

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Epiphany:

Embody the Message

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.

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 care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

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BAPTISM OF CHRIST

*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.*

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 do alone or share with others in your household. 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

*Variations on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
(Wie schöne leuchtet der Morgenstern)
by Dietrich Buxtehude*

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

INVOCATIONRev. Donene Blair

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,
we come to this time and place to be with you,
to worship you, and to learn from you.
May our time together
be like your creation of light in the darkness
that you called good.
May it be that you would call us good
while we respond to your call and as we listen to you.

Amen.

HYMN *Great is Your Faithfulness, vss 1-3.* FAITHFULNESS
Miriam Gnagy, Sari Breznau, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your
 hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

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

HOLY COMMUNION AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS Dr. Brown

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Jessie Attri, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ken Carter, Jon & Maryann Counts, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington, (friend of Karen Clark), Phil Fredrickson, Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Sharon, Floyd, and Carrie Gossett, Robert Hardy (Friend of Karen Clark), Joyce Irving (mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Virginia Johnson, Michael Kaid, Renee Lang (friend of Glenda Carper), Libonati Family, 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, Joseph Scott, Ellen Woodruff Smith (Sister of Bob Woodruff), Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)

Our hearts are with Mari Mitchell and family on the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Cheri Bader. An online service celebrating the life of Dorothy Swanson will be held 2 pm Saturday, January 16. Link available at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.



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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Rev. Blair

We thank you, Holy God, for inviting us to this table where we have known and been known. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION Ruth Williamson

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Deacon Indigo Brown

Doom to you who call evil good, and good evil,
Who put darkness in place of light
and light in place of darkness,
Who substitute bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

Doom to you who think you're so smart,
who hold such a high opinion of yourselves!
And then line your pockets with bribes from the guilty
while you violate the rights of the innocent. —*Isaiah 5:20, 21 & 23*

“You’re not to be so blind with patriotism that you can’t face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.”

“If you don’t stand up for something, you’ll fall for anything.”

“If you’re not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.” —*Malcolm X*

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5

(NRSV translation) read by Jennifer Castle

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness the Holy One called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ANTHEM *I Am Light* by India Arie

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, vocals

MESSAGE *Night and Day* Dr. Brown

HYMN *I've Got A Feeling* Trad.

Be Russell, vocals; Evan Flory-Barnes, bass;
Leo Neer, drums; Sari Breznau, piano and vocals

I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright
I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright
I've got a feeling everything's gonna be all right
Be alright, be alright, be alright.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE. *Sing Praise to God* Setting by Paul Manz
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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Meetings Plan to attend a Congregational Conversation about Plymouth's 2020 finances and the 2021 budget proposal after worship via Zoom Sunday, January 17. Plymouth's 151st Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31. Keep reading the *Herald* and checking the website for links to the meetings.

Stand in Solidarity on MLK Day If you are looking for a Covid friendly vehicle for supporting Black Lives Matter on Martin Luther King Day, consider joining us! Let's gather between 12 noon and 2pm on Monday, January 18 at Plymouth Church outside at 6th and University. Please come for any part of that time for as long as you are able. Wear a mask and bring a sign. A large march is leaving Garfield at noon and we are standing in solidarity with that effort. If you have questions please contact Christine Hanson or Ruth Williamson.

Help with Lenten Devotional In this time when we can't physically be together, it is particularly meaningful for our faith community to experience Lent through a devotional made up of submissions from one another. Our theme for Lent this year is Seeing Through the Darkness. Please email your submissions to Jennifer Castle at JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org by Wednesday, February 3.

Communion Videos Requested The worship team would love to feature Plymouth folks communing together for our worship videos on Communion Sundays. Would you be interested in making a short video of yourself and others serving one other Communion? This could include couples, friends, and family groups with youth and children. Please contact Rev. Donene Blair for details at DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you! —*Worship Planning Team*

May's Vote — a play about the two women who led the campaign that won the vote for women in Washington State in 1910 — is coming to Plymouth Church UCC for two virtual performances January 26 and 29. Don't miss your chance to get to know these fascinating women and their story. More information at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Plymouth Reads is back in 2021 with our second of three books: *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Be sure to visit the Plymouth Reads web page and see all the great resources put together by our church librarian, Suzanne Sanderson, and to register to receive weekly emails and hear about the latest details on events and other happenings around the reading of *How To Be An Antiracist*. Click the "Plymouth Reads" button at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for link to registration and resources.

