

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Text for April 25: 1 John 3:16–18

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown Preaching
“Love, the Action Word”

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

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

The church building is closed.

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.

Plan Now for Drive-Up Worship!

Sunday, May 9, there will be pre-recorded online worship at 10:30 am **and** drive-up in-person worship at 10:30 am at South Seattle College parking lot (6000 16th Ave SW). Keep checking the *Herald* and PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for more details.

HELP WITH CLINIC AT PLYMOUTH

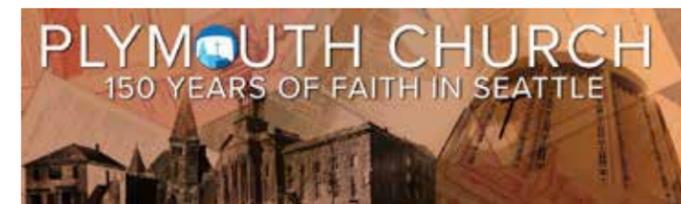


Help provide hospitality at pop-up clinic.

We are looking for fully-vaccinated Plymouth volunteers who could help at two vaccine clinics that will be held at Plymouth. Both are on Wednesdays: **May 5, 9 am–3 pm and June 2, 12 pm–6 pm.** This will be run by Harborview Medical Center and is not

an open clinic; it is focused on essential workers who have not had vaccine access. Appointments are being handled by Harborview and Plymouth is acting as host to help welcome and direct folks when they are on site. Please let me know if you can help for part or all of the 6-hour slots.

—June Hayakawa-Fung, Faith Community Nurse, JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org



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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Toni Arthur, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Larry Counts (Brother-in-Law of Maryann Counts), Pam Dorrance, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), **Blake English** (Relative of the Guthrie family), **Pat Forrester** (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Floyd Gossett, Katherine Guthrie, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Sue Jones, Michael Kaid, Paul Lehto, Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), **Isabelle Matson, Medora Moburg**, Montecino Family, Dick, Jean, and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul-Russell), Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), **Maria Ratcliff** (Aunt of Toni Arthur), Jose Robles and Family, Joseph Scott, Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Samantha Williams

Our hearts are with Isabelle Matson and family on the death of her father, Dan Matson, on April 17.

Bold=newly added; Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.

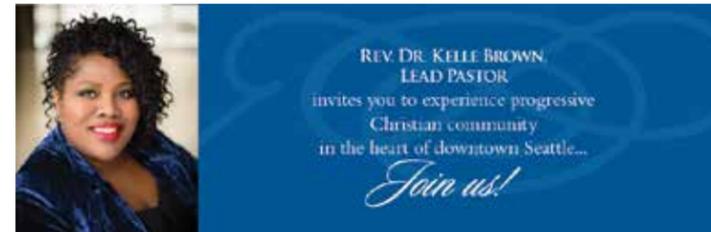
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LEARN MORE ABOUT PLYMOUTH



A class for those who joined as new members in covenant on Easter as well as for those who may be interested in joining us in the future will be held on Tuesday, May 4 on Zoom from 7–8:30 pm. This will be a time to introduce yourself and learn more about Plymouth Church, the United Church of Christ, and progressive Christianity. This class will be led by Rev. Kevin Bechtold and Min. Jennifer Castle. Contact Jennifer at JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for more information and link to the class. ✦

GATHER IN GRATITUDE: MAY 15



Enjoy lunch and program 12 noon, Sat. May 15.

This year's Plymouth Healing Communities lunch event, *Gather in Gratitude*, will take place remotely, but those living at Horizon House can gather together in Anderson Hall for a catered lunch. There will be seating capacity for 40 persons.

If you can attend, please RSVP to PHC board member and Horizon House resident Pam Mitchell (apt. 404; pmitch@uw.edu; 206.465.0158). Let Pam know by May 1, so that there is a lunch ready for you. ✦

SEEKING GREEN THUMBS

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 and we will be in touch! ✦

COMING TO THE TABLE



Professor Branden Born, DeJai Mitchell, Councilmember Larry Gossett

Saturday, April 24 at 3 pm, Plymouth Reads will host a conversation with former King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Branden Born, UW Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Design & Planning, and DeJai Mitchell, a student in the Department of Urban Design & Planning's Master program whose thesis is on redlining. Together they bring experience in politics, advocacy, community engagement, planning, design, and academics to untangle where the racism lies and where antiracist policies can bring equity to Seattle's built communities.

As a landowner in Downtown Seattle with its origins in colonialism, Plymouth Church is looking inward while fostering discussions with others on shaping this land called Seattle into what its namesake, Chief Si'ahl, foresaw. United as one.

Click on “Plymouth Reads” at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org to register and receive a Zoom invitation to this webinar. ✦

JOIN PLYMOUTH READS

Last October Plymouth Reads began with an invitation from the Plymouth Library Committee to read together three books on race in America by three Black American authors. The first book was *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin.

We are currently wrapping up our exploration of *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Next will be *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown.

Stay informed by registering for Plymouth Reads at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (click the “Plymouth Reads” icon). ✦



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TAKE ACTION: SUPPORT REFUGEES



This week, over 340 advocates meet with members of Congress in support of refugee resettlement, full restoration of the asylum system, and recognition and protection of stateless people living in the U.S.

On Friday, April 16, the Biden administration announced it will keep the historic-low refugee admissions goal of 15,000 in place for the remainder of this fiscal year, despite promising to raise the goal to 62,500. Although the administration plans to restore regional allocations based on vulnerability and undo the previous administration's discriminatory resettlement allocations, thousands of refugees will be left in harm's way by leaving the current all-time low admissions goal intact. Due to delay in announcing this decision, thousands of refugees who were ready for travel to the U.S. have seen their medical and security checks start to expire, forcing refugees to have to wait months or years to be resettled and reunited with their loved ones.

It is vital that the administration and Members of Congress hear we are outraged and that they must do everything in their power to welcome as many refugees as possible this fiscal year. Although the administration later released a statement announcing they would increase the admissions goal by May 15, it is vital we keep the President accountable. We need your help to make sure President Biden honors his promise to rebuild the refugee resettlement program. For more information and links, please visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (In the news feed, click on article "Take Action: Support Refugee Advocacy Week").

Endorsed by Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team. To receive information from the Ministry Team, call Adele Reynolds: 206.621.4867 ✦

HELP STILL NEEDED

Many have followed Jose Robles' story over the last three years, starting with seeking sanctuary at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in June 2018.

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. Jose and family would benefit from help with rent and basic living expenses. Please consider giving as you are able. Tax-deductible contributions may be made through Gethsemane Lutheran Church at 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' in the memo. Gifts also may be made through the GoFundMe "Jose Robles Support Fund." ✦



Thank you for your loving support.

STATEMENT FROM UCC LEADERSHIP

We share a collective breath of relief in the moments following the announced guilty verdict on all three counts against the now convicted murderer who recklessly ended the life of George Floyd. There is no joy in this, instead a deep and profound sense of relief in knowing that a white police officer who killed a Black citizen with neither regard for the law nor his responsibility to uphold it will be held accountable. This trial and verdict were necessary steps forward in a long journey towards justice, steps we have taken over and over again and which we have way too often failed to complete.

We remember George Floyd is dead and his family still grieves him. May it be the case that his life is now remembered as a turning, the re-birthing of a movement for justice. May he be remembered as one whose death caused white Americans to turn their faces towards the pain and suffering of Black communities that have been the object of white derision and scorn, a pain and suffering from which whites have too often and too easily hid their faces.

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mother and father who still have to sit with their children and warn them of the dangers of being pulled over by an officer of the law.

We call the church to engage in the hard and necessary work of reforming a police force still marred with the vestiges of white power, white privilege, and white supremacy and whose membership ranks reveal a growing number of actual white supremacists among them. There is a noble profession, but we must all do the work of ensuring that those who wear the uniform do so without bias and prejudice, free from the evils of a racial bias that has ruined or taken the lives of too many Black and brown people.

There are others to be held accountable for their actions. We cannot, we will not rest until justice is an expectation; and until the system that recruits, trains, and deploys our law enforcement officers does so free from racial bias and hatred.

Let us all breathe deeply. There is a grief to feel, a pain and suffering to acknowledge, and a life to commemorate. Let us continue to engage in the struggle for justice and peace. Let us commit to our individual and collective acts of love for all. And let us rejoice in the power of a God who offers resurrection hope in the midst of all of our struggles with death, with evil, and with injustice. Faithfully,
— The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President; The Rev. Traci A. Blackmon, Associate General Minister; The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister ✦



PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUES

Seattle University has collaborated with the Seattle Police Department since 2015 to conduct the annual Seattle Public Safety Survey as part of the Micro-Community Policing Plans (MCCPP). This year, Seattle University will hold virtual community-police dialogues to involve conversations



Join online neighborhood conversations.

between community members and police personnel. The purpose of the dialogues is to give people who live and work in Seattle the opportunity to engage in conversation with Seattle police to discuss concerns at the neighborhood level.

All who live and/or work in Seattle are eligible to participate in the virtual community-police dialogues. There will be three community-police dialogues held in each of the five police precincts: East, North, South, Southwest, and West (a total of 15 dialogues) on designated Thursday Nights 5:30-7:30 pm via Zoom video conferencing from mid-May through August 2021.

If you live or work in Seattle and are interested in participating on one of the upcoming dialogues, go to PublicSurvey.org (live link at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org — in the news feed, click on article "Participate in Community-Police Dialogues").

For questions, contact: Dr. Jacqueline B. Helfgott, Director Seattle University Crime & Justice Research Center, JHelfgot@SeattleU.edu; 206.295.5477 ✦

COME HOME TO THE LAKE



Register now at N-Sid-Sen.org.

N-Sid-Sen offers opportunities for you to come home to the lake. Space is limited. Register at N-Sid-Sen.org.

Family Rentals Single families residing together can rent a lodge or cabin for their private use. No meals included.

Family Escapes at N-Sid-Sen This is like Families at Camp; however, it includes meals

Program Family Camps UCC program for families to participate in worship, games, discussion, and service.

Senior High Camp Program that includes worship, games, discussion, and service.

Junior High Camp Program that includes worship, games, discussion, and service.

Class of 2020 Camp For 2020 High School graduates. ✦

CHECK OUT PLYMOUTH LIBRARY

Has this year's series of Plymouth Reads left you wanting more? There are numerous titles on race and racism, the Civil Rights Movement and the African American experience in the Plymouth Library. Some newer titles in our catalogue are *Mine Eyes Have Seen: Bearing Witness to the Struggle for Civil Rights* which is part of Life Magazine's "Great Photographer Series." Also *The Thunder of Angels: the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People who Broke the Back of Jim Crow* by Donnie Williams and *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories* by Ellen Levine. Combine these with the film, *Boycott*, starring CCH Pounder.



This valuable resource is just a few clicks away!

Then there is the three-volume *March*, a National Book Award Winner by civil rights activist and congressman John Lewis, along with biographies of such people as Thurgood Marshall (*Dream Makers, Dream Breakers*) and Bayard Rustin (*We are One*). Of course, there are biographies of Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as a video cassette of some of his speeches.

A Wreath for Emmett Till is a series of powerful poems written by Marilyn Nelson as a "heroic crown of sonnets" that tell the story of Emmett Till who was lynched in 1955.

These are only a handful of books waiting for you in your Plymouth Library. Visit PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Under the "About" tab, click on "Library," then explore!

—Suzanne Sanderson, Librarian ✦

ROOTED IN LOVE



We're excited to see you at this year's Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting

April 30-May 2. Our theme, *Rooted in Love*, is the same as this year's national UCC General Synod. We will explore the ways we're

rooted in love, and how that can ground and inspire us as we continue to live into all that God has in store for us. We look forward to gathering online this year. **Link to register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org** (In the news feed, click on article "Rooted in Love").

Alternatively, you may pay by check sending it to the conference office (325 N 125th St, Seattle, WA 98133). We have kept the cost down to \$30 per person. If you need financial assistance, please contact the Rev. Mike Denton at 206.725.8383 ext. 102 or Mike@Pncucc.org. ✦