

10:30 AM ✨ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2021
FIFTH 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.*

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 and juice of some sort. 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. Thank you for your preparation.

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

PRELUDE

Communion: Rite of Fellowship
(from *Exodus Suite: A tribute to Harriet Tubman*) by Dr. Sharon J. Willis
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

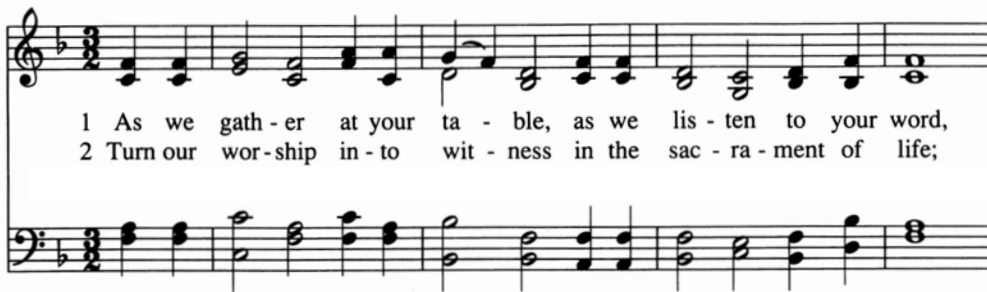
About this music Dr. Willis writes: “There was a deep sense of fellowship among underground passengers who had journeyed to the Promised Land of freedom together. . . . akin to the ritual of communion. The two spirituals used for thematic material: “Drinking of the Wine” and “Let Us Break Bread Together” capture the essence of this spiritual communion among the passengers.”

INVOCATION Dr. Brown

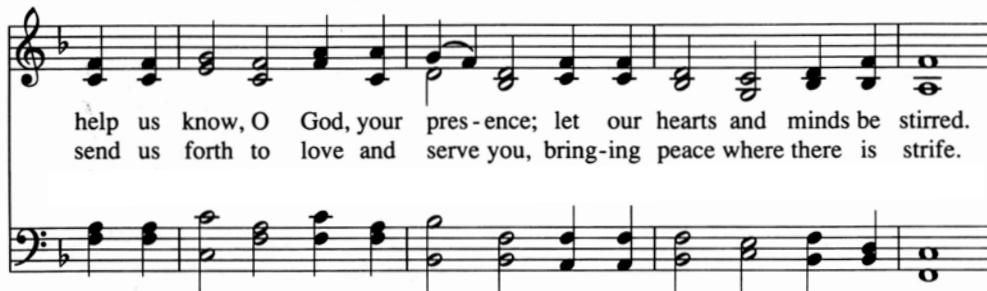
Listen, Lord: A Prayer (excerpted) by James Weldon Johnson

O Lord, we come this morning
Knee-bowed and body-bent
Before Thy throne of grace.
O Lord, this morning:
Bow our hearts beneath our knees,
And our knees in some lonesome valley.
We come this morning--
Like empty pitchers to a full fountain,
With no merits of our own.
O Lord, open up a window of heaven,
And lean out far over the battlements of glory,
And listen this morning. Amen

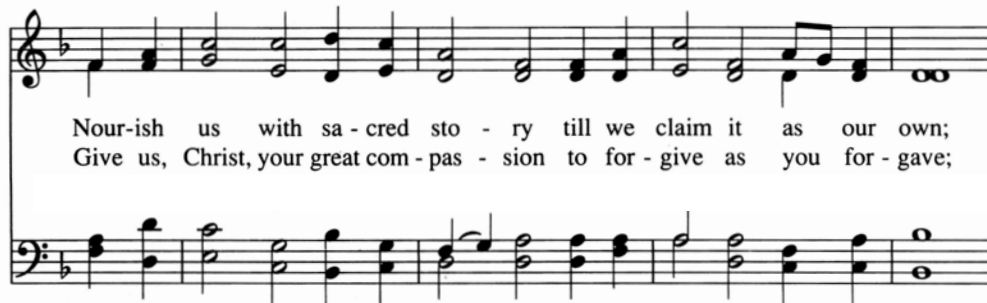
HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table, Vss 1-2;* BEACH SPRING
Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos



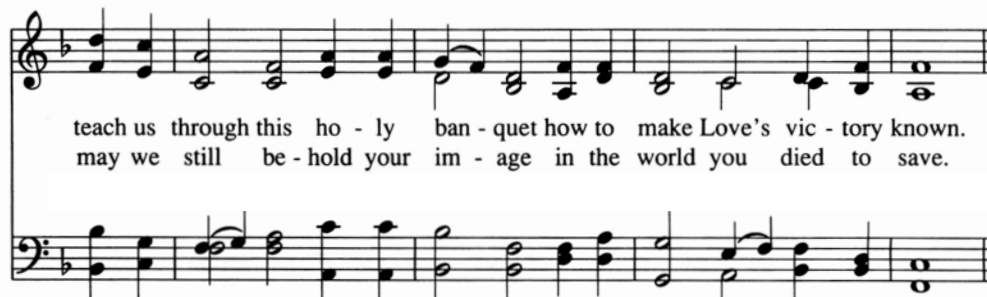
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.

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 and Rev. Donene Blair

COMMUNION PRAYER. Rev. Blair

Merrily Applewhite, Jessie Attri, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ken Carter, Pam Dorrance, 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), 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 Betty Eberharter and family on the passing of her son, Rick Eberharter.

 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 INSTITUTION. Rev. Kevin Bechtold

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Rev. Bechtold

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
You have brought us thus far and we trust that you will not leave us.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
That we might be strengthened in the faith, in the fight,
and in seeking freedom for all people.
Through right communion, draw us together and bring us ever
more fully into being the people you have created us to be. Amen.

HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table, Vs 3* BEACH SPRING
Miriam Gnagy, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least
There no more will envy bind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy

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

CONTEMPORARY VOICE

Ego-Tripping (there may be a reason) by Nikki Giovanni
Video by Deacon Indigo Brown

MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION Dr. Wanda Griffiths
Director of Music and Organist

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 1:5-7
(NRSV translation) read by Dr. Brown

I am black and beautiful,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
like the tents of Kedar,
like the curtains of Solomon.
Do not gaze at me because I am dark,
because the sun has gazed on me.

My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me keeper of the vineyards,
but my own vineyard I have not kept!
Tell me, you whom my soul loves,
where you pasture your flock,
where you make it lie down at noon;
for why should I be like one who is veiled
beside the flocks of your companions?

ANTHEM *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* . . . James Weldon Johnson
Recording by Stanford Talisman Alumni Virtual Choir (*Used with Permission*)

MESSAGE *The Necessity of Ego-Tripping* Dr. Brown

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Brown

POSTLUDE

King of Kings (Dedicated to Dr. Joyce Johnson). . . *Setting by Dr. Ralph Simpson*
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

Dr. Simpson was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in music from Michigan State University (1964). He has served on the faculties of many universities and churches and is currently the retired Chair Emeritus of the Music Department of Tennessee State University in Nashville.



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

Join Black History Event In observance of Black History Month in February, please join us 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. Please plan to join us for both events. —*Jennifer Castle*

Plymouth Reads Have you registered for Plymouth Reads? If not, take a few moments and click on the link at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Kendi’s *How To Be An Antiracist* is taking us in a much different direction than James Baldwin’s *The Fire Next Time* so we are excited to have you all there for this new discussion on racism. Each week we send registrants an email with a weekly challenge that helps enliven your read. And updates on our events which will be coming up in March. Join us!

All Fourth Quarter 2020 Giving Statements were emailed January 12, 2021. If you did not receive your statement, prefer a hard copy, or have any questions, please contact Diane Jacobsen at djacobsen@plymouthchurchseattle.org or 206.622.4865 *812. Thank you for your faithful support of the staff, the programs and mission of Plymouth Church UCC!

Join Weekly Bible Study with friends Wednesdays at 9 am on Zoom. Led by Jennifer Castle, this group studies the biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday’s worship service. Attendance ranges from 12-20 people, and the Zoom link is accessible from the Plymouth website. Please contact Jennifer at JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for the Zoom password, or if you would like to be added to the group’s weekly email list.

**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.**