

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Lectionary Text for February 28: Acts 10:34-43

"Anyone"

Min. Reggie Weaver Preaching  
(see article page 1)

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

**Virtual Worship Only!**

### PLEASE NOTE

Plymouth Staff are on break March 1-14

This *Herald* is the last before the staff break. There will be no *Herolds* produced the weeks of March 1 and 8.

Links to worship services on March 7 and 14 will be posted on the Plymouth homepage, [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

There will be no hosted coffee hour March 7 and 14.

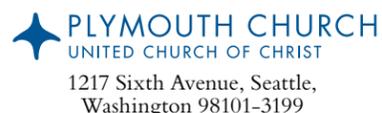
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Enjoy Sari Breznau's Fabulous Version of "Someday,"** as performed for the January 31 Annual Meeting. Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), and search for the Plymouth Church UCC channel. You can also see archived services and select musical performances on our YouTube channel.

**Anti-racism Resources** This list of resources is 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. Visit [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (In the news feed, click on article "Anti-racism Resources.")

**Love in Action** 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (In the news feed, click on article "Love in Action.")

**Text To Give** is a powerful tool to donate to Plymouth UCC quickly and securely. Simply text amount you want to give to Plymouth UCC's mobile giving number (206.208.1442). First time donors receive a link request to provide your name, address and credit card number. Then click send! Questions? Contact Diane in the Church office.



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, Katherine Guthrie, 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, Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson) **(bold = newly added)**

You are invited to a celebration of life for Margaret Kitchell via Zoom, 1 pm Sunday, February 28. Contact Julia Buchans, [JBuchans@gmail.com](mailto:JBuchans@gmail.com), 206.353.1894 for link and details.

A service for Merrily Applewhite is scheduled for 2 pm, March 20, via Zoom. Watch for more information.

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## CALLED AS SIBLINGS: IMMIGRATION SERIES BEGINS

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



**Joining Hearts and Minds with Immigrants and Refugees**

The Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team invites you to join us for Wednesday evening sessions on Zoom, 7-8 pm.

Topics for the upcoming weeks include:

**March 3** Unaccompanied Children & Changes with Current Administration

**March 10** Learning from Literature

**March 17** Current life in Mexico, with Abigail Fate, Global Ministries. *Have you wondered what is happening south of the border when the USA has forced thousands of men, women and children to stay in Mexico instead of pursue their plans to seek safety in the United States? Abigail Fate, twenty-five year old Global Ministry intern at the border of Mexico and the USA, will tell us about the situation and her assignment.*

**March 24** Reflections on Life at the Border

Reminder: You must RSVP at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to receive the Zoom link. —Carol Mooney

## 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](http://ScarrittBennett.org/Summit2021) to register.



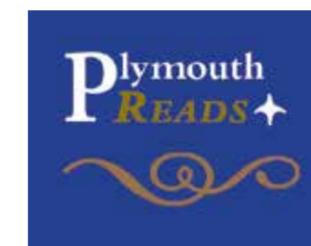
## WELCOME, REGGIE WEAVER

At 10:30 am online worship Sunday, February 28, we welcome Min. Reggie Weaver as guest preacher. Mr. Weaver is an activist and faith-rooted organizer in North Carolina. Holding an MDiv from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, he has pastored congregations in Indianapolis, Chicago, and Greensboro, NC, where he now resides. A native of Mobile, AL, Reggie now works to continue the legacy of his ancestors, protecting voting rights and seeking to build independent Black political power. Link to service at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).



Hear his message February 28.

## PLYMOUTH READS



We are entering Lent. A time of reflection and confession. In solidarity with staff, Plymouth Reads will go silent for two weeks to give time us time to prepare for an awakening. The Small Group Book Discussion for How To Be An Antiracist will

move to April 17 and the Speaker Event to April 24. To help us to center our quieting, we offer a Lenten Challenge. Register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to read about the challenge or register to receive updates through email. We are anticipating life-changing discussion when we return in April.

## PEACE ACTION NEWS: REMEMBERING OUR FOOTPRINTS

Do we remember? Do we care? The plutonium and ionizing radiation weapons of the most powerful hydrogen bomb of the USA was detonated upon Bikini and Enewetak Atoll-Marshall Islands in March of 1954. We have not kept our promises to the displaced and sick refugees from the Marshall Islands. We are invited to share with them in the Washington-Marshall Islands Nuclear Remembrance Week March 15-20. This is a Virtual Event. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (In the news feed, click on article "Peace Action News: Remembering Our Footprints.")

## LOVE IN ACTION



This past Sunday, our call to worship came from the powerful words of Baynard Rustin, a

queer civil rights leader, Quaker, mentor to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the organizer of the March on Washington. Hearing Rev. Louis Mitchell read these words in our worship service, I felt a clear invitation to the kind of Love in Action that Plymouth can embody. Let us amplify these words. Let us write them on our hearts this week:

*"We are all one — and if we don't know it, we will learn it the hard way."*

*"We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers..." who "...believe in social dislocation and creative trouble."*

*"Let us be enraged about injustice; but let us not be destroyed by it."*

*And work while knowing, "To be afraid is to behave as if the truth were not true."*

*"The proof that one truly believes is in action."*

*So, move and act, knowing, "The only weapon we have is our bodies, and we need to tuck them in places so wheels don't turn."*

*And know we have a choice, for... "Surely, I must at all times attempt to obey the law of the state. But when the will of God and the will of the state conflict, I am compelled to follow the will of God."*

*For what does the Lord require of us?*

*"God does not require us to achieve any of the good tasks that humanity must pursue. What God requires of us is that we not stop trying."*

*May we hold to our heart an accountable faith.*

May we live our love in action together. —Kyna Shilling ✦

## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

- **February 23** WEB DuBois, author and historian, born 1868
- **February 24** Bishop Daniel A Payne, reformer and educator of AME Church, born 1811



- **February 25** Hiram R. Revels, first Black US Senator, took oath of office, 1870
- **February 26** Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali after converting to Islam, 1964
- **February 27** Charlotte Ray, first Black woman lawyer, graduated Howard University, 1872
- **February 28** Phillis Wheatly, poet, died 1784 ✦

## HELP WITH EASTER FLOWERS

Each year at Easter, the Community and Care Board supports a long tradition of delivering beautiful flowers to Plymouth folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. The Board feels it is important to maintain this ministry, and to do so safely.

We need your help! If you can safely deliver flowers by dropping it off at a safe distance and wearing a mask, please email June Hayakawa-Fung at [JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Plymouth is accepting donations for this ministry. Names of donors and those who are remembered will be listed in the *Herald*. Please email Robert Turner, [RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:RTurner@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or send in a note with your check. You can also donate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Thank you for helping continue this tradition in a difficult time. ✦

## LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING



Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Gifts to Lenten Special Offering during the month of March will be divided evenly between **One Great Hour of Sharing** and **Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund**.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) special mission offering of

the UCC involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

**The Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund** continues to receive half of all annual special offerings in order to replenish the balance, ready to support members and friends in financial hardship take part in future opportunities offered by and through Plymouth UCC.

If donating online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), choose *Special Offering – Lent*, in the fund dropdown menu. ✦



Help spread Easter joy.

## LAST CALL FOR 2021 CALENDARS

The Prison Ministry Team is going to make an additional delivery of 2021 calendars to Monroe Correctional Center for inmates who want them. Thanks to you, over 280 calendars were previously delivered to the prison chaplain for inmate



use. If you still have any 2021 calendars that you would like to contribute and have not yet done so, please call Mike Pierson at 206.604.8673 or email him at [mikepierson2@gmail.com](mailto:mikepierson2@gmail.com) to arrange for a pick-up from you this weekend. Thanks! ✦

## CELEBRATE WITH JENN HAGEDORN



Congratulations, Jenn!

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.

**Date:** Sunday, February 28 at 3 pm PST

**Location:** Via Zoom! Link at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*In the news feed, click on "Celebrate with Jennifer Hagedorn."*)

**Order of Worship:** Link at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (*In the news feed, click on "Celebrate with Jennifer Hagedorn."*)

**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, email Lin Hagedorn ([MountainClimber4@gmail.com](mailto:MountainClimber4@gmail.com)).

An offering during the worship service will be accepted to help support the scholarship fund for Members in Discernment. To make a contribution ahead of time, find link at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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](mailto:Pastor@SpiritOfPeaceUCC.org)) with any questions! ✦

## MUSIC NOTES

This Sunday's prelude will be a beautiful setting by the African American composer **Marques L.A. Garrett** (b. 1984) of the Spiritual "Give Me Jesus." Dr. Garrett is in demand as a choral conductor, clinician, and vocal performer. As a researcher, he especially focuses on the non-idiomatic music by black composers and has given many workshops and lectures showcasing this under-represented area of music.



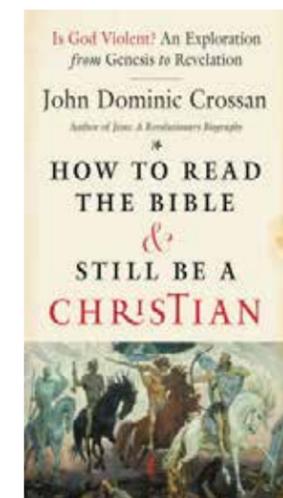
Dr. Wanda Griffiths

He has received commissions for compositions from a variety of organizations, including the Westminster Choir College Jubilee Singers, Seraphic Fire, the University of New Hampshire Concert Choir, and the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society. He is currently Assistant Professor of Music in Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and sings with First-Plymouth Congregational Church (Lincoln, NE).

This Sunday's postlude "Festal March" was composed by **Florence B. Price** (1887-1953) who also composed February 14's prelude "A Quiet Mood." (see Feb. 10 *Herald*). Price was born and grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas. She enrolled in the New England Conservatory of Music at 15 and graduated at 18 with an Artist's Diploma in organ and a Teacher's Diploma in piano.

After some time back in Little Rock, and then Atlanta, she and her family settled in Chicago where she was recognized as a gifted organist, concert pianist, studio teacher and nationally recognized composer. One of her piano students was Margaret Bonds, with whom she later developed a close, life-long friendship, each supporting and nurturing the other's musical and compositional gifts. —Dr. Wanda Griffiths ✦

## CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG



A new article is posted every Monday — *except March 1 and 8*. If you are pining for your weekly library blog article, visit [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Under the "About" tab, click on "Library," then the link to the blog to explore almost eight years of articles in the library blog archive!

New book of the week: *How to Read the Bible & Still Be Christian* by John Dominic Crossan. Let me know if you would like to check it out.

—Suzanne Sanderson ✦