

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

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

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*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.*

You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**WELCOME** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**PRELUDE**

*Pastorale on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” . . . . . Setting by Paul Manz  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**. . . . . Sue Maul

To know the warmth of love,

**To have the assurance that someone cares,**

To be confident of our worth,

**To be bold to love in return,**

To be washed over with grace,

**To be accepted as we are:**

This is to know a bit of God.

**Then let us worship our God.**

Words by Jane Parker Huber

Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,





E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . . . Al Bentley**

*Sharon Ahlquist (Sister of Vicki Schoettle), Merrily Applewhite, Jessie Attri, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ken Carter, 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), Larry Jones, Michael Kaid, Renee Lang (friend of Glenda Carper), Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Montecinos family, 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 the Shilling family on the passing of Jamie’s uncle, Rev. Bob Williams.  
Our hearts are with Maryann Counts and family on the passing of Jon Counts, January 30.*

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

**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION**

CONTEMPORARY VOICE . . . . . read by Ms. Maul  
*Prayer for the Morning* by Audette Fulbright Fulson

Did you rise this morning,  
broken and hung over  
with weariness and pain  
and rage tattered from waving too long in a brutal wind?  
Get up, child.  
Pull your bones upright  
gather your skin and muscle into a patch of sun.  
Draw breath deep into your lungs;  
you will need it  
for another day calls to you.  
I know you ache.  
I know you wish the work were done  
and you  
with everyone you have ever loved  
were on a distant shore  
safe, and unafraid.  
But remember this,  
tired as you are:  
you are not alone.  
Here  
and here  
and here also  
there are others weeping  
and rising  
and gathering their courage.  
You belong to them  
and they to you  
and together,  
we will break through  
and bend the arc of justice  
all the way down  
into our lives.



*Called to All Souls  
Unitarian Universalist in  
NYC in 2016, Audette  
is the first woman ever  
called to the pulpit there.  
She has served in racial  
reconciliation and conflict  
resolution work for  
over 15 years, and was  
delighted to perform the  
first LGBTQ marriage in  
Wyoming. She writes a  
well-regarded social media  
daily prayer series.*

**ANTHEM** . . . . . *Lift Thine Eyes* . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
Jennylynn Vidas, Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK** . . . . . Mark 1:21–28  
(NRSV translation) read by Mr. Bentley

*Possessed by the Holy Spirit, after his time in the wilderness, preaching the reign of God, and now in the company of at least four followers, it's time for Jesus' public ministry to gather momentum.*

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**MESSAGE** . . . . . *Anointing* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**HYMN** . . . . . *Called as Partners in Christ's Service, vs 4.* . . . . . BEECHER  
Words by Jane Parker Huber  
Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace

**CHARGE AND BLESSING** . . . . . Dr. Brown

**POSTLUDE**. . . . . *Let Us Be Joyful (Gaudeamus)* . . Sidney S. Campbell  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Meeting Today!** Plymouth's 151st Annual Meeting will be held immediately after worship today. Link to join the meeting is posted at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Meeting takes the place of coffee hour today.

**Join Black History Events** In observance of Black History Month in February, please join us for two upcoming Zoom events: Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 pm We will gather to watch and discuss the Rev. Dr. William Barber's sermon given at the Inaugural Prayer Service. Link will be posted at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 pm: Movies that Move We will gather to watch a segment of Cosmic Slop, a science fiction film billed as a "multicultural Twilight Zone." This thought-provoking anthology addresses serious social issues, backdropped by humor and biting parody. The Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown will lead the discussion following the viewing of the film. Link will be posted at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Please plan to join us for both events. —*Jennifer Castle*

**Help with Devotional** Our new theme is "Finding Hope in Times of Struggle." So far we have received 6 submissions and will need 47 in total. Deadline is Wednesday, February 3, but if you are planning to submit something (a favorite poem, a personal reflection, a photograph, a drawing, etc.) please email Jennifer Castle at [jcastle@plymouthchurchseattle.org](mailto:jcastle@plymouthchurchseattle.org) as soon as possible to let her know of your plans. If there is not sufficient interest, we will scrap this project and spend energy on more fruitful opportunities for us to grow in faith together.

**Plymouth Reads** Little did we know that the second book we are reading together, "How To Be An Antiracist," by Ibram X. Kendi, would be as relevant as it is. Thirty new policies in the first three days of President Biden's presidency and he is not finished. All with the stroke of a pen. If you have been lukewarm about Kendi's theory of the power of antiracist policies, this news should have your interest piqued. We are halfway through this book together. Pick up a copy now. And register with Plymouth Reads at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to keep up on activities and events.

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.