

10:30 AM ✦ SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

# Epiphany:

*Embody the Message*

# 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](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*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.*

You can contribute to the mission and ministries of Plymouth UCC anytime, anywhere! Go to [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click on the “Give” box, *or* text to give: Simply text the amount you’d like to give (i.e. 10.00) to Plymouth UCC’s mobile giving number (206.208.1442), hit send. Questions? Contact Diane, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**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**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.* . . . . . Setting by Wayne Wold  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**INVOCATION** . . . . . Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.  
All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.  
We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, “God!”  
In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,  
may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more  
intense.  
May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,  
who loves us at all times and in all places.

**Amen**

**HYMN . . . . .** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams, vs 1-2* . . . . . **ST. THOMAS**  
Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Hill We Climb*. . . . . Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

*Sharon Ahlquist (Sister of Vicki Schoettle), Jessie Attri, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ken Carter, Jon & Maryann Counts, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, 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), Virginia Johnson, 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 Sulficio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williams, Rev. Bob Williams (Uncle of Jamie Shilling), Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson)*



**LORD'S PRAYER** . . . . .led by Rev. Donene Blair

**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** . . . . . Dave Koeger

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Dr. Gordon  
*Accountability* by Mohammad Skati

Laws are human-made anytime  
Where everyone knows what he or she or they  
Want about one's obligations and duties towards  
One's community anytime, anywhere, and everywhere, but  
A lone wolf might escape avoiding that great sound of the mind  
To hijack those human-made laws by  
Doing evil things anytime ...  
Always there is a clear crime and there  
A clear punishment derived of those pretty human-made laws anytime ...  
No one can escape one's crime by not being punished well  
Simply because justice should prevail greatly and wonderfully ...  
Law-abiding citizen are always pretty winners  
Simply because they live happily and gladly with their neighbors, but  
There are still lone wolves waiting to prey on innocent people anytime...  
Accountability prevails if justice prevails for all people  
No matter what they are or what they have anytime ...

**READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE** . . . . . Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
(NRSV translation) read by Rev. Blair

*The message of Jonah speaks of opportunities to stretch our understanding of God and salvation.  
The focus text is of God's second call to Jonah and his less than enthusiastic response.*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that the Holy One had said God would bring upon them; and the Divine did not do it.

**ANTHEM**

*Courage My Soul*, a virtual choir presentation of  
*The Storm is Passing Over* by Charles Albert Tindley  
Gospel tune by Donald Vails, Arranged by Kent Stevenson  
Additional lyrics and timpani part by Frederick N. West

Performed by the Seattle Peace Chorus and friends, along with the Courage Ensemble  
Presented in loving memory of the late, great civil rights leader, Congressman John Lewis  
Featuring: Soloist, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown; Pianist, Kent Stevenson;  
Timpanist, Emmy Ulmer

**MESSAGE** . . . . . *Consequences and Accountability* . . . . . Dr. Brown

**HYMN** . . . . . *Let Justice Flow Like Streams, vs 3* . . . . . ST. THOMAS  
Jennylynn Vidas, Emily Kurlinski, Tim Keller, Michael Delos

So may God's plumb line, straight  
define our measure true  
And justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . . Dr. Brown

**POSTLUDE** . . . . . *In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness)* . . . . . J.S. Bach  
Dr. Wanda Griffiths, Organ



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Notice of Annual Meeting** Plan to attend Plymouth's 151st Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31. Link to the meeting will be posted at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). The meeting will take the place of coffee hour that Sunday.

**May's Vote** — a play about the two women who led the campaign that won the vote for women in Washington State in 1910 — is coming to Plymouth Church UCC for two virtual performances January 26 and 29. Don't miss your chance to get to know these fascinating women and their story. Ticket information at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**Help with Lenten Devotional** In this time when we can't physically be together, it is particularly meaningful for our faith community to experience Lent through a devotional made up of submissions from one another. Our theme for Lent this year is Seeing Through the Darkness. Please email your submissions to Jennifer Castle at [JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) by Wednesday, February 3.

**Communion Videos Requested** The worship team would love to feature Plymouth folks communing together for our worship videos on Communion Sundays. Would you be interested in making a short video of yourself and others serving one other Communion? This could include couples, friends, and family groups with youth and children. Please contact Rev. Donene Blair for details at [DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Thank you!

**Plymouth Reads** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is celebrated this week. Listening to and reading about his deeply held beliefs in the potential of the United States, he comes back time and time again to the need for new policies. He didn't use the terms of racist and antiracist policies that Kendi does in the book we are reading now, *How To Be An Antiracist*. But the heritage is clear. This is not an easy book to read but it is an important book read as this week also saw the swearing in of President Biden and Vice-President Harris. A new opportunity to engage in policy discussions that will bring us closer to justice. Register for Plymouth Reads at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

**Prison Ministry Thanks You** Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute a 2021 calendar (or ten) to a collection for Monroe Correctional Center inmates who want them. Thanks to you, over 280 calendars were recently delivered to the prison chaplain for inmate use. The prison will make additional deliveries later in the year, so if you are still receiving, or have, 2021 calendars, look to the Herald for an announcement about collecting and delivering additional calendars in late February. —*Mike Pierson*

**Embodiment in a Disembodied Time** All male gender identifying people are invited to register for the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC Men's Retreat January 29-30. The theme is "Embodiment in a Disembodied Time." Our host will be Phil Porter of Interplay. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) (click news article "Embodiment in a Disembodied Time.")

# PRAYS WELL WITH OTHERS

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.