

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am **Worship Sunday, February 14, 2021**

Transfiguration Sunday

Lectionary Text for February 14: Mark 9:2-9

Gus Newport, Preaching
(see article page 1)

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

Virtual Worship Only!

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The church building will be closed for all activities until further notice.

Check 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. Click on "Ministers and Staff."

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 UCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anti-racism Resources Find list of resources intended to serve white people and parents to deepen anti-racism work. If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, start now. List posted at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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!

Sharing Faces of Peace We are collecting videos of Plymouth members "Passing the peace" to be used in our online worship services! If you would like to make a short video snippet to be included, email Sari at saribreznau@gmail.com and she will walk you through how to contribute. It's simple, quick, and we'd love to see more Plymouth faces!

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!   

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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

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 Sulificio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)

We grieve with Susan Berry and family at the passing of her mother, Janene Berry, on February 5.

We grieve with the family and friends of Merrily Applewhite, who passed February 10.

Our hearts are with Barb Laski and family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of her husband Art Carpenter.

We keep the family and friends of Merlyn Bell in our prayers. Merlyn was a longtime friend of Plymouth and advocate for the mentally ill and homeless in Seattle.

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IMMIGRATION MINISTRY AT WORK CALLED AS SIBLINGS



The Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team (IMT) is an important part of the Plymouth community living out our call to welcome the stranger and seek justice. In 2020 the IMT focused on 5 broad areas: 1. Families in Sanctuary

and seeking asylum with Gethsemane Lutheran Church; 2. Unaccompanied refugee children served by KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) and by LCSNW (Lutheran Community Services Northwest); 3. Accompaniment of undocumented people to ICE or other appointments; 4. Education for the Plymouth Community; and 5. Political advocacy. About 75% of our 2020 \$20,000 budget was allocated to Gethsemane to support 2 families (6 adults and 4 children), including Jose Robles detained at the Northwest Immigrant Processing Center (NWIPC). About \$3,000 went to agencies needing help due to COVID, and about \$1000 to KIND.

Prior to COVID, the team provided 2 immigration workshops for the congregation in February and March with Reverend Diakonda Gurning. Two members traveled to Olympia with the Faith Action Network to advocate with our legislators. COVID restrictions beginning in March forced us to find new ways to carry out our commitments. Gethsemane family contacts became virtual tutoring, letter writing, and financial support with some limited in-person contact to get family members to medical appointments and food. The money designated for community building for children at KIND was converted to emergency support for unaccompanied children experiencing COVID. Our drive for masks provided over 150 of them to KIND clients. We contributed to COVID relief funds for undocumented workers not eligible for federal benefits. We participated in Plymouth worship to raise the voices of immigrants and refugees and worked on the IMT webpage content for the new Plymouth website.

We are grateful to the congregation for participating in drives for our Gethsemane families and for KIND. We will present more education and advocacy opportunities in 2021 and we hope more people will join us. The Biden administration gives us great hope that our efforts, as a faith-based organization working with immigrants and refugees, will bring about positive change and justice. —Carol Mooney, for IMT

Joining Hearts and Minds with Immigrants and Refugees

The Plymouth Immigration Ministry team is offering a Wednesday Night Lenten series on Zoom, 7-8 pm beginning February 24 and continuing for 4 weeks. We will focus on current immigration laws and systems and how they affect everyone from US born children and unaccompanied minors to asylum-seeking adults and long-time residents. Through discussion, film, presentations, guest speakers, prayer, and reflections we'll listen for ways working together can make a difference during pandemic restrictions and beyond. The changes in our national and state leadership offer us a unique opportunity as people of faith to gain understanding and find new roles in walking alongside our immigrant neighbors near and far. Please join us for all or as many Wednesdays as you can. RSVP on the homepage at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to receive the Zoom link. —Carol Mooney

"And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt."



Series begins February 24.

WELCOME, GUS NEWPORT



Hear Gus Newport Sunday, 10:30 am.

Gus Newport will preach during online worship this Sunday, February 14, 10:30 am. Newport was the mayor of Berkeley, California, from 1979 to 1986. More recently he worked to help the Gulfport, Mississippi, community rebuild in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

After his term as mayor, Newport headed the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative in Boston for four years, reviving a neighborhood that had looked like a war zone. He continues to consult for Thriving Communities, a Seattle-based organization that was inspired by the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. He serves on the leadership committee of the National Council of Elders, an organization of people over sixty-five who were involved in the major social justice movements of the last part of the twentieth century: civil rights, environmental rights, farm workers' rights, and LGBT rights.

LOVE IN ACTION



Love is a verb, not simply a feeling or a thought. Grounded in God's love for us, we are called to action as a church and as individuals.

So, how is Plymouth "Love in Action"? There are many ways you could interpret this question! You could consider how Plymouth inspires you to act for justice (because justice is a form of love), or the share about radical love and acceptance you've experienced or witnessed here, or share what participating in this church family means to you, or speak to the important work Plymouth is doing in our community. How do you experience God's love in action at Plymouth?

Each week, we are sharing our Love in Action stories in worship and in the *Herald*. We'd like to hear your story! This year-round stewardship campaign is a great reminder of the strength of this community, and it keeps us feeling connected to each other in these times of physical distance. Videos and text can be uploaded via link at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*In the news feed, click on article "Love in Action."*)

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." — 1 John 4:7 ✦

WHITE CO-CONSPIRATOR SUMMIT



Get equipped to be an agent of change! This virtual summit, **March 19-20**, is unapologetically intended to speak to white people about their role in dismantling white supremacy. Each speaker session and workshop calls out

a particular area of white supremacy in order to shift the dominant narrative, and provides ways to re-imagine collectively conspiring against white supremacist culture in order to foster a true Beloved Community. Speakers include Jim Wallis and Nadia Bolz-Weber. Cost is \$150 for the two day session. Visit ScarrittBennett.org/Summit2021 to register. ✦

JOIN BLACK HISTORY EVENT

Please join Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown 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. Dr. Brown will lead the discussion following the viewing of the film.

Link posted at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. (*In the news feed, click on article "Join Black History Events."*) —Jennifer Castle ✦

PLYMOUTH READS

It is hard to believe we are in Week 7 reading *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. For those of you who have registered, thank you. The list is growing!! And what better time to crack open this powerful book when we can see in the news Kendi's influence on national, state and local policymakers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to read and discuss with a faith community this relevant, let's-get-to-it labor of love and intellect.

Weekly Challenge:

As we read, *How To Be An Antiracist*, we are taken along with Kendi from third grade through to graduate school. Pull out your school pictures, saved art work and school annuals. Reflect on the influence your school years had on your attitudes, beliefs and identity.

Register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✦

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



February 9

- Paul Laurence Dunbar, first poet to use Black dialect in his verse, died 1906
- Leroy "Satchel" Paige elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, 1971

February 10

- Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded, 1957
- Andrew Brimmer, the first Black person to serve on the Federal Reserve Board, born 1926
- Leontyne Price, world renowned soprano, born 1927

February 11

- Nelson Mandela, leader of movement for democracy in South Africa, released from prison after 27 years, 1990
- Clifford Alexander, Jr. first Black Secretary of State, confirmed 1977

February 12

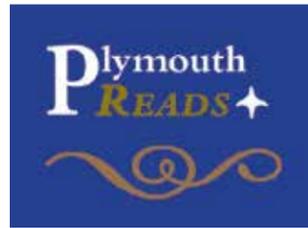
- Lincoln's birthday, 1809
- NAACP founded after riot in Springfield, IL, 1909

February 13

- First Black pro Basketball team, "The Renaissance," organized, 1923

February 14

- Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist, born 1817
- Morehouse College founded in Atlanta, 1867 ✦



CELEBRATE WITH JENN HAGEDORN

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ (PNCUCC), Plymouth Church Seattle United Church of Christ, and Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ, you are warmly welcomed to attend Jenn Hagedorn's upcoming ordination and installation service. She will be ordained and installed as Pastor at Spirit of Peace UCC in Sammamish, Washington.



Congratulations, Jenn!

Date: Sunday, February 28 at 3 pm PST

Location: Online, via Zoom! Here is the link to join.

Order of Worship: will be posted online by February 21.

What to Bring:

- A household plant or cup of soil for an adapted "Laying on of Hands" Liturgy.
- If you'll be participating in Communion (all are welcome), bring a food item and something to drink.

If you would like to participate in a group gift for Jenn in honor of her ordination, please consider contributing a small piece of cloth for a stole commissioned by her family. For details (type of fabric, size, and address), please email Lin Hagedorn (MountainClimber4@gmail.com).

An offering during the worship service will be accepted to help support the scholarship fund for Members in Discernment (those studying to become ministers in the UCC). To make a contribution ahead of time, find link at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*In the news feed, click on article "Celebrate with Jennifer Hagedorn"*). Or you can mail checks to: "PNCUCC" 325 North 125th Street, Seattle, WA, 98133 and note "Jenn's Ordination" on the check.

Reach out to Jenn via email (Pastor@SpiritOfPeaceUCC.org) with any questions! ✦

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG



Read all about it at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org

Looking for more on Black History? Read the Library Blog for resources available at your Plymouth Library.

"February is Black History Month, but these books can, and should, be read during all twelve months. Let me tell you about

some of the titles on race and racism, the Civil Rights Movement, and the African American experience which we have in Plymouth Library."

New articles are posted on the Library Blog every Monday. Do you want to check any library book out and have it delivered? Read how at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✦

MUSIC NOTES

This Sunday's prelude was composed by **Florence B. Price (1887-1953)**. She was the first African American woman to win recognition as a composer of symphonic works (1933). In 1903, when she was fifteen, she enrolled at the New England Conservatory of Music, one of only a few conservatories that admitted persons of color at that time. She struggled for recognition as a composer for many years, fully aware of the barriers she faced. In a letter she wrote in 1943 to the famous conductor Serge Koussevitzky, she stated "My dear Dr. Koussevitzky, To begin with I have two handicaps — those of sex and race. I am a woman; and I have some Negro blood in my veins." While some of her over 300 compositions were published during her lifetime, many were not. Her work as a composer has experienced a renaissance over the last few years, although she is still mentioned far more often than her music is presented.



Dr. Wanda Griffiths

The composer for Sunday's postlude is **Fela Sowande (1905-1987)** who was born in Nigeria and is considered to be the father of modern Nigerian Art Music. He studied organ with Thomas King Ekundayo Phillips of Christ Church Cathedral in Lagos as well as with other Nigerian church musicians. Sowande traveled to London to study civil engineering but became wrapped up in the world of music, supporting himself as a jazz musician. He founded a jazz septet with musicians from the Caribbean and soon began studying music at the University of London. He is credited with being the first musician to introduce the Hammond organ into jazz music in London in the 1930s. He was also a pioneering ethnomusicologist focusing on the music of his home country. ✦

HOLDING HOPE IN FREEWAY PARK



Enjoy time safely in the park.

Holding Hope, the 6-foot sculpture on the plaza near the Seneca Street entrance to Freeway Park, is meant to inspire unity and community as we move forward in recovery. Take a photo of yourself and post with the hashtag #HoldingHopeSeattle.

For every post, the Downtown Seattle Association will make a \$10 donation to the Pike Place Market Foundation in your name.

Enjoy Cozy Thursdays in the park with Adirondack chairs set at distance and warm blankets available. Good ventilation and a time to read a book, take a break and just be. Noon to 2 pm, weather permitting!

Social services will set up on the first and last Mondays of each month with teams between 11 and 2 pm, accessible to neighbors who are under-sheltered. Donations of warm clothing can be dropped by at these times. —Mary Margaret Pruitt ✦