

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, October 25, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Text for October 25: Matthew 22:34-36

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."

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 UCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Community Resources Go to Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19 for information and links for programs and services that help residents impacted by COVID-19.

Anti-racism Resources A list of resources has been compiled, intended to serve white people and parents to deepen anti-racism work. If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now. View list at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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!

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! [f](https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthChurchSeattle) [t](https://www.twitter.com/PlymouthChurchSeattle) [i](https://www.instagram.com/PlymouthChurchSeattle)

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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...



Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ernie Boyer, **Mamie Holland Bruce**, 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), Sharon, Floyd, and Carrie Gossett, Robert Hardy (Friend of Karen Clark), **Reg Hearn** (Brother of Melony Joyce), Joyce Irving (mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), **Virginia Johnson**, Michael Kaid, Libonati Family, **Dorothy Mann**, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), 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, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williamson (**bold = newly added**)

Our hearts are with Anne Mohundro and family on the recent death of her husband, Jim Mohundro.

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HOW DOES PLYMOUTH LIVE OUT LOVE IN ACTION?



Jamie Shilling shares her thoughts.

I have been a part of Soul Choir since its beginnings when it was just a twinkle in Jon Palmason's eyes and when our director, Sari Breznau, was known mostly for her music inspired by and with the women of the Church of Mary Magdalene. Soul Choir is more about communicating music than the actual making of it. The making of that music is more a spiritual practice of showing up in the song and sharing the message of the song through our whole beings to you who are listening. Strangely enough, this still holds true during this time of being apart: we are ever more hungry for a way to show up in each other's lives that is meaningful. Soul Choir sung to you this past Sunday: "The People Have the Power." Did you feel it Plymouth? On the eve of this election, I hope we believe it!

Worship at Plymouth (yes, even Zoom Worship!), makes me peel away my indifference and opens me to myself: to the possibility of who I might dare to become as a part of this Beloved Community. I love how worship at Plymouth embraces such a diversity of musical expression and diversity of people who are speaking truth and accountability that celebrates change. I love that Pastor Kelle's spoken word and soul-full song reaches out to us, creating the kind of worship that "lights fires against the midnight of indifference and throws bridges of care across canyons of despair and loneliness."

Bruce and I have been on a journey of faith with you all for almost 40 years! That faith has sustained us through some often risky and necessarily inventive ways of making Home. Church is a little like that: we show up; we don't know what we may be called to do or even what our family will look like. We don't know what our future church will look like, but it's Home: a place that we can travel from and return to with hope and with God's Grace.

So listen church family as I sing this to you: "We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within. And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will."
—Jamie Shilling ✨

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 and Anna Colwell AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✨

**online
women's
retreat**

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 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 Daigne

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. ✨

PLYMOUTH CELEBRATES

ANXIETY, DEPRESSION & OUR FAITH



Rev. Sarah Lund leads workshop Nov. 10

Research from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows over half of the population in the United States is struggling with anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns in this difficult and challenging time. People of faith are not immune from these struggles.

In response, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, the UCC's Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice, will join us for an online workshop addressing anxiety, depression and our faith. The gathering will be **Tuesday, November 10 from 6:30-8 pm.** Watch the *Herald*, bulletin, and Plymouth website for more information as we get closer to November 10. Please plan on attending this time of sharing and learning together. ✨

THANK YOU, PLYMOUTH!

Plymouth UCC and the wider church humbly thank all who contributed to the World Communion Special offering Sunday, October 4. Thanks to you, we have received over \$2,000 in donations to be evenly divided between **Neighbors In Need** and **Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund**. Plymouth UCC will continue to receive gifts toward the World Communion special offering through the month of October.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

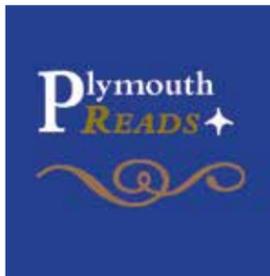
Your gifts to **Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund** enable members and friends in financial hardship take part in the numerous opportunities offering by and through Plymouth UCC! ✨

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. Join us! Learn more at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



Mark your calendars for Plymouth Reads James Baldwin

November 7 Book Club Saturday 3 pm. Come gather on Zoom for small discussion groups on James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time*.

November 14 Speaker Event Saturday 3 pm. The Plymouth Library Committee is very pleased to announce our guest speaker, Dr. Ernest L. Gibson III, Associate Professor at Auburn University, and a James Baldwin Scholar.

Third Weekly Challenge Baldwin describes the second part of *The Fire Next Time* as another letter. This time he doesn't say to whom the letter is addressed, but he says it is a "Letter from a Region in My Mind." Baldwin's mind would be an amazing place to visit. But he would want us to know our own minds. Download a coloring page of the brain from the website below and map your mind out! Use color or words or collage. Send it to your fellow readers if you dare! Download at ColoringHome.com/Human-Brain-Coloring-Page ✨

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG



What does this photo have to do with this week's article? Read the blog to find out!

This week highlights the following books which are available for check out from our library — and we will mail them to you! (There is one more title, on a totally different subject, which is featured in today's blog article.) I hope that you have registered for Plymouth Reads and are reading *The Fire Next Time*.

These two choices are new to the library and sure to be of interest to you:

The Fire is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the debate over race in America / Buccola, Nicholas, 305.800973 BUC

Begin again: James Baldwin's America and its Urgent Lessons for Our Own / Glaude, Eddie S., 305.800973 GLA

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 If you have feedback on the blog, or questions about the Plymouth Library, please send email to PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you! —*Suzanne Sanderson, Plymouth Librarian* ✨

150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE

BE 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.



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: 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. ✨

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Your contributions make all the difference.

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 ✨

JOIN THE 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!



Be sure to take part in these important conversations.

Change in Dates — 11:30 am 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. **11:30 am Sunday, December 20:** Congregational Meeting and budget vote. Keep reading the *Herald* for more details. ✨

UNITED FOR GOOD



Gather online in solidarity.

Gathering in Silence to Quell the Darkness
Interfaith Prayer
6:30 pm Sunday, November 1
Livestream:
vimeo.com/event/344850

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. ✨

KEEP STANDING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Gather at Plymouth to show our support 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 coordinates scheduling this effort. Contact her (206.313.5931) for parking and other logistics. Remember to bring your sign and mask. ✨

