

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

Have your palm postcard ready to wave.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of God!



Lectionary Text for March 28: Mark 11:1–11; 15:6–15

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown Preaching  
“Entries and Exits”

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

The church building is closed.

Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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.

Celebrate Easter with Plymouth Sunday, April 4. Simple sunrise service at 6:30 am, festive live online worship at 10:30 am. Those who are able are invited to our first-ever drive-up service, 3 pm at South Seattle College parking lot (6000 16th Ave SW). We are looking for 6–8 able-bodied people to help with the afternoon service. Please contact Toni Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

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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, Katherine Guthrie, Robert Hardy (Friend of Karen Clark), Joyce Irving (mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Sue 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, Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulificio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson) **Bold = Newly added**

We grieve with Toni and Tiffany Arthur and family on the recent passing of their Uncle Robert Warren Ratcliff.

Our hearts are with Gener Rillo and family on the passing of his Aunt Melissa Cabog.

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! [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## O SOUL, LOOK BACK AND WONDER



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

I've been watching the *Genius: Aretha* presentation created by National Geographic. Initially, I began watching because one of my best friends, Colette “CC SunChild” Coward is the piano hand double for the Aretha character. Colette is also the piano player for many of the church scenes. Many of you will recall she performed for Plymouth for our Mother's Day brunch some years ago.

In addition to celebrating her win, I am watching the series to learn more about this glorious woman Aretha with a whole orchestra in her throat. In just two episodes, I've felt pride, cried hot tears of frustration, and felt the sadness of discovering things about her life most never knew. Aretha was a part of the family. As a serious child, I knew all of her songs, and was drawn to the song “How I Got Over.” I felt a connection with her, for Aretha lived a Lenten life of challenges. Yet, she sang with freedom, power and clarity the song first made popular by Mahalia Jackson, “How I Got Over.”

*How I got over?*

*How I got over?*

*You know my soul look back and wonder*

*How I got over.*

Her song is a particular gift in the midst of such a liminal space of unknowing. If we are honest, the entire year has been a Lenten journey, days, months and years of reflection, sacrifice, and sorrow, with calls to repentance and change. I personally never imagined that I might lose my grandmother, and her daughter, my mother, all in the same year. I never wanted to carry such grief along with yours.

And still, today, as you grieve and remember; as you are challenged; while you wait for the vaccine or wait for the weeks to see loved ones you haven't seen in too long; as we determine next steps for our families, for Plymouth Church, and our communities—we have the choice to say with great faith and gratitude that our soul can look back and wonder how we got over! We can remember with gratitude and participate in the kind of choiceful joy that only comes from surviving a deadly and demanding year. While thriving is the goal, surviving is a necessary prerequisite. O soul! Look back and wonder how you got over.

On Sunday, our participation in Lent will turn from Palm to Passion, and our waving palms you received will be stilled as we journey through the solemnity of Holy Week. We invite you to our annual Good Friday observance, 12 noon April 2, as seven women preachers preach the seven last words of Jesus and how they intersect with the last words of Elijah McClain. On Easter Sunday, worship with us during one of three opportunities: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship, 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship, and 3 p.m. drive-up worship at South Seattle College.

You have my prayers, gratitude and celebration as we embark upon resurrection together. Somehow, we made it through. Blessed be. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown ✦

## PLYMOUTH READS

Ibram X. Kendi, the author of the book we are now reading together, *How To Be An Antiracist*, is back in the news this week. If he in fact ever left the news. But this is to announce the teaming up with *The Boston Globe* to found a newspaper in the spirit of abolitionist newspapers in the 19th-century. Like many of us at Plymouth, Kendi wants a tool to “continue the sense of urgency” about American racism. So let us continue with new fervor our reading and discussing together Kendi's conversation changing book! If you haven't already, join us. And encourage others. Let's have as many of the Plymouth Community as we can at the table! Register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to receive updates via email. ✦



## HELP WITH EASTER FLOWERS

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.

We need help! If you can deliver flowers by dropping 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 continuing this tradition in a difficult time. ✦

## HOME YET NOT FREE



We celebrate Jose's release, but work continues.

We are rejoicing with Jose Robles and his family now that he is finally out of the Northwest Detention Center after 20 months! Thank you Plymouth for the many ways you have accompanied him in his struggle to remain in the United States with his family. In response to questions and emails from faith communities and friends,

Pam Smith Mentz from University Immigration Justice Network, Pastor Joanne Engquist from Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and I, as part of the Downtown Sanctuary Network wrote this update to provide some answers in one place. Find links at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for more information and to see familiar Plymouth folks too, (if you can identify them behind their masks!) —Carol Mooney, Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team

Jose is extremely grateful for our continuing support for him and his family. He asks us to remember others still in the detention center. They need us to keep working until they are all able to live with their families while they await the outcome of their cases.

On March 10, Jose Robles was released from immigration detention! Jose had been detained in the Northwest Detention Center for 20 months, since July 2019. A recent directive from the Biden administration provided a new pathway to seek his release.

Many of you have followed Jose's story over the last three years, starting with him seeking sanctuary at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in June 2018. Having lived in the United States since 2000, this father of three daughters has deep ties in the Lakewood community. Jose and his family finally have been reunited — it was a joyous milestone! After 987 days, he finally was able to sleep in his own bed!

Jose's U-Visa remains pending with USCIS, with no word on when it will be adjudicated. We are grateful that, while monitored by ICE as this process unfolds, Jose's Stay of Removal from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals helps him stay safely at home.

After three years unemployed, and with his work authorization expired, it is challenging for Jose to return to his familiar place as primary earner in the family. Renewal of his work authorization will take 150 days or longer. As with so many, the economic impact of COVID-19 is more intensely felt among immigrants who do not receive stimulus checks or unemployment benefits. Jose and family would benefit from the larger community helping with rent, other basic living expenses and expenses that have been backlogged. Please consider giving, as you are able. Tax-deductible contributions may be made through Gethsemane Lutheran Church at [urbanfaith.org](http://urbanfaith.org) (choose Immigration & note Jose in the memo). Or, send a check to Gethsemane Lutheran Church (911 Stewart Street, Seattle, WA 98101) with Jose noted in the memo. Gifts also may be made through the GoFundMe "Jose Robles Support Fund." ✦

## ANTI-RACIST GIVING PLAN

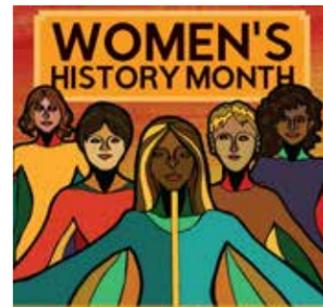
Did you attend an anti-racist giving workshop but hit a wall when trying to craft your giving plan? Do you have questions or ideas about fund-shifting that you want to explore? You're invited to come workshop anti-racist giving plans. There will be time to work on your individual plans, cross-pollinate ideas, and get to know one another. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (In the news feed, click on article "Anti-racist Giving Plan").

**Time: Thursday, April 15, 2021, 5:30-7 pm**

**Location: Zoom Virtual meeting — link will be sent in your confirmation.** ✦



## THIS WEEK IN WOMEN'S HISTORY



**March 22** Tara Lipinski became the youngest women's World Figure Skating Champion, at 14 years and 9 months old, 1997

**March 23** Florence Ellinwood Allen, the first woman to serve on a state supreme court and one of the first two women to serve as a United States federal judge, born 1884

**March 24** Matilda Joslyn Gage, suffragist and women's rights and Native American rights activist, born 1826

**March 25** Grammy award winning artist Aretha Franklin, born 1942

**March 26** Nancy Pelosi, the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic California representative, born 1940

**March 27** Pamela Gordon became Bermuda's first woman prime minister, 1997

**March 28** Clara Lemlich, a Jewish immigrant from the Ukraine, labor activist, suffragist, consumer advocate and leader of the labor strike of shirtwaist workers in New York's garment industry, born 1886

**March 29** Frances Bolton, who created an endowment to build a school of nursing at Western Reserve and helped remove color lines in nursing, born 1885

**March 30** Mary Elizabeth Bowser, a formerly enslaved woman who served as an undercover agent for Ulysses S. Grant by working as a servant in the home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, born 1839

**March 31** The National Council of Women of the U.S. organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, 1888 ✦

## MUSIC NOTES

During March, Women's History Month, we are lifting up the music and stories of women composers.

**Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)** was a child prodigy whose parents recognized her gifts and moved to Paris to facilitate her musical education. She was admitted to the Paris Conservatory at eleven and was appointed organist at Saint-Esprit when she was twelve, a position she held for 29 years.. She was the first woman to play in both Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Her compositions include chamber music, piano music, organ compositions and symphonic music. She toured Europe extensively, and visited the United States three times during the 1950s, all to great acclaim and performing everything for memory. In preparation for these tours, Demessieux had memorized the entire organ literature of J.S. Bach, Franck, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Handel, and all but the last two compositions of her teacher Marcel Dupré – a body of between 1000 and 2000 works. Her confidence in her memory work was such that she left all of her scores back in France. For this week's prelude we will hear one of her Twelve Choral Preludes based on Gregorian Themes: Hosanna Filo David (Hosanna to the Son of David).



Dr. Wanda Griffiths

**Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)** is an American composer, arranger, pianist, organist, vocalist, artistic director, lecturer, producer, and clinician. A child prodigy, she began playing piano at two and started lessons at five, and by the age of nine she was accompanying her family, the renowned Singing Simpsons of Philadelphia, in their concerts. She graduated from Temple University with a B.M. in Music Education and Voice. She has received commissions for many arrangements and compositions, and her works have been performed by numerous artists and groups, including Jessye Norman, Kathleen Battle, The Philadelphia Orchestra, The National Symphony, The Baltimore Symphony, and The U.S. Marine Band. She has given lectures and workshop on early 18th-century black religious music and the music of African-Americans during the Civil Rights era. At the close of our Palm/Passion Sunday worship, we will hear her haunting "Meditation on 'Were You There'" as the postlude. ✦

## LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special mission offering of the UCC involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world.

**The Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund** supports 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. ✦

## CELEBRATE HOUSE OF HEALING

The annual Plymouth Healing Communities lunch, normally held at the church after a Sunday service, will take place virtually this year, beginning at noon on Saturday, May 15. For those living at Horizon House, Anderson Hall has been reserved for all who wish to view the event together — yes, that is now possible! For those of you watching and participating from home, please join us and settle in with your favorite midday meal.



Online event 12 noon, Saturday May 15

It was 20 years ago that PHC's House of Healing opened on Beacon Hill, realizing a vision of providing caring community and transitional housing to persons who had faced mental health and housing challenges. In imagining and creating House of Healing, many Plymouth Church members came together to create an alternative to Seattle's "hospitalization to homelessness" cycle. We want to lift up that anniversary at this year's virtual lunch and share updates on House of Healing and other PHC housing programs. We are taking this opportunity

**Celebrate 20 years of care and community**

to come together, as best we can, until we can all safely gather in person at Plymouth Church for next year's lunch.

This year's program will include photos and recollections from some of the many persons who have been involved with House of Healing over the years. Please email any photos or written pieces that you would like to share to PHC Executive Director Stephanie Monroney at [smonroney@plyhc.org](mailto:smonroney@plyhc.org). For those living at Horizon House, you can also provide them to PHC board member Pam Mitchell in apartment 404. Please deliver any scanned photos or written materials no later than April 16.

We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with you and having a chance to be in community together in this way. If you have any questions or would like additional information about the event, please contact Karen Clark, [CopperKinglily@gmail.com](mailto:CopperKinglily@gmail.com); 206.442.0888, or Mike Pierson, [MikePierson2@gmail.com](mailto:MikePierson2@gmail.com); 206.604.8673. ✦

## VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED

Plymouth Healing Communities is currently looking for volunteers to help with garden planning, picking out plants/seeds, preparing the beds, maintaining garden beds, weeding, watering, harvesting, re-planting throughout the growing season on a weekly, monthly or on-call schedule. After online orientation and an in-person on-site orientation, volunteers will work individually or in small numbers to allow social distancing. We will accommodate your schedule. Apply on the PHC website, [Plyhc.org/volunteer](http://Plyhc.org/volunteer) and we will be in touch! ✦

