



PLYMOUTH CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:30 AM  SUNDAY, JULY 19, 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, JULY 19, 2020  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*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](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).

**WELCOME** . . . . . Jennifer Castle

**PRELUDE**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (BEACH SPRING)*  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION.** . . . . . Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Holy One, you know us already.  
Help us to know you better.  
Let us see you all around us.  
Fill our worship with your Spirit  
so that we may learn to recognize your presence  
in all places.

**Amen.**

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

**HYMN** . . . . . *For the Beauty of the Earth* . . . . . **DIX**  
 Jennylynn Vidas, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

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** . . . . . Rev. Donene Blair

*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, 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)*

*Our hearts are with Georgia Nelson and family on the one-year anniversary of Dave Nelson's passing. We remember Isabel Egglin on the one-year anniversary of her passing.*



**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Eternal Spirit,  
 Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and that shall be,  
 Father and Mother of us all,  
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE . . . . .** read by Eleanor Maul

**Plymouth's Covenant for Healthy Relationships**

*Preamble: We, the people of Plymouth Church United Church of Christ, seek to promote a community grounded in love, justice and the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge that conflict is a natural part of our life in the church and that God is present with us as we work and grow together. We, as a people of faith, seek ways to speak the truth and to agree and disagree in love.*

As individuals and as a congregation, we will strive to...

Start with gratitude and respect for one another and trust our mutually good intentions.

Communicate directly with one another to resolve conflicts.

Listen respectfully and compassionately for understanding.

Speak from our own experiences.

Resist the impulse to attack and blame.

Commit to working through conflict when it arises. Show up, both physically and spiritually.

Engage and encourage others to engage.

Reach beyond our own interests and be open to other points of view.

Relinquish a culture of criticism. Accept imperfection.

Seek and offer forgiveness.

Commit to reconciliation and receiving grace.

Hold each other accountable to this covenant. Affirm and nurture our relationships for the long term.

*This covenant is a living document. It can be reviewed and adapted by the congregation at any time. It represents a commitment to thoughtful, active participation in the life of this community; caring and respectful relationships with one another; and cooperative support for ministers, staff, lay leadership and volunteers.*

**ANTHEM**

*Trees Grow Slow* . . . . . Words & Music by Laurence Cole  
Ann Palmason, Jenny Palmason Kaiton, Sari Breznau

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Eleanor Maul  
*The World I Live In* by Mary Oliver



*Mary Oliver was an American poet. The New York Times described her as “far and away, this country’s best-selling poet.”*

I have refused to live  
locked in the orderly house of  
reasons and proofs.  
The world I live in and believe in  
is wider than that. And anyway,  
what’s wrong with Maybe?  
You wouldn’t believe what once or  
twice I have seen. I’ll just  
tell you this:  
only if there are angels in your head will you  
ever, possibly, see one.

**READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE** . . . . . Romans 8:12-16, 22-27  
(The Message translation) read by Tom Maul

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God’s children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from the bondage of death and decay.*

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

**MESSAGE**

*Only if There are Angels in Your Head* . . . . . Sue Maul

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . . Sue Maul

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare for a New Day* . . . . . J. Wayne Kerr

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**CLOSING**. . . . . Ms. Castle

Special thanks to guest preacher Sue Maul. Sue has been a member of Plymouth Church for 25 years and is a lay leader currently serving as Moderator of Plymouth's Church Council. Sue has been a teacher for most of her career and a school administrator for the last five. Sue loves this church, not solely for the church home it's been, but for the faithful life it has and continues to foster.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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*

**Heads Up!** Next week's *Herald* will be the last before a brief summer break. There will be no formal *Herald* newsletter sent the weeks of July 27, August 3 and August 10. The next regular *Herald* will be sent again the week of August 17. In the meantime, visit [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for the latest in Plymouth news, and check your email for updates and important notices.

**Continue to Stand for Racial Justice** 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. 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.

**We Love You, Plymouth** Plymouth members and friends have donated over 120 masks for K.I.N.D. and provided links to other organizations who may also donate more masks. In addition, King County is again able to furnish some masks which they weren't able to do earlier. Huge thanks from K.I.N.D. and Plymouth's Immigration Ministry Team for your rapid and generous response to our urgent plea for masks. You helped us all be safer!

—*Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team*

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.