

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, October 18, 2020**

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lectionary Text for October 18: Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Louis Mitchell Preaching

*"Nothing New"*

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

### 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."






## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 [saribrezna@gmail.com](mailto:saribrezna@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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Click on the Library box on the homepage and then the link to the blog. Check out archived articles, too.

**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 in the church office (206.622.4865).

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**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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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), **Carrie Gossett** (Mother of Floyd Gossett), **Floyd Gossett**, **Sharon Gossett** (Sister of Floyd Gossett), **Robert Hardy** (Friend of Karen Clark), 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 Sulificio, 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Service will immediately be followed by a virtual reception at the same Zoom link where attendees can share their stories about Don.

Our hearts are with Al and Judy Bentley and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of Al's mother, Grace Van Tuyl Bentley.

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## PLYMOUTH IS LOVE IN ACTION



### Beloved, Love in Action

*"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"* —Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Love is a verb. Not simply a feeling or thought. Grounded in God's love for us, we are called to act — to love. 1 John 4:11 puts it this way: "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another." We take seemingly small actions to live out God's love. Here's the beautiful thing: together in community, we can change the world. In this challenging time, our love in action matters more than ever. How can you put your love into action? Who would want to join you in that work? How can you extend an invitation to others, to share that love and strengthen our Plymouth community? Our church can be God's love, through our prayers, pledges, and presence with one another. Can you pledge to take part and live God's love?

Your support of Plymouth makes it possible for this church community to live out God's love. This year, our Stewardship theme is "Beloved: Love in Action." If you want to share a story of Plymouth's love in action, please email Kyna at [KynaGrace@gmail.com](mailto:KynaGrace@gmail.com). If you want to make a gift in support of our mission and vision, you can make a secure online gift at our website, mail a gift to the church office, or give via text (Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount), or Ca\$h App (download from Apple App Store or Google Play). Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle.

*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).* Thank you for all the ways your love is making a difference! ✨

## FREEDOM RINGS: GET OUT THE VOTE! SEATTLE PEACE CHORUS CONCERT

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, Seattle Peace Chorus hopes that you are well and able to care for yourself and those whom you love. Meanwhile, we are preparing a special treat for you. Our fall concert this year will be online. Please join us at [SeattlePeaceChorus.org](http://SeattlePeaceChorus.org) a half hour before show time, 6 pm (PDT) on either evening, Saturday or Sunday, October 24 or 25. From there, we will take you to our live stream.



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown is guest soloist. Additional guest artists:

- Singer from the Haida tribe—Sondra Segundo
- Renown African-American dancer—Chris Daigre

Please spread the word to your family and friends, and by all means **VOTE!**

This show is free, but if you would be willing to support our work, please donate what you would pay for a ticket, \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 at [SeattlePeaceChorus.org](http://SeattlePeaceChorus.org). ✨

## MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED

Many of us are concerned about the coming election. It is really important to confirm you are registered. You can easily check your registration online at [Olvr.Votewa.gov](http://Olvr.Votewa.gov).

Washington offers online voter registration. 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: 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. ✨

# PLYMOUTH CELEBRATES

## 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. Join us!

*Second Weekly Challenge* Baldwin begins *The Fire Next Time* with a letter to his nephew, James. It is a love letter. Baldwin often gives as the reason to confront racism, the love and concern for children. Try writing your own love letter to a young relative. And if you feel comfortable, have it with them. The Lord knows our children are in need of love, always, but particularly when the world is unsteady.

Learn more at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## 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 offerings to Plymouth Church UCC / 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](mailto: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](https://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.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT ONLINE OCT. 24

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](mailto:JennyKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and [Anna Colwell AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:AnnaColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



## MOVIES THAT MOVE POSTPONED

The online screening of the film *White Savior: Racism and the American Church* scheduled for October 17 has been postponed a month. Please keep reading the *Herald* and checking the website for details when available. Contact Jennifer Castle if you have questions.

# 150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE

## BE SEEN! BE HEARD!

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.



Continue to make your voice heard!

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.

## AN EASY WAY TO DONATE



It's quick and easy! Visit [CarEasy.org](http://CarEasy.org)

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.

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!

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](http://CarEasy.org), or call CARS at 1.855.500.RIDE and they will do the rest.

—Diane Jacobsen

## CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Please plan to attend these upcoming virtual conversations and meetings. Your participation is vital as we move forward. We need to hear from you!



Join online discussions and vote.

**Change in Dates:**  
**Sunday, December 6:** 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, December 20:** Congregational Meeting and budget vote. Time details in upcoming *Herald*.

## TAKE THE VACCINE SURVEY

The Washington State Department of Health is preparing for a future COVID-19 vaccine. At this point, all potential vaccines are still in clinical trials. We do not know when a vaccine will be approved and released and which communities the vaccine will be approved for. We are watching the current vaccine development efforts closely, and we are committed to ensuring any vaccine that is approved for use in Washington State is safe and effective.



Once there is a safe and effective vaccine available, there may not be enough for everyone. The Washington State Department of Health is creating a plan for how to prioritize COVID-19 vaccine and we want your feedback. Specifically, we are looking for:

- Recommendations on how COVID-19 vaccine should be prioritized across Washington state.
- Insight into how people are currently feeling about the vaccine in general.

Please take this survey (link in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) to provide feedback by 11:59 pm, Monday, October 26, and share with your relevant partners and networks. This is a general feedback opportunity and we are especially interested in hearing from communities, partners, workers, businesses, and sectors who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

## COMPASSION, KINDNESS & OPERATION NIGHTWATCH

Every night Operation Nightwatch provides food, shelter, housing and hope to our homeless neighbors. We need your help to meet needs every night. Your gift will impact the lives of suffering people in Seattle. Three ways to help:



**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](http://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](http://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!