

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

LENT:

*Finding Hope
In Times of Struggle*



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United Church of Christ

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 28, 2021/SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*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.*

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Happy birthday to you;
Anniversary, too!
We are so excited to share them with you.
May God bless and keep you in all that you do.
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday! (And anniversary!)
Happy birthday to you!

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus*

African American Spiritual; Arranged by Dr. Marques L.A. Garrett
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

Dr. Garrett (b. 1984) 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 underrepresented area of music. 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.

INVOCATION Jennifer Castle

O, I dream a world where no one
No other one will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every one is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of humankind—
Of such I dream, my world! —Langston Hughes



Langston Hughes was an American poet, social activist and playwright. One of the innovators of a new literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance.

HYMN *This is the Day* Folk Song from Fiji
lyrics by Les Garrett

Bethanie Russell, Vocals; Leo Neer, Drums; Evan Florey-Barnes, Bass;
Andrea Snyder, Betty Behmke, Ruth Williams, Ukulele;
Sari Breznau, Piano and Vocals

CONTEMPORARY VOICE read by Julian Long

Someone Untied Your Camel, by Hafiz

I cannot sit still with my countrymen in chains.
I cannot act mute
Hearing the world's loneliness
Crying near the Beloved's heart.
My love for God is such
That I could dance with Him tonight without you,
But I would rather have you there.
Is your caravan lost?
It is,
If you no longer weep from gratitude or happiness,
Or weep
From being cut deep with the awareness
Of the extraordinary beauty
That emanates from the most simple act
And common object.
My dear, is your caravan lost?
It is if you can no longer be kind to yourself
And loving to those who must live
With the sometimes difficult task of loving you.
At least come to know
That someone untied your camel last night
For I hear its gentle voice
Calling for God in the desert.
At least come to know
That Hafiz will always hold a lantern
With the galaxies blooming inside
And that
I will always guide your soul to
The divine warmth and exhilaration
Of our Beloved's
Tent.



Hafiz was a 14th century Persian poet who lauded the joys of love and wine and targeted hypocrisy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Brown

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), Michael Kaid, Renee Lang (friend of Glenda Carper), Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Montecino Family, 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)

Our hearts are with Sue Jones and family for the death of Larry Jones on February 26.

You are invited to a celebration of life for Margaret Kitchell via Zoom, 1 pm TODAY. Contact Julia Buchans, JBuchans@gmail.com, 206.353.1894 for link and details.

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



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 Wendy Blight

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *The Reader*, by Frederick Douglass



Frederick Douglass was an American social reformer, abolitionist, writer and statesman.

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Kevin Bechtold

This passage from The Book of Acts features the sermon that Simon Peter gave in the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. The first Easter drastically changed how Christians understand God’s activity in the world. Today’s reading features a similar paradigm shift in Christians’ understanding, regarding how wide-reaching God’s favor truly is.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

ANTHEM. Mona Terry

MESSAGE *Anyone* Min. Reggie Weaver

HYMN *Ella’s Song* Bernice Johnson Reagon
Stephanie Anne Johnson

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Min. Weaver

POSTLUDE. *Festal March* Florence B. Price

Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

Florence B. Price (1887-1953) 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.

Special thanks to guest preacher Min. Reggie Weaver. 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.



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

Please Note: Plymouth Staff are on break March 1-14. There will be no *Heralds* produced the weeks of March 1 & 8. Links to worship services on March 7 & 14 will be posted on the Plymouth homepage, PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. There will be no hosted coffee hour March 7 & 14.

Called as Siblings The Plymouth Immigration Ministry team Wednesday Night Lenten series on Zoom, 7-8 pm has begun. You are welcome to join us for all or as many remaining Wednesdays as you can. RSVP at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to receive the Zoom link.

Help with Easter Flowers Each year at Easter, the Community and Care Board supports a long tradition of delivering flowers to Plymouth folks who are isolated or have suffered a loss. If you can safely deliver flowers, please email June Hayakawa-Fung at 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 or send in a note with your check. You can also donate online at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you for continuing this tradition in a difficult time.

Peace Action News 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, 1954. We have not kept 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 (*In the news feed, click on article "Peace Action News: Remembering Our Footprints."*)

White Co-conspirator Summit March 19-20 This virtual summit 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. Links to more info and registration at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (*In the news feed, click on article "White Co-conspirator Summit."*)

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.