

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, November 1, 2020**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1 —  
SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

*All Saints/All Souls Sunday*

Lectionary Text for November 1: Revelation 7:9

*"The Case for More Funerals"*

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown Preaching

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

1-4 pm Labyrinth Walk, Sanctuary  
*(see Dr. Brown's article on page 1)*

### 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

**Invitation to Immigration Ministry** All are invited to attend the Plymouth Immigration Team meeting on Zoom next Wednesday evening, November 4 at 7 pm. This meeting includes a guest speaker, Rev. David Bell, speaking about his ministry with farm workers and indigenous people amid COVID in the Yakima area. Email Warren Smith if you aren't on our mailing list to receive the Zoom invitation.

**Next Sunday, November 8**, we will honor and send Rev. Steven Davis. Cards or notes may be sent to the church office, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle WA 98101.

**COVID-19 Community Resources** Go to [Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19](http://Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19) for information and links for programs and services that help residents impacted by COVID-19.

**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!

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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## 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 Williams

*(bold = newly added)*

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## FOR ALL THE SAINTS



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

This moment is one of the most significant in the history of the United States of America. With the impending election, the recent appointment of a Supreme Court Justice, and the lived experienced of the most vulnerable, there is much at stake. As fear and worry pervade the land, this is when the faith in God to which we hold matters most. Right now, this very moment,

everything important to us becomes enfolded in hope as we work, and vote toward a more perfect union.

In this moment is the awareness that while everything feels urgent, difficult and at the level of crisis, so many of us are grieving. Together, we have experienced much death and loss, heartache and tragedy. The impact is significant, and God is nigh, and our need for each other is palpable. In hope, listen for the memory of our voices rising together in song: *"For all the saints, who from their labor rest..."*

All Saint's Sunday has more resonance than ever, as our church community has lost those most dear to our hearts. Today, I think of my own dear grandmother who would have turned 90 on October 23, the saints of Plymouth Church whose memories are a blessing to us, and the more than 220,000 who have died due to the Coronavirus and its effects. I know our coming together will provide the consolation, healing and renewal that God through community creates.

Through worship, we will honor our loved ones who continue to burn in our memories and hearts through music, contemporary voice and Scripture during our regularly scheduled worship at 10:30 am. **In addition, the Labyrinth will be open in our Sanctuary from 1 to 4 pm for contemplation and prayer as we remember.** Safety precautions will be taken with the requirement of masks that fully cover one's mouth and nose, separate entrance and exit, contact tracing and temperatures taken.

Feel prayed for in the coming days. Take care and take heart! God is still speaking, and we are still moving. May our hearts align and come together so that the words strengthen our hearts and our common resolve:

*And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song;  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong  
Alleluia! Alleluia! ✦*

## UNITE FOR GOOD NOVEMBER 1



Gather online in love and solidarity.

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)

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, including Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, 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. ✦

## ANXIETY, DEPRESSION & OUR FAITH

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. ✦

## PLYMOUTH CELEBRATES

### PLYMOUTH PUTS LOVE IN ACTION AT ONLINE WOMEN'S RETREAT



### 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.

On Saturday evening Oct. 24, about thirty Plymouth women in two time zones came together online to tap into their heart space, dance together, light candles, journal and experience a deep sense of connection. The retreat was led by Jennifer Kaiton, Anna Colwell, and guest Nia dance facilitator Betsy Winter.

Women immediately felt a sense of togetherness seeing each other's faces, some peoples beloved pets, and catching up on life. After lighting our individual candles with intention, we got a chance to get barefoot and be led in dance to beautiful music by Betsy. The dance is called Nia, and it's a somatic dance promoting wellness and connection for oneself. It was delightful and memorable to see everyone moving together in community while online.

Next, we were given the opportunity to let go of all the stuff weighing heavy on our hearts as we took the time to journal and share with each other. We also explored the many passages in the Bible that talk about the heart and reflected upon a few. We ended the evening with another sacred dance from Betsy that left us feeling restored, relaxed and grounded.

Feedback from attendees has been positive and thankful, especially from those who attended for the first time, and because the retreat was online, we were able to have so many more be present due to typical restraints like geography, time and money. Anna and I are beyond grateful to our Plymouth community, to Betsy and those who attended the retreat this year. Thank you for a memorable evening. Blessings,

—Jennifer Kaiton & Anna Colwell

### 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!

**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.

### PLYMOUTH READS



Read, study and discuss.

Online events coming up:

**November 7 Book Club Saturday 3 pm** This will be such a rich afternoon to share together our reading of *The Fire Next Time*. Discussion questions will be online soon, including, "Is James Baldwin a prophet?" Enrich the discussion with your presence.

**November 14 "Baldwin's Radical Philosophy of Love" 3 pm Zoom Event** Dr. Ernest L. Gibson III, an

Associate Professor at Auburn University and James Baldwin Scholar will share his scholarly but also very personally felt journey into the brilliance of James Baldwin.

Register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to attend Book Club Saturday and to hear Dr. Ernest L. Gibson III.

### CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG

New articles posted weekly 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. If you have feedback or questions about the Library, email [PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:PlymouthLibrary@gmail.com).

—Suzanne Sanderson, Librarian



New articles every Monday.

## 150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE

### WHERE ARE PLYMOUTH YOUTH?

Plymouth youth are meeting on Zoom on Sundays! K-5 is still partnering with Sanctuary church each Sunday for thirty minutes of check



Visit our YouTube channel for fun faith formation activities.

in, prayer and some programming. Jenny Kaiton leads the K-5 class alongside Rachel Park from Sanctuary church.

MYF (grades 6-8) and YF (grades 9-12) youth also continue to meet online every Sunday to connect, be with their peers and do some programming. For more info on MYF contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold, [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) For more info on YF contact Anna Colwell, [AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:AColwell@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

For little ones ages four and under, we have begun to collect videos into a playlist titled "Family Activities" on the Plymouth YouTube channel. Those videos right now are songs being sung, and books being read by people in our church community. If you'd like to contribute to the playlist, please reach out to Jennifer Kaiton, [JKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JKaiton@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Visit Plymouth Church UCC on YouTube for our playlist and other resources.

### STAND UP! SPEAK OUT!



Gather together to keep the issues front and center.

Join others at Plymouth standing for racial justice. We as a majority white Christian church created and have benefited from systemic institutional racism, and we must be part of changing it. 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Under the "Connect" tab, click on "Albums."

### NOW IS THE TIME: VOTE!

If you need help with 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 helping you.



### OPTIONS TO GIVE TO PLYMOUTH



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)

### HELP 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 impacts the lives of suffering people in Seattle. Ways you can help:

**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).

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

