

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

# BUILDING HOME

PLYMOUTH  
United Church of Christ

# 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, OCTOBER 18, 2020  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.  
The quiet is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.  
Thank you for entering this space, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

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).

**PRELUDE**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. . . . .* Setting by Michael Burkhardt  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . .Rev. Donene Blair

We gather to seek asylum from a world that sets neighbor against neighbor.  
We gather to seek asylum from the temptation to draw  
and enforce boundaries that mean we can describe other people as  
not our problem.  
We gather to seek asylum from a worldview that values us primarily as consumers,  
as wealth generators, as units of production and consumption.  
We gather to seek asylum from the binaries that bind and constrain us.  
We gather to seek asylum from the very churches in whose name we gather,  
in which orthodoxy and hierarchy have been tools of oppression and abuse.  
We name ourselves as asylum seekers.  
We pray that in our seeking we may create that asylum for which we yearn.  
We pray that starting here, starting now, our seeking may crack open  
the empires that we resist and turn away from  
so that the whole world may be transformed into a place of safe asylum for all.

—*from Liturgies Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World.*  
by Claudio Carvalhaes

**WELCOME** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

HYMN . . . . . *How Firm a Foundation, vss 1-4* . . . . . FOUNDATION

Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."



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

**PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED** . . . . .Jennifer Castle

*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 Sulficio, Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williamson*

*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.*

*A memorial service for Don Gwilym will be held online via Zoom **TODAY**, 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.*

 A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer. 

**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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What has been will be again,  
what has been done will be done again;  
there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there anything of which one can say,  
“Look! This is something new”?

It was here already, long ago;  
it was here before our time.

—*Ecclesiastes 1:9-10*



*Michel-Rolph Trouillot was a Haitian academic and anthropologist. He was Professor of Anthropology and of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago.*

“. . . But the past does not exist independently from the present. Indeed, the past is only past because there is a present, just as I can point to something over there only because I am here. But nothing is inherently over there or here. In that sense, the past has no content. The past — or more accurately, pastness — is a position. Thus, in no way can we identify the past as past.”

“. . . But we may want to keep in mind that deeds and words are not as distinguishable as often we presume. History does not belong only to its narrators, professional or amateur. While some of us debate what history is or was, others take it into their own hands.”

—*Michel-Rolph Trouillot, from Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History (1995)*

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW . . . . . Matthew 22:15–22**  
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Louis Mitchell

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God’s people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**ANTHEM**

*People Have the Power . . . . .* by Patti Smith and Fred “Sonic” Smith  
Performed by Plymouth Singers,  
Directed by Sari Breznau, Edited by Doug Arney

**MESSAGE . . . . .** *Nothing New. . . . .* Rev. Louis Mitchell

**HYMN . . . . .** *How Firm a Foundation, vs 5 . . . . .* FOUNDATION  
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The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake.  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION . . . . .** Rev. Mitchell

**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION . . . . .** Rev. Steven Davis

**POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation. . . . .* Setting by Trey Clegg  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH UCC**

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 at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.. 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Freedom Rings! 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. 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).

***Women's Retreat Online*** 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. To register, please email Jenny Kaiton [JKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and Anna Colwell [AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***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! **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*.

***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. 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.

***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!

***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](mailto: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!





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.