



PLYMOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10:30 AM ✦ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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 for updates.

All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020
ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SUNDAY

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

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship. Before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread and juice of some sort. Let it be something you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice.

Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. You are invited to light a candle or place a flower or plant or something meaningful into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. Thank you for your preparation.

PRELUDE *Prière (Prayer)* Douglas Wagner
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

WELCOME. Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Deacon Tom Maul

To be loving is to be open to grief, to be touched by sorrow,
even sorrow that is unending. —bell hooks



bell hooks is an American author, professor, feminist, and social activist.

To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go. —Mary Oliver

Amen



Mary Oliver was an American poet. The New York Times described her as “far and away, this country’s best-selling poet.”

HYMN *For All the Saints, vss. 1-2.* SINE NOMINE

Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a steady eighth-note bass line. The vocal line has two verses of lyrics. The first verse is: "1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Jesus, hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you be forever blessed. were their one true light. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!"

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



Heather Plett is the author of the book The Art of Holding Space: A Practice of Love, Liberation, and Leadership. She is an international speaker, facilitator, writer, and life-long learner whose work has been translated into a dozen languages

Today I will greet Grief
When it comes:
I will meet it at the door,
I will say “Come in, old friend.
Take off your shoes.
Settle into this comfortable chair.
Make yourself at home
In this messy, humble space.”
I will pour tea for Grief
And I will sit with it,
Sipping slowly as we
Stare out the window at the passing clouds.
I will listen to the
Hard stories of loss
Grief wants to tell.
I will breathe deeply into the ache
Grief lays before me.
I won’t say much —
Grief doesn’t ask for many words.
I will mostly sit in silence
And I will let the tears flow
When Grief nudges the
Tender places in me.
When Grief is finished speaking,
I may invite Grief
To come to the canvas with me
To feel the ooze of paint
Between our fingers.
I may also invite Grief
To walk by the river with me
So that we can watch
The water flow past.
I won’t ask Grief to leave,
But when Grief is ready to go,
I will open the door and bid farewell.
Then I will put away the teacup,
Clean the paint off my hands,
And carry on.

— Heather Plett

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Today we remember all loved ones and speak the names of persons who have died in the past 12 months, printed in bold on pages 10-12.

TAIZE CHANTS *Ubi Caritas and Jesus, Remember Me*
by Jacques Berthier

Accompanied by Annamária Kertész, Réka Szabó, Louis-Joseph Fournier,
Jérôme Gueller, used by permission of the Taize Community.
Vocals by Sari Breznau.

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

HYMN *For All the Saints, vss. 3-4.* **SINE NOMINE**
Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6
(The Voice Translation) read by Dr. Brown

The book of Revelation was written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. In today's reading, the writer reassures faithful Christians who have endured adversity—people who need to hear that God will make things right.

I looked again and could hardly believe my eyes. Everything above me was new. Everything below me was new. Everything around me was new because the heaven and earth that had been passed away, and the sea was gone, completely. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, prepared like a betrothed on their wedding day, adorned for their companion and for their eyes only. And I heard a great voice, coming from the throne.

See, the home of God is with God's people.
 The Holy One will live among them;
 They will be God's people,
 And God Godself will be with them.
 The prophecies are fulfilled:
 The Holy One will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 Mourning no more, crying no more, pain no more,
 For the first things have gone away.

And the One who sat on the throne announced to the One's creation,
 See, I am making all things new. Write what you hear and see, for these words are
 faithful and true. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
 I will see to it that the thirsty drink freely from the fountain of the water of life.

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Deacon Jon Daniel



James Baldwin was an American novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, and activist.

“You survive this and in some terrible way, which I suppose no one can ever describe, you are compelled, you are corralled, you are bullwhipped into dealing with whatever it is that hurt you. And what is crucial here is that if it hurt you, that is not what’s important. Everybody’s hurt. What is important, what corrals you, what bullwhips you, what drives you, torments you, is that you must find some way of using this to connect you with everyone else alive. This is all you have to do it with. You must understand that your pain is trivial except insofar as you can use it to connect with other people’s pain; and insofar as you can do that with your pain, you can be released from it, and then hopefully it works the other way around too; insofar as I can tell you what it is to suffer, perhaps I can help you to suffer less.”

—from *“The Cross of Redemption: Uncollected Writings,”* by James Baldwin

**SOLOPeople Get Ready by Curtis Mayfield
 performed by Stephanie Anne Johnson and Dan Tyack**

MESSAGE The Case for More Funerals Dr. Brown

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.

INVITATION Dr. Brown

CONSECRATION Jennifer Castle

COMMUNION PRAYER Rev. Steven Davis

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



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

**Holy One, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTIONRev. Donene Blair

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Ms. Castle

**We thank you, Most Holy God,
for refreshment at your table
where along with your saints
we receive the gifts and grace to carry on.
Provide for your people a strong, unwavering faith
and increased love for one another.
Give us the grace to stand firm with you with our lives
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN

Woyaya, by Teddy Osei, Mac Tontoh, Sol Amarfio, Loughty Lassisi,
Robert Bailey, Spartacus R., Wendell Richardson, and Annie Masembe.
Performed by Jamie Shilling, Kyna Shilling, and Sari Breznau

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
It will be hard we know
And the road will be muddy and rough
But we'll get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
but we know we will
Woyaya

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints Setting by Jacob Weber
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**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.**

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Today we remember loved ones and speak the names of persons who have died in the past 12 months, printed in bold.

Duane Adams

James “Luke” Alexander

Bob Almquist

Richard Anderson

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Ella Bechtold

Kenneth L. Bellinger

Ella Bechtold

Sharon Bellinger

Hillary Bennett

Inez Bennett

Hilda Blaikie

Chadwick Boseman

Vivian Bowden

Kathy Bowman

John Boyce

Ruth Boyce

Helen Boyer

Annie Boynton

Anthony Boynton, Sr.

Wilford Brimley

Kobe Bryant

Shirley Carlton

Art Carpenter

Keri Carter

Laurie Castello Tsuchiya

Norma J. Clark

Kevin Clarke

Olivia de Havilland

Edward Delanty

Gayle Delanty

Gertrude Delanty

Hugh Delanty

John Delanty

William Delanty

Brian Dennehy

Gordon Dobbins

Kirk Douglas

Llewelyn Edelweiss

Alice Fairweather

John Allen Fehsenfeld

Ruth Fliegel

George Floyd

Lloyd Frankforther

Jack Fung

William Fung

Gabriel Gallardo

Anne Margaret Geller

Edward Geller

Richard Crile Garretson

Don Gwilym

Alvin Hagen

Dorothy Hagen

Jean Haigh

THE BOOK OF LIFE

John Haigh

Don Hanson

Sterling Hardy

Starr Hashiguchi

Phyllis Holmes

Helen Horning Zusne

Jessie Jenkins

Tonya Johnson

Amos Jones

Beverly Jones

Herman Jones

Lucille Jones

Patricia “Patty” Jones

Wendy Jones

Bishop Barbara King

Margaret Kitchell

George Lamb

Leona Landsburg

Jim Lehrer

John Lewis

Sarah Leyrer

James Lipton

Alan Leif Lund

Steve McBride

Greg Mimnaugh

Curtis Mitchell

Mabel Mitchell

James “Jim” Mohundro

Bill Morrison

Jack Mosteller

Elsie Orr

James Orr

Russell Orr

Frank Ortega

Don Pape

Joseph Patrick Pape

James “Jim” Perry

Henry “Hank” Perry

Della Plaster

Dorothy “Big” Price

Francine Puckett

Carol Reed

Helen Reddy

Bill Rennebohm

Gene Reynolds

Howard Reynolds

Little Richard

Kenny Rogers

Cally Rogers-Witte

Geraldine Emmert Rood

Hazel Rufo

Wayne Sandstrom

Bob Schaeffer

Erika Schmidt

B. Smith

Kenneby Souriyamuth

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Marjorie Spivey

Henry Steputis

John Bradford Stevens

Marcia Ennis Stevens

Donna Stirton

Breonna Taylor

Virginia Thomson

Kashoni Valentine

Leo Valentine

Eddie Van Halen

Ruth Waezig

Doris Waggoner

Erin Wall

Steven Wehr

Fred Willard

Imogene Williams

Steven Williams

Phyllis Blackman Wilson

Robert James Wilson

Bill Withers

Jane Yick

Tobin Zerba

**230,000 Covid-19 deaths
in America**

**1.2 million Covid-19 deaths
in the World**

UNITE FOR GOOD TONIGHT

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, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk the Labyrinth today in our Sanctuary from 1 to 4 pm to contemplate and pray 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.

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.

Depression, Anxiety and 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

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: **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.

Plymouth Reads You are invited to participate in Plymouth Reads! 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 to attend Book Club Saturday and to hear Dr. Ernest L. Gibson III.

Keep 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. This is one simple action we can take to show up. Come when you can, stay for any length of time you want. 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.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.