

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
May 16, 2021 / Easter 7B/Ascension Sunday

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

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” Urban Sanctuary San Jose

https://youtu.be/bgu_l4UITE

Prayer in One Voice

Creativity and hope are bubbling, birthing within us. Each day brings opportunities to lift us, to fascinate us... to challenge us, our relationships, our minds, our bodies. May we strive to see beyond our limitations. May that which lies waiting in our hearts come to birth within and through us. May we live into each new day the fullness of each possibility... May it be so.

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation

Africa Post-Colonial Development

Fatoumata Waggeh at TedxGallatin

<https://youtu.be/s7lmz4UL4wE>

Song

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Young People's Chorus, New York City

<https://youtu.be/Y92fWDDKs58>

Modern Testimony

So what can we learn from Sojourner Truth ? Maybe to make sure we treat everyone with respect and humanity and forgiveness. Is love more important than doctrine? I think it might be. Susan E Brooks

Words from Tradition

John 17: 6—19

Walter Lersch

Exploring the Word

Hated By the Right People

Pastor Dianne

Silent Meditation on the Message

Meditation

Valarie Kaur: Revolutionary Love

<https://youtu.be/P85WOHJprJw>

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) Let us pray for Jessica's Mom and Dad who both have CoVid. And for her community member Adele, whose 25year old daughter died from gun violence. Let us pray for Louise healing from shoulder surgery. Blair asks that we pray for our guests in the tents on the church property - their lives are difficult and we need to continue to build relationships with them. Rita asks for prayers for our city Portland, to recover from being

vandalized and trashed. And prayers for the damaged businesses. We pray for the conflict in the Middle East. We pray for the many people who have been hurt and killed by gun violence this past week. We pray for our nation as we come face to face with our ingrained racism. Prayers for the church as we come face to face with perverted faith that justifies white supremacy. We pray that we work to become in right relationship with Mother Earth. Prayers for those who are food insecure. We pray for anyone sick with Covid and for their caregivers. Prayers for India as they are experiencing a devastating outbreak of CoVid.

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

Prayer For Peace by David Haas danced by Joe Camacho, Betsey Beckman, & Kristin Kissell
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMjkDARTzjY>

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

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