

**Order for Worship in Many Places**  
**Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon**  
**February 21, 2021 / Lent1B + 10:00 a.m. (livestream)**

**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**

“Lord of the Dance”

Sung By: the Alexander Brothers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvmIDdCyFTc&feature=youtu.be>

**Prayer in One Voice**

**As we gather to remember stories of faith, let us rejoice in the presence of God.**

**Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us. God’s creative presence moves among us. Let us sing praises and offer thanks. Dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.**

**Young People’s Time**

**Erica Martin**

**Peace Moment**

Sirius XM: A "Christian" calls Michelangelo Signorile to respond to suicides

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDqZyJxLx0w.&feature=youtu.be>

**Song** “Ain' Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round Sweet Honey In The Rock” James Horner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MGIpBT2fAo>

**Modern Testimony**

*There should be no doubt, however, that anti-trans discrimination and violence remain firmly embedded in American life. Transgender individuals experience unemployment at a rate three times higher than that of the cisgender population; for trans people of color, the rate is four times higher. Trans women of color face no less than an epidemic of deadly brutality. The court’s decision to uphold civil rights law — crucial as it is — does not end that.* Natasha Lennard

**Words from Tradition**

Matthew 4:1-11

**Owen Rubsam**

**Exploring the Word**

**Ashes to Rainbows: Queer Lent**

**Pastor Dianne**

**Silent Meditation on the Message**

**Meditation**

What more is there to say about LGBTQ issues? | Suriya Aisha | TEDxBrum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olPn5xrOL08&feature=youtu.be>

A two-spirit journey: finding identity through Indigenous culture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLmrBGrUy-w>

## 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 ). Walter and Flo ask for prayers for the family of Bob Roberts. Bob died on Valentine's Day from complications of Covid-19. We pray for Camie and family, as they grieve the death of her former stepmother. Rita asks that we pray for an end to gun violence. We pray for everyone who has been affected by CoVid. Let us pray for Pastor Don who is had fluid removed from his abdomen. We pray for Texas as they navigate a deadly deep freeze. We pray for ourselves and our nation; as we birth sacred wisdom, that liberates and empowers.

## 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 grace 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

**Blessing** Two Spirits, One Dance For Native American Artist  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OB0wdzogy0&feature=youtu.be>

## 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

*Eagle's 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.

“Broken Glass” by Carolyn Wilhelm (watercolor)

