

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ
Portland, Oregon + Sunday, March 22, 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Tasks of Grief – Connecting with What Was Lost

Welcome

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication for the Season of Lent

(based on a prayer by Ann Siddall)

O God, help us during this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where you invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so many things, and committed to so many activities, that they have begun to restrict our freedom. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having, and doing more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go, we become free rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. This day, we offer to You our Lenten journey, as we place our feet on the road to Easter, walking the Way that you have walked before us. Amen.

Now Testament

The Guest House

Rumi

Words from Tradition

Luke 24:13-27 *The Message*

Florence Lersch

Exploring the Word

Connecting with What Was Lost

Pastor Don Frueh

Prayers of the People

During this time of prayer, you are invited to call into God's Presence anyone, and any circumstance, in need of healing this morning: your own precious life; the lives of those you love; the world we love. In this way, we invite God's unconditional love to flow through us into every life and every being, that the sacred communion of all creation may be restored and blessed.

Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus

Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Our Offering to God and God's Work

Today we bring our special offering to One Great Hour of Sharing, an inter-denominational outreach across the world. In this time of Pandemic, let's not forget to share with those beyond our own borders.

I also encourage all of us to continue our giving to the church: our monthly and weekly gifts will help tide us over until we return to regular Sunday worship. How do we do this? There are several ways. Perhaps now is a good time to consider setting up monthly bill pay to the church through your bank. Or maybe try credit card or PayPal: click the donate button on our website www.parkroseucc.org. Of course, writing a check and dropping it in the mail to us works really well, too! The church always provides support to us, and especially when life gets tough. Let's make sure we support our church.

Announcements

Connecting with the World

Friends – our worship concludes, but our service continues.

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

Sharing Signs of Peace

In many congregations, it is customary to share the Peace of Christ with one another. Today, you are invited to join in this tradition by reaching out to someone in the congregation by telephone. Perhaps you'd like to picture in your mind's eye the people who often sit near you in worship, or call to mind folks who would love to hear your voice. Then, go ahead and give them a call before the day is over. In this way, we remember that we are connected, always, in Spirit and in great love.