

10:30 AM ✨ SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 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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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

*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.*

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Brown

“Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles. Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity; Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right? And there comes a time when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because it is right.”

Amen.

HYMN *Woke Up This Morning* Traditional

Bethany Russell, vocals; Evan Florey-Barnes, bass;
Leo Neer, drums; Sari Breznau, piano and vocals

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind stayed on Jesus
Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind stayed on Jesus
Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLERev. Louis Mitchell

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), Floyd 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), 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, Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Rev. Bob Williams (Uncle of Jamie Shilling), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)



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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SHARING PEACEThe peace of Christ be with you.

MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION Kyna Shilling

CONTEMPORARY VOICE

Moral Courage Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE James 2:5-13
(NRSV translation) read by Dr. Brown

The second chapter of James opens with an illustration that is as relevant in the contemporary church as it must have been to James' first readers.

Listen, my beloved siblings. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that the Divine has promised to those who love God? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

ANTHEM. *There Is A Balm* . . African American Spiritual
Rev. Amantha Barbee

MESSAGE *The Beginning of the End.* Rev. Barbee

HYMN *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody (Turn Me 'Round)* Traditional
Sari Breznau, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land
Ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land
Ain't gonna let no heartache turn me 'round
turn me 'round, turn me 'round
Ain't gonna let no heartache turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on walkin'
Keep on talkin'
Marching up to freedom land

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Barbee

POSTLUDE

Psalm 71: I will go in the strength of the Lord Douglas E. Wagner
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

CLOSING Dr. Brown

*Special thanks to guest preacher Rev. Amantha Barbee,
Senior Pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian in Atlanta, Georgia.*

You are encouraged to attend a Congregational Conversation about Plymouth's 2020 finances and the 2021 budget proposal after worship today. Link is posted at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (same link as weekly coffee hour). This meeting takes the place of coffee hour today.



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

Notice of Annual Meeting Plan to attend Plymouth's 151st Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31. Link to the meeting will be posted at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

MLK Day Gathering Cancelled Due to heightened potential for violence in the next few days, the Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and staff recommend that there not be a gathering of folks outside Plymouth at noon on Monday for the MLK remembrance. We suggest instead that you participate virtually in other MLK events. Visit SeattleMlkCoalition.org for list of online events and other ways to honor the day.

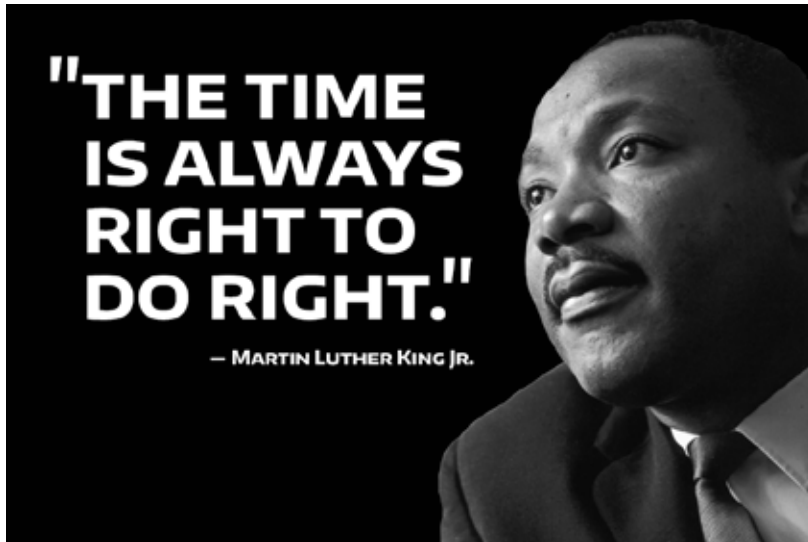
Help with Lenten Devotional In this time when we can't physically be together, it is particularly meaningful for our faith community to experience Lent through a devotional made up of submissions from one another. Our theme for Lent this year is Seeing Through the Darkness. Please email your submissions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

Prison Ministry Thanks You Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute a 2021 calendar (or ten) to a collection for Monroe Correctional Center inmates who want them. Thanks to you, over 280 calendars were recently delivered to the prison chaplain for inmate use. The prison will make additional deliveries later in the year, so if you are still receiving, or have, 2021 calendars, look to the Herald for an announcement about collecting and delivering additional calendars in late February. —*Mike Pierson*

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. Ticket information at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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!

Plymouth Reads We didn't need further proof that racism is alive in the United States but we got it. Join together as a community of faith in understanding how we can draw on God's promise of justice and actively engage in the dismantling of injustice in our time and our place. Ibram X. Kendi in his book *How To Be An Antiracist* gives us tools. Register now at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. and join the conversation.



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.