

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, September 13, 2020**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Homecoming Sunday

Sacrament of Communion

*(Use whatever elements you have on hand —
bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc)*

Lectionary Text for September 13: Exodus 14:13-31

“Be A Witness”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown Preaching

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

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.”

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,
Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

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 Rev. Steve Davis), Jo Mitchell, Georgia Nelson, Gregg Pantale (Friend of Robert Turner), 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 Sulficio, Jordyn Woodke and David Flores (friends of Karen Clark)

We grieve with Doug James and family on the death of his mother, Virginia Thomson, on August 28, 2020.

Our hearts are with Cory Maclay and family on the one-year anniversary of the death of her mom, Jo Kimball.

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!   

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“BUILDING HOME” ON HOMECOMING SUNDAY



Join live worship again at 10:30 am September 13, Homecoming Sunday, via Zoom Online Platform and YouTube, and greet friends online after worship at coffee hour. Hear Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown’s message, “Be A Witness,” which will begin the theme of “**Building Home.**”



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise person who built their house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.” (Matthew 7: 24-25).

When all around us is shaking with uncertainty, let us dare to be builders who have caught the vision of hope; who move forward knowing that challenge and struggle can help us become stronger to craft all the pieces we need. May we all invest our time with eagerness, our gifts and resources with cheer, recalling our covenant with God in Jesus. Many blessings, —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown ✨

THEMES THIS FALL AND WINTER

October 25–November 22 “**Building a World: Grit and Gratitude.**” (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...”

November 29–January 6 *Advent*: “**Enter the Mystery.**” *Christmas*: “**Engage the Miracle.**” *Epiphany*: “**Embody the Message.**” ✨

CHECK IT OUT!

You can now check books out of Plymouth Library and have them mailed to your home! The depth of our selection of books on religious topics is much greater than what you may find in a public library. We also have many current, in-demand titles of literary fiction and books on social justice topics, which may be available without a lengthy wait.



The Library Committee wants you to continue to access Library resources.

To find out what we have, go to our online catalog by following these steps:

1. Click on the following link: PlymouthChurchSeattle.org/Library/Blog.html.
2. Click on “Library” in the purple box.
3. Click on “Online Catalog.”
4. Enter the name of the library: VidaBVarey (That’s the official name of the Plymouth Library.)
5. Click on “sign in” (no password needed).
6. Search by title, author, subject, etc.
7. When you find a book you would like to check out, email me at PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com with the author, title and call number and your mailing address.

If you received this information in the Monday email that I send out weekly, you already have a library card on file. If not, you will need to apply for a card by sending the following information to PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com: your name, address, telephone number, and the best email address for you.

A library volunteer will go to the library each week, as needed, to fill orders. Books will be mailed to you with a prepaid mailer you can use to return them. We will mail up to two books at a time. Books must be returned before you can check out more.

A word about returning books you have already checked out: If you are going to be in downtown Seattle, email me for instructions on how to contact someone who will answer the door of the church building and take the books from you. You may also mail them using the library mail rate to: Plymouth Church Library, 1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Otherwise, please keep our library materials in a safe place and return them as soon as you are able.

—Suzanne Sanderson, Plymouth Church Librarian ✨

PARENTS IN PROCESS



For parents of LGBTQ children

Last year, Parents in Process—our program for Christian parents of LGBTQ children who are wrestling with the news of their child’s sexual orientation or gender identity—was one of the highlights of our Reconcile and Reform conference. This year, we’re excited to offer Parents in Process virtually **October 17-18**.

The program will be led by Greg and Lynn McDonald, a Christian couple in Atlanta whose ministry *Embracing the Journey* does wonderful work coming alongside conservative Christian parents as they navigate what it means to follow Jesus and continue to love their LGBTQ child. As Greg and Lynn often say, they encourage parents to love their LGBTQ child well not *in spite* of the Bible, but *because* of the Bible.

If you know parents struggling with what their children’s identity means for their faith, this is an ideal program to invite them to attend—and Greg and Lynn are ideal facilitators. The weekend will help parents move from a place of fear and mourning to embracing their new normal, culminating with helping them thrive and find purpose in their journey.

More details about the program content and schedule are available at ReformationProject.org. Please note that, while all parents are welcome to attend, the program is specifically designed for parents who are wrestling with what it means to love God and their LGBTQ child—those who are in process in their journey. Early registration is available through September 25 and costs only \$25 per household. (After that, the price will rise to \$30 per household.)

—*Matthew Vines, Executive Director, The Reformation Project* ✦

READ THE LIBRARY BLOG

This week’s blog entry is titled, “Building a Home.” *“This autumn, Plymouth’s theme for worship is ‘Building Home.’ I don’t know what the message will be, but what that topic says to me is that home is where the heart is. Yes, that sounds trite, but home is the people, the experiences, the love. A Church can still be a Church without a building as so many Churches have found during this time of physical distancing.”*

New articles posted every Monday at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on the Library box on the homepage and then the link to the blog. Check out archived articles, too. ✦



Read all about it at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org

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.



It’s quick and easy!

Careasy.org is just what it says, easy. As the staff person who activated Plymouth’s participation in the program in 2014 and the donor of 2 work vans, I have experienced both ends of the spectrum. They handle everything from beginning to end of the donation process, including marketing, free pick-up, selling, mailing a thank you letter with tax information to the donor (AKA me) and most importantly, mailing Plymouth a check! Alan and I had our own business for over 30 years and our work vans played an important role. Watching them towed away was extremely hard but were comforted in knowing that our donation benefited Plymouth UCC.

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.

—*Diane Jacobsen* ✦

CONTINUE TO STAND FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

We will continue to publicly stand for Black Lives Matter in front of Plymouth this fall. As a majority white Christian church we have helped create, and have benefited from, systemic institutional racism. Now we must be part of changing it. This is one simple action we can take to show up.

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.

Help keep a Plymouth presence on the streets! See photos of folks bearing witness at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Under the “Connect” tab, click on “Albums.” ✦



Keep showing up and speaking out.

STAY CONNECTED

In this time of physical distancing, Plymouth Church invites you to connect with others for various activities with us each day. Direct links to all these online gatherings are on the homepage, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on “Stay Connected.”



Stay in touch throughout the week.

Sundays, 10:30 am Worship ONLINE

Sundays, 11:30 am Coffee Hour ONLINE — Bring Your Own Coffee! (BYOC!)

Wednesdays, 9 am Bible Study — Sharing God’s Word with God’s People

Thursdays, 12 pm Prayer at Noon — Light a candle and pray together with our community in faith! ✦

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* ✦

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! ✦



CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING TIMES

Going to camp transforms and changes lives, and we are in the midst of challenging and changing times. The camps, retreats, workshops and meetings at N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs this spring, summer and fall are simply not able to happen for health and safety reasons. And we deeply grieve this loss.



Help our camps in this challenging time.

However, we want you to know, your camps are still here! The beauty, the birds, the gentle sound of the lakes in the evening, the wind whispering through the trees, the quiet trails, the opportunity to experience the embrace of creation’s beauty, the space to renew, create and learn and so much more still remains. And our typical camp events will continue to be present again for our campers and churches, as soon as it is safe to do so!

“Can we, as individuals and faith communities that have experienced the magic of this sacred life-transforming place, step up with our gifts?”

We are ministering in new ways at both camps. N-Sid-Sen is providing a different kind

of camp experience for “Families At Camp.” This allows small “family” groups to still be present at camp in safe ways. Pilgrim Firs has formed a temporary partnership with Kitsap County, and continues to offer housing and respite for individuals infected with the coronavirus. These new ministry opportunities have provided limited income to help keep some of our staff in place. But we need a lot more funding to continue our mission.

We now anticipate a budget deficit of approximately \$215,000 this next fiscal year (June 2020-May 2021). The Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ has committed \$100,000 to support N-Sid-Sen in this time of need. That support comes with an invitation to those of us who hold this camp dear.

Can we, as individuals and faith communities that have experienced the magic of this sacred life-transforming place, step up with our gifts? No one knows when we will return to ‘normal’ or what the new ‘normal’ might be, but we do know that this sacred space will remain. Our gifts will keep our camps open, ready to welcome you and continue to change lives.

Donations can be made through N-Sid-Sen.org, or by texting to 844.922.2085 (enter \$amount followed by a space, then #NSS), or by check sent to N-Sid-Sen Camp & Retreat Center, 36395 S Highway 97, Harrison, Idaho 83833. Thank you! ✦