

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, SEPTEMBER 6 2020
FOURTEENTH 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 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.

PRELUDE

*This is My Song (FINLANDIA) arr. Chuck Marohnic
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano*

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

SHARING PEACE The peace of Christ be with you.

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED

Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ernie Boyer, Bob Brennan, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, Phil Fredrickson, Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), 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), Jackie Maxon (Mother of Sterve Davis), Jo Mitchell, Georgia Nelson, Dick, Jean and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul Russell), Tommy Rivers Puzey (friend of Karen Clark), Jose Robles, Rod Shutt, Rev. Dr. Warren Stewart (cousin of Karen Clark) and his wife Karen, Jim Stultz (brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulificio, Jordyn Woodke and David Flores (friends of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with David Koeger and family on the death of his father, Herbert Koeger, who passed away early August 2020.



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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ANTHEMTo Be a Stranger.Eric Banks



Today's anthem, "To be a stranger", is by Eric Banks, a beloved Seattle composer and director of the Esoterics. He and his choir were scheduled to perform their fall concerts in our own sanctuary this month, but due to COVID Eric has been stranded in Brazil since March. In his time there he wrote this piece, which was premiered just this week, in response to the Black Lives Matter movement.

"Identity is not inherent. It is shaped by circumstance and sensitivity..." — from "The Wedding" (1995) by Dorothy West

"There is no life that does not contribute to history." — from "The living is easy" (1948) by Dorothy West

"Choose confrontation wisely, but when it is your time, don't be afraid to stand up, to speak up, and to speak out against injustice." — from "Across that bridge" (2012) by John Lewis

"Any real change implies the breakup of the world as one has always known it, the loss of all that gave one an identity, and the end of safety." — from "Nobody Knows My Name" (1961) by James Baldwin

"It is not the light that we need, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake." — from "What to the slave is the 4th of July?" (1852) by Frederick Douglass

“If there is no struggle, then there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are like men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want the rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.” — from “*West India Emancipation Speech*” (1857) by Frederick Douglass

“An identity is questioned only when it is menaced, as when the mighty begin to fall, or when the wretched begin to rise, or when the stranger enters the gates, never, thereafter, to be a stranger.” — from “*The Devil Finds Work*” (1976) by James Baldwin

MESSAGE

The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery
Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III



With civil rights advocacy in his DNA, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III built his ministry on community advancement and social justice activism. As Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Moss spent the last two decades practicing and preaching a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality. Dr. Moss is part of a new generation of ministers committed to preaching a prophetic message of love and justice, which he believes are inseparable companions that form the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SENDING. Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE

Great is Your Faithfulness. Setting by Lynette Maynard
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Piano



BUILDING HOME

Homecoming Sunday is September 13 at 10:30 am. On that day, worship will return to the Zoom platform so that most of our worship experience is live and more interactive. At 2 p.m. that afternoon, we will have a physically-distanced drive-by blessings at Plymouth Church. We pray you’ll come and feel the connection and comradery again. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continue to Stand for Racial Justice Come to Plymouth and join others standing for racial justice. 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.

Check It Out! You can now check books out of Plymouth Library and have them mailed to your home! We have many current, in-demand titles of literary fiction and books on social justice topics, which may be available without a lengthy wait. Visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to learn more.

Sharing Faces of Peace We are collecting videos of Plymouth members “Passing the peace” to be used in our online worship services! If you would like to make a short video snippet to be included, email Sari at saribreznau@gmail.com and she will walk you through how to contribute. It’s simple, quick, and we’d love to see more Plymouth faces!

Our Faith, Our Vote “Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!” —Isaiah 58:1
Plymouth United Church of Christ is joining the UCC’s Our Faith Our Vote campaign to register voters, educate ourselves on important issues at stake in the election and encourage voter participation. Since we are not able to do in person registration at church the Our Faith Our Vote committee will call each church member to make sure their voter registration is up to date. Our vote is important! If you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Our Faith Our Vote committee, contact Christine Hanson at 509.679.7430 or email her at HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com. Learn more at UCC.org/OurFaithOurVote. —*Christine Hanson*

An Easy Way to Donate CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) is dedicated to helping non-profit organizations such as Plymouth Church United Church of Christ raise thousands of dollars in vehicle donations through successful car donation programs. If you would like to donate your used vehicle (includes car, motorcycle, boat, plane or RV), avoid the hassle of a private sale and benefit Plymouth UCC in the process, go to Careasy.org, or call CARS at 1.855.500.RIDE and they will do the rest.

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.