

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, October 11, 2020**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Text for October 11: Exodus 32:1-14

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."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Action News Candidate Forum Legislative Districts 36, 37, 43 Monday, October 12. Schedule: 7 pm - LD 36, Position 2; 7:30 pm - LD 37, Position 2; 8 pm - LD 43, Position 2. RSVP for the Zoom link. bit.ly/36-37-43.

phone: 206.625.9790; email: Fan@fanwa.org; web: FanWa.org.

Congregational Conversations Sunday, Oct 25, 11:30 am: Congregational Conversation about the 2020 budget (update about pledges, projected budget deficit) and the 2021 high/low budget projections. Major issues will be outlined and discussed. Feedback will be incorporated into the final budget. **Sunday, Nov 15, 11:30 am:** Congregational Meeting and budget vote.

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 saribreznu@gmail.com and she will walk you through how to contribute. It's simple, quick, and we'd love to see more Plymouth faces!

Check Out the Library Blog We have new books! You can check them out, and we will mail them to you. 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.

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

Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ernie Boyer, Ken Carter, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, **Carmen Ramsey Ellington**, (friend of Karen Clark), Phil Fredrickson, Jackie Fouts (Mother-in-law of Al Wallace), Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Joyce Irving (mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Michael Kaid, Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Jackie Maxon (Mother of Rev. Steve Davis), Bob and Jo Mitchell, Jim Mohundro, **John Mooney** (Brother of Carol Mooney), 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, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, **Mildred Whitehurst** (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), **Samantha Williamson** (*bold = newly added*)

A memorial service for Don Gwilym will be held online via Zoom Sunday, October 18, at 2 pm. Zoom link and details at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Service will immediately be followed by a virtual reception at the same Zoom link where attendees can share their stories about Don.

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! 

PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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LOVE IN ACTION



Debbie Baden (photo courtesy Bob Turner)

Plymouth Church UCC has been a constant in my life for many years. In a world full of change and having nothing remain the same, I have found Faith and Love in abundance here.

When I was asked to reflect on the theme of "How is Plymouth "Love in Action", I thought about all the times I had participated in worship services.

The act of getting up in front of people and reading scripture made me appreciate the poetry that exists in the Bible. I think of how the early Christian church did not have a building to meet in. Jesus spent a lot of time spreading the word of God anywhere that the people would gather.

The past 8 months, we have not had the church building to worship in. We have been forced to re-imagine and adapt to an unexpected reality of life during the COVID-19 pandemic. I miss not seeing people in-person. I miss not being together singing on Sunday mornings. However, I do not feel forgotten or alone. I know God is working through all of us and this time is happening for a reason.

I always have been a musician. My life is full of music. I find that I can find strength and hope from music. One of my favorite hymns reflects a lot of my feeling during this time. We are not alone and are being led down an unfamiliar path but one that leads us home.

The hymn begins: "Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." —Debbie Baden ✨

SHARE WITH US

As part of our year-round Stewardship campaign, we invite you to share your story of the impact of Plymouth as it lives out Love in Action. Sharing these stories helps our community understand the importance of generosity in our lives, the reasons to support the church, and what we accomplish together. If you'd like to submit a written piece or video, please email Kyna at KynaGrace@gmail.com. ✨

PLYMOUTH READS

You are invited to participate in Plymouth Reads! The Plymouth UCC Church Library Committee is pleased to sponsor this unique opportunity for members and friends of the Plymouth congregation to read together three books over the next nine months written by Black Americans sharing their personal journeys through America's racial landscape. We are now reading *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin, a seminal work calling "to end the racial nightmare, and achieve our country and change the history of the world." Join us!

First Weekly Challenge James Baldwin said, "Color is not a human or a personal reality; it is a political reality." Advances in DNA research now confirm his assertion that race is not a human or personal reality. But as long as it is a political reality, it is important for us to own the color that can be seen. Download the Crayola Color Camera from your app Store to turn a picture of yourself into a coloring page. Pull out your crayons and color yourself! Tack it upon the wall or start a Plymouth Reads journal. We may not start with a rainbow but hopefully, we will end with one! And Invite your friends and those whom you would like to become friends to do the same.

Learn more and register for Plymouth Reads at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (click the "Plymouth Reads" icon). ✨

WOMEN'S RETREAT ONLINE OCT. 24

online women's retreat

All those identifying as female or non-binary are invited to connect online for a retreat with each other, 7-8:30 pm Saturday, October 24.

We will explore our heart space through heart scripture, do some journaling + sharing & add in some bodywork with Nia dance. Nia is sensory based movement drawing from the martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. It empowers people of all shapes and sizes by connecting the body, mind, emotions and spirit. After the program portion is over, we invite you to stick around for some social time. Looking forward to having you there! To register, please email Jenny Kaiton JKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and Anna Colwell AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✨



PLYMOUTH CELEBRATES

ANTI-RACIST GIVING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30-8:00 pm

We are called now to build a strong anti-racist commitment in our church so that we can show that Black Lives Matter in the kingdom of God.

The United Church of Christ Board

How do we decide when, where and how much money to give? What does it look like to center giving as part of anti-racist practice? How do our identities shape our relationships

with money, philanthropy and giving? SJF (Social Justice Fund) and CARW (Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites) have teamed up to present this interactive workshop where we will work through these questions and more together and begin to build your personal social justice giving plan.

This cross-class virtual workshop is open to all, but has been designed specifically for folks who have benefited from the history of white wealth accumulation. As a group, we will discuss topics of race, whiteness, reparations, and the concept of fund-shifting. The workshop is free but we will be focused on fundshifting to support local Black-led organizing.

Learn more and RSVP at [SocialJusticeFund.org](https://socialjusticefund.org). (Zoom Virtual meeting — link to participate will be sent upon confirmation.)

Co-hosted by:

Coalition for Anti-Racist Whites educates, organizes and mobilizes white people to show up powerfully for racial justice and collective liberation.

Social Justice Fund NW is a foundation working at the frontlines of social change. We leverage the resources of our members to foster significant, long-term social justice solutions.

Plymouth Church UCC is a radically inclusive community of Faith, Hope, Love and Acceptance. ✨

MOVIES THAT MOVE

Please join us on Saturday, October 17 at 6:30 pm on Zoom to watch together the film *White Savior: Racism and the American Church*. Here's a little about the film:



“Despite the progress many see in the U.S. over the years, it has become increasingly clear that the deep roots of racism and white supremacy continue to run through our political, cultural, and religious institutions. *White Savior* explores the historic relationship between racism and American Christianity, the ongoing segregation of the church in the U.S., and the complexities of racial reconciliation.”

The film runs 1 hour and we will stay online for a discussion afterward. The Zoom link and password will be emailed out during the week of October 11. Please plan on joining us! Contact Jennifer Castle if you have questions. ✨

HELP SHOW WE CARE

Even in the first global pandemic of our lives, the Plymouth tradition of sending ‘Fall Care Packages’ to our graduated seniors remains intact. In fact, since many of the college students/young adults in our Plymouth Family are now attending remotely, or taking time away from school, we would like to send a little something their way as well.



Your thoughtfulness means so much.

There are two ways you can help us. The first is to send contact information for your student, or one you know (previously graduated) to June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Our 2020 graduated seniors are Sam Neer, Beata Landes, Jonah Lehto.

The second way is to contribute to care packages with small items (notes, gift cards, tea or coffee, snack items, chocolate, etc). Contributions can be sent to June at Plymouth Church by October 15 (1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA, 98101).

In these challenging times, it is so important to make sure our ‘young ones’ feel our love and support. Thanks for your help with this. —Community and Care Board ✨

COMPASSION, KINDNESS & OPERATION NIGHTWATCH

Like peanut butter and jelly, these things go together. Every night Operation Nightwatch provides food, shelter, housing and hope to our homeless neighbors. It's such a simple thing. Nightwatch provides the basic necessities. Who doesn't need the occasional peanut butter and jelly sandwich? We need your help to meet needs every night. Your gift will impact the lives of suffering people in Seattle. Three ways you can join with us:



Attend PB&J Lunch In with Nightwatch, Wednesday, October 21, Noon – 1 pm (PDT)* Doors open” at Noon, program starts at 12:30. We're streaming this live online. Make yourself a scrumptious PB&J sandwich, get comfy, and tune in! Register for the Lunch at SeattleNightWatch.org.

Give Provide food, shelter, housing and hope to our vulnerable neighbors. The need is greater than ever, due to the pandemic, but together we can save lives. Give at SeattleNightWatch.org, or text “pbj” to 44-321

Share Tell your friends about the people you are helping through Nightwatch. Create a fundraiser. It's easy! ✨

150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE

OUR FAITH, OUR VOTE: MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED!

Many of us are concerned about the coming election. We want to make sure our voice is heard and our ballots are counted. It is really important to



confirm you are registered. You may have moved recently and suddenly your registration is out of date. You can easily check your registration online at [Olvr.Votewa.gov](https://olvr.votewa.gov).

Washington offers online voter registration. You can register by mail to vote in Washington by printing a voter registration form, filling it out, and mailing it to your local election office. You can also register to vote in person if you prefer. You can register or update your address online or by mail until 8 days before an election. You may also register in-person through Election Day. Registration forms submitted by mail need to be received not postmarked by the 8-day deadline (October 26).

If you need help with registering, mailing your ballot or finding your nearest drop box you can call a member of the *Our Faith, Our Vote* committee and we will help you. The members are: Christine Hanson, Tracy Simpson, Al Bentley, Glenda Carper and Betty Eberharter. You will probably get a call from one of us in the next few weeks. We want to make sure all the members and friends of Plymouth United Church of Christ are able to vote! We look forward to the conversation. ✨

OPTIONS TO GIVE

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

Mail: Mail your offerings to the church:

Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ
1217 6th Ave Seattle WA 98101

Online Giving through Simple Church: Click on GIVE box. Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

Text to Give: Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

Cash App: Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org ✨

UNITED FOR GOOD

Gathering in Silence to
Quell the Darkness

Interfaith Prayer

6:30 pm Sunday, November 1

Livestream:

vimeo.com/event/344850



Gather in solidarity online.

In this time of trial and struggle, as we confront challenges to our health, our civil society, and our body politic, we are at a crossroads of conscience. And though the voices of vitriol and extremism often resound loudly, it is the quiet resolve, the reasoned discussion, and the judicious wisdom of the good, the undaunted, and the hopeful that will see us through this crisis.

In the spirit of silent prayer and reflection that is too often obscured by the static of cynicism, local religious leaders will gather in Seattle's St. James Cathedral at this unprecedented time. All are invited to join in this brief interfaith service of quiet reflection via livestream. On the cusp of the exercise of our most essential civil right, we ask you to embrace this moment of contemplation and connection, as we affirm the principles that transcend our differences, and the common cause that will bind the wounds of this Great Nation.

Co-sponsored by St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, St. James Cathedral, Temple de Hirsch Sinai, First African American Methodist Episcopal, Church Council of Greater Seattle. ✨

KEEP STANDING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



Keep a faithful presence at Plymouth.

We as a majority white Christian church created and have benefited from systemic institutional racism, and 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. ✨

SHOP WITH SMILE AND CONTRIBUTE

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