

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
November 29, 2020 – Advent 1A/3G’s Sunday, Celebration of Life Darline Payne
10:00 a.m. (livestream)
Luminous Darkness

Welcome

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Rejoice my sisters and brothers, for this is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude

Niki Farley

Gathering Song

“All My Hope”

Light in my darkness
Peace for my soul
You are my rescue
You never let go

All my hope is in You
All my strength is in You
With every breath
My soul will rest in You

All my hope is in You
All my strength is in You
With every breath
My soul will rest in You

All the earth beneath You
All my life before You
With every breath
My soul will rest in You

Here in my weakness
Always the same
Your love is my shelter
Your life is my way

With every breath
My soul will rest in You

Prayer in One Voice

The faithfulness of the Spirit fills our future. It surrounds us with a cloud of hope and lifts our tired feet once more. In courage born of costly life, it calls and sings and dances on.

Young People’s Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation

NYC-Arts Choice: MoMa PS, “Marking Time” A visit to MoMa PS1 in Long Island City for a look at the exhibition” Marking Time/; Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration.” The exhibition examines how artists bear witness to our society’s extensive use of use of imprisonment. NYC-ARTS spoke with Dr. Nicole R. Fleetwood, professor of American Studies and Art History at Rutgers University and the curator of the exhibition.

<https://allarts.org/programs/nyc-arts/nyc-arts-choice-moma-ps1-marking-time-mxqiz/>

Song

“Jesus, Hope of the World”

Jesus, hope of the world,
Jesus, light in our darkness,
here we await you, O Master Divine.
Here we receive you in Bread and in Wine:
Jesus, hope of the world.

Come to us, O Rising Sun!
Come to us, O Endless Light!
Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light!
Shatter the darkness of death!

Jesus, hope of the world,
Jesus, light in our darkness,
here we await you, O Master Divine.

Here we receive you in Bread and in Wine:
Jesus, hope of the world.

Come to us, O Heart's Desire!
Come to us, O Saving Love!
Come, Heart's Desire! Come, Saving Love!
Banish our doubt and our fear!

Jesus, hope of the world,
Jesus, light in our darkness,
here we await you, O Master Divine.
Here we receive you in Bread and in Wine:
Jesus, hope of the world.

Modern Testimony

We are in a time in history where the suffering is great, where it seems the sun is less radiant, and the moon will not give its light; a time where day by day the very stars are falling from heaven, and the powers are shaken. And yet, in the journey of Advent, because of the darkness, the sleeping are awakening, equity and wholeness is being required, by any means necessary. Moments are pushed aside for movements, and the voices of the most vulnerable are rising. We are recovering our moral selves. I declare this is a result of the transforming creation of the dark that positions us to do what we often are unwilling to do in the light. Kelle J. Brown

Words from Tradition

Mark 13:24-37

Anne Crockatt

Exploring the Word

Luminous Darkness

Pastor Dianne

Silent Meditation on the Message

3 G's/Stewardship Moment

Marge Crawford

Meditation This video features our Advent theme song, "Those Who Dream" written and recorded by The Many. The visuals are designed to create a dreamscape of images emerging in and out of view, paralleling the music and lyrics.

<https://vimeo.com/466280807?ref=em-share>

Matthew Paul Miller, known by his Hebrew and stage name Matisyahu, is an American Jewish reggae singer. This most recent orchestration in Haifa asked 3,000 Muslims and Jews (none of whom had met before) to come together and learn the song “One Day” by Matisyahu in under an hour. Not only that, but they learned how to sing and harmonize the lyrics in three different languages. The resulting concert, which was made in collaboration with Beit HaGefen, the Haifa Municipality, and the Port of Haifa, is a breathtaking display of unity and beauty.

<https://www.facebook.com/564841514/videos/10160644437411515/>

Prayers of the People

As one heart is lifted, May we share it's celebration. As one heart is burdened may we share the pain it knows. (Gretta Vosper/wwg) We pray for our nation. We pray for those who still are evacuated, rebuilding and grieving because of the fires. We pray for those who are food insecure. We pray for anyone sick with Covid and for their caregivers.

Praying in the Spirit of Jesus

Gracious Spirit, who loves us like a mother, whose realm is blooming among us now. And within. We pray that your compassion guide us in every action. Give us what we need for each day, and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone. Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking, may we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility. And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbors so that communities of joy and health may flourish. May we neither profit from nor ignore evil. But ever work to abolish it with non-violence as we co-create the realm of peace in this world. Now and each day. Amen. (BHesla/wsj)

Sharing Signs of Peace

Eulogy Celebration of Darline Payne's Life

Paul Stover

Words of Remembrance

Pastor Dianne

Darline was such a strong person who was a committed member of Parkrose Church. When I first arrived she was still leading the quilting group which produced so many beautiful lap quilts over the years. When I announced my retirement, I dreaded talking to Darline. When I saw her after the announcement was public, she looked me in the eye and said, "I read it and I'm not happy! You promised you wouldn't leave before I do!" Even though I did, she still remained a real friend. I will miss her more than even I know. Pastor Don

Darline was a generous and thoughtful woman who never minced words. She cared deeply about our church and was an example for all of us, both men and women. Blair

My friendship with Darline goes back many decades; maybe as long as 50 years! I was also good friends with her husband, Bill and felt his death as a big loss! Darline was very involved with editing the newsletter when we belonged to Rivercrest! She was always able to contribute wonderful ideas to many programs in the church! When I helped create the play/program The Apostles Come...., Darline researched and .made the authentic costumes for each disciple and Jesus! They were wonderful! She also helped with make up and wigs/hairstyles. Her husband Bill and my husband Dean both played disciples as well as other men in the congregation who were willing to take direction from me -- none of them had ever "acted" in a play before and memorize lines and speeches! Darline was responsible for so much in the life of the church with her wonderful artistic talents ! God Bless her! I will miss her and her special friendship! I enjoyed others in her family....Her sister, her son & his family! God bless them all....especially Darline! Barbara Simpson

Darline, was a kind, generous, caring, faithful woman. She always donated generously to the causes and needs of the church. Even though she made quilts herself, if there was a quilt in an auction, she would bid on it and quite often would win the bid. She knew how much work into the quilts and she wanted the auction to get it's worth and the quilters work to be valued for what it should be. She would participate in our Food of the Month Raffles and when she'd win, she'd go -- I can't eat all that myself, so she'd share it at church or plan to take it and share it with others. She just really showed her appreciation for what others brought to the church by participating. She was the kind of lady that participated. She showed up. Over and over again at every function she could, she showed up -- all the way through the Drive In Church Auction just a few months ago where, you guessed it, she bid and won the quilt! Camie

A Sung Prayer for Darline "The Rose"

Niki Farley

Connecting with the World

Friends – our worship concludes, but our service continues.

We didn't just GO to church – WE ARE THE CHURCH

Blessing and Response

Eagles Wings

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's Hand

Life of the Community

Our Offering to God and God's Work

Please continue to give to this congregation, by setting up monthly bill pay to the church through your bank or credit union. Or use your credit card or PayPal: click the donate button on our website www.parkroseucc.org. Writing a check and dropping it in the mail to us works really well, too! Let's make sure we support our church.