August 31**. Opening Retreat in September. For more information visit: [JvenCorps.org](http://JvenCorps.org). ✦



STAYING CONNECTED

Sunday coffee hour and weekday online gatherings are on hiatus in the month of July. This is a chance to practice sabbath, for rest and renewal. You are encouraged to continue to connect on your own through phone or social media and be a source of encouragement and companionship. You may also want to subscribe to the UCC Daily Devotional. Sign up at [UCC.org/Daily\\_Devotional](http://UCC.org/Daily_Devotional). ✦

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

This is a partial list of resources intended to serve white people and parents to deepen anti-racism work. See full list at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now. Feel free to circulate this document on social media. List Compiled by Sarah Sophie Flicker, Alyssa Klein, May 2020.



Films and TV series to watch:

- 13th (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- American Son (Kenny Leon) — Netflix
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975 — Available to rent
- Clemency (Chinonye Chukwu) — Available to rent
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler) — Available to rent
- I Am Not Your Negro (James Baldwin doc) — Available to rent or on Kanopy
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins) — Hulu
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton) — Available to rent
- King In The Wilderness — HBO
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol) — Netflix
- Selma (Ava DuVernay) — Available to rent
- The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution — Available to rent
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) — Hulu with Cinemax
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix

Books to read:

- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
- The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century by Grace Lee Boggs
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color by Cherríe Moraga
- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo, PhD ✦

DR. ELIZABETH GORDON DELIVERS SUNDAY MESSAGE

Dr. Elizabeth Gordon will deliver the message, "Breaking the Silence," during online worship this Sunday, 10:30 am.

Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon (PhD, JD, MDiv) has been a member of Plymouth Church United Church of Christ since 2017 and has served on the Church Council since 2018.

She is a Member in Discernment and pursuing ordination in the area of chaplaincy in the UCC. She is currently a Chaplain Resident at the VA Medical Center on Beacon Hill. Dr. Gordon has also taught theology to undergraduates at Seattle University and is a former disability rights attorney. She and her husband, Michael Gordon, live in the South Delridge neighborhood of West Seattle. ✦



Hear from Elizabeth this Sunday.

COVID-19 INFORMATION & HELP



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](http://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. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington state, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms, please call the Washington State Department of Health: 800.525.0127 and press #. This helpline is open from 6 am - 10 pm every day. ✦