

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, January 24, 2021**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

Lectionary Text for January 24: Jonah 3:1-5

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Preaching

“Consequences and Accountability”

11:30 am **Online Coffee Hour**

**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.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

Staff e-mail addresses are listed under the “About” tab at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Click on “Ministers and Staff.”



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## JOIN 151ST ANNUAL MEETING



Online meeting January 31, following worship.

Plan to attend Plymouth’s 151st Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31. Link to the meeting will be posted at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). This meeting will take the place of coffee hour on that Sunday.

We shared in October that the Council would continue

to discern the most appropriate leadership model for Plymouth to live into our mission of growing people of faith and being a community of radical inclusion, work that requires us to dismantle oppressive systems and ways of being.

The council has voted unanimously to recommend that the church utilize the flexibility embodied in our by-laws — that is, that the church should formally choose to adopt a “senior minister” or “senior pastor” style. The council further recommends that the congregation call the Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown as senior pastor, with all the rights, privileges and emoluments pertaining to that position. The council is convinced that no better candidate could be found for this position than Rev. Dr. Brown, whose faith, eloquence, and caring we have come to know and appreciate.

—Sue Maul, Moderator, Al Bentley, Vice Moderator ✦

## CONTRIBUTE TO DEVOTIONAL



Jennifer Castle

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 is *Seeing Through the Darkness*. Submissions can be stories from life, prayers, photography, poetry (your own or favorite poems written by others), or art. What role has the darkness played in your faith journey? What are the gifts found in darkness? Where do you find hope? How have you been able to move through dark times in your life?

Please email submissions to [JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) by **Wednesday, February 3**. Please contact Jennifer if you have questions or need more information. ✦

## MAY’S VOTE

*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



Get tickets now! Performances January 26 & 29.

*next week:* (Pacific Time): **Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2:30 pm** and **Friday, Jan. 29, 6:30 pm**. Tickets can be reserved through the Key City Public Theater website: [KeyCityPublicTheatre.org/MaysVote/](http://KeyCityPublicTheatre.org/MaysVote/).

Don’t miss your chance to get to know these fascinating women. Learn about how Washington State’s victory became a turning point in the fight to win the vote for women nationwide — and about the important role that Plymouth Congregational Church played in the Washington State campaign.

Please consider donating to University Congregational UCC to help offset the costs of presenting *May’s Vote*. Once costs are met, 50% of donations will go directly to the artists. After you reserve tickets and check out, you will receive a confirmation email, with a link for viewing the performance. It will also include a link to the Online Giving page of the University Congregational UCC website, [UniversityUCC.org](http://UniversityUCC.org). Choose “May’s Vote” on the drop-down “Select a fund” menu.

Donations by check can be sent to University Congregational UCC at: 4515 16th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105. Please include “May’s Vote” on memo line. For questions or problems, please email [Communications@UniversityUCC.org](mailto:Communications@UniversityUCC.org).

### Historical Notes



Plymouth Congregational (and other Seattle churches) played an important role in the Washington suffrage campaign. In the summer of 1909, conventions for the state and national suffrage organizations were scheduled in Seattle, in

conjunction with the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Plymouth Congregational Church hosted these conventions, and the support of many other churches and ministers was enlisted in planning them. The conventions culminated with the celebration of Suffrage Day at the A-Y-P Exposition. ✦

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

**Sharon Ahlquist** (Sister of Vicki Schoettle), 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, **Larry Jones**, Michael Kaid, Renee Lang (friend of Glenda Carper), Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), 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, Rev. Bob Williams (Uncle of Jamie Shilling), Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson) (**bold = newly added**)

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Quiet Time With God  
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Praying For The Sick  
NOT CANCELED

Checking On A Friend  
NOT CANCELED

Helping Others  
NOT CANCELED

Being The Church  
NOW MORE THAN EVER

## 2021 BUDGET CONVERSATION RECAP



Kyna Shilling

On Sunday, January 17, we gathered on Zoom for a faith-filled conversation about Plymouth's 2021 budget. At one point, we counted 86 "screens" and many screens contained two or more faces! It was great to see everyone, and it was heartening to have so many of you present and engaged with the budget. I'm grateful to be reminded

of the faithfulness and commitment of this community.

Visit [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click news article "2021 Budget Conversation Recap" for a link to a packet of budget information, including a narrative overview of 2020's finances and a description of some changes we are making in 2021. In particular, I am excited about our move towards year-round Stewardship and the new model for funding our justice work at Plymouth.

In planning for 2021, we recognize that this is an unusual year with a lot of uncertainty. It is important to be good stewards of Plymouth's resources, and listen to where the Holy Spirit is leading us in this time and place. We want to be both trusting and trustworthy. Most importantly, we want to let our values guide the budget. This is how we put our love into action in 2021.

Please mark your calendar for Plymouth's FIRST Virtual Annual Meeting and budget vote, after worship on Sunday, January 31.

—Kyna Shilling

## OPTIONS TO GIVE

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. 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).

## PLYMOUTH READS

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is celebrated this week. Listening to and reading about his deeply held beliefs in the potential of the United States, he comes back time and time again to the need for new policies. He didn't use the terms of racist and antiracist policies that Kendi does in the book we are reading now, *How To Be An Antiracist*. But the heritage is clear. This is not an easy book to read but it is an important book read as this week also saw the swearing in of President Biden and Vice-President Harris. A new opportunity to engage in policy discussions that will bring us closer to justice.

Register for Plymouth Reads at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



## CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG



New articles posted weekly.

This week Librarian Suzanne Sanderson writes about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:

"...Martin Luther King Jr and all the others who fought for Civil Rights persisted, and things became better. It took such a long time, but Barack Obama was elected President. The United States had traveled far and still had farther to go. We grieved in recent years as hard-won victories were turned around. Look back at the

1960s when so much was wrong, but we had hope that good would prevail. Now let us have hope again — and back that hope with action."

New articles posted every Monday 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.

## KEEP STANDING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown is out in front representing us on social justice issues in the community. 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. 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.



Be seen and be heard in the cause of justice.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS!

Scammers are using the latest round of stimulus checks to send out emails asking you to click on a link that takes you to a bogus application to fill out to "make sure you are getting all the payments owed to you." **This is a scam!**



Please be aware and protect your personal information.

It is just a way for fraudsters to gain your personal details and opens you up to the potential for identity theft. Government agencies will never call, text, email, or contact you on social media to ask for your Social Security, bank account or credit card number. Please be aware and do not fall prey to these attempts to get your personal financial information.

Additionally, we continue to get periodic alerts about various persons claiming to be Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown and sending what looks like a personal request from her for financial assistance on a project or private matter. We have shared before in previous *Herald* mailings that **NO ONE** from the Plymouth Church UCC staff will ever send such a request. Please be aware, pay attention to the email address from which the request is being sent, and **DO NOT** respond. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the church office: [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Report scams by calling 1.800.551.4636 or online at [Atg.Wa.Gov/File-Complaint](http://Atg.Wa.Gov/File-Complaint)

## EMBODIMENT IN DISEMBODIED TIME

All male gender identifying people are invited to register for the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC Men's Retreat January 29-30. The theme is "Embodiment in a Disembodied Time." Our host will be Phil Porter.



Coming soon! register now!

The retreat will be held online, Friday evening, January 29, 7:30 to 9 pm for music, worship and introductions, continuing Saturday with program led by Phil Porter, 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm, ending Saturday, 7:30 to 9 pm, with Wisdom Circle. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (click news article "Embodiment in a Disembodied Time.")

Contact Hans Danker, [JDank@msn.com](mailto:JDank@msn.com) for scholarship assistance, Advent blessings, —Rick Russell, member of Retreat Planning Team and Prospect UCC, Seattle

## ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

This is a partial list of resources intended to serve white people and parents to deepen anti-racism work. See the full list at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now.



**Films and TV series to watch:**

- *Dear White People* (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- *Fruitvale Station* (Ryan Coogler) — Available to rent
- *I Am Not Your Negro* (James Baldwin doc) — Available to rent or on Kanopy
- *Just Mercy* (Destin Daniel Cretton) — Available to rent
- *King In The Wilderness* — HBO

**Articles to read:**

- *America's Racial Contract Is Killing Us* by Adam Serwer | *Atlantic* (May 8, 2020)
- *My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant* by Jose Antonio Vargas | *The New York Times Magazine* (June 22, 2011)
- *The 1619 Project* (all the articles) | *The New York Times Magazine*

**Books to read:**

- *Black Feminist Thought* by Patricia Hill Collins
- *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower* by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- *Heavy: An American Memoir* by Kiese Laymon
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Redefining Realness* by Janet Mock
- *Sister Outsider* by Audre Lorde

(List Compiled by Sarah Sophie Flicker, Alyssa Klein, May 2020.)

## 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](mailto:DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Thank you!



Be part of online worship.