

**Order for Worship in Many Places**  
**Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon**  
**November 14, 2021 /Pentecost 25B/Remembering Isolde Reule Service**

**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**

“His Eye Is on The Sparrow”

Mahalia Jackson

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM\\_JRAPSvVM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM_JRAPSvVM)

**Prayer in One Voice**

**May we be awakened again to the mysteries that humble us, the realities that orient us, the beauty that informs us, the fellowship that sustains us, and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living. May we give ourselves in honesty and openness to the larger life before us.** *(Adapt/Clarke Wells)*

**Young People’s Time**

Erica Martin

**Peace Meditation**

*CALLING OUT FOR LIFE*

KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/calling-out-for-life>

**Song**

"Imagine”

John Lennon/PS22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJNWs52d-08>

**Modern Testimony**

I hope that the pandemic changes the way in which we think about what it means to be church, which is to be an embodied reality of God in the world. It reminded us, I hope of how vulnerable and fragile we are, and it reminded us, we couldn't have avoided the pandemic. It reminded us of the kind of world we have created that made the pandemic more devastating on human lives than it needed to be. It also reminded us, how thoroughly connected that we are as one family of God. *Rev Kelly Brown Douglas*

**Words from Tradition**

Mark 13:1-8

Greg Malby

**Exploring the Word** *We All have to Pay rent for living on this Earth* Pastor Dianne and Jessica

**Silent Meditation on the Message**

**Meditation**

*Bridging the Divides in Her Community*

Rev. Traci Blackmon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBWLrkilr7Y>

*Your Debt is Forgiven*

UCC Rev. Traci Blackmon

United Church of Christ congregations in Illinois last year bought \$5.3 million in debt to relieve families in Chicago using a similar model. Blackmon said she plans to work with congregations in the Northeast and Deep South on medical debt-forgiveness campaigns.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ym9FzAjYk>

## Prayers of the People

**As one heart is lifted, May we share its celebration. As one heart is burdened may we share the pain it knows.** (*Gretta Vosper/wwg*) Would anyone here today like to ask for prayers?(please come forward to the microphone.). We pray for those who are food insecure. We pray for anyone sick with Covid and for their caregivers. We pray for the family and friends of those who have died from gun violence. Let us pray for David Hohnstein and family.

## 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      gesture peace from my heart to yours

## Remembering Isolde

(You are invited to come up to the microphone to share your remembrances of Isolde)

Isolde was the picture of graciousness and kindness. She was always stylishly dressed for church and when she greeted you, she held your hands and looked at you with such a smile that you knew you were welcome. It was obvious to all that she and Bruno were still in love and that they would do anything for the other person.

- Lenny and Louise Anderson

She was a beautiful woman in every way, spiritually, and personally. We always sought out Isolde's cakes at the bake sales. They were so beautiful and good. The congregation appreciated her weekly alter flowers and participation in the life of Parkrose. I will miss sitting next to her in church on Sunday. It makes me really sad that she is gone.

- Connie Cork

Thank Isolde for her service for our church.

- Rita McCarty

## 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](http://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.