

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
March 7, 2021 / Lent3B / Communion Sunday + 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 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" sing-along hymn with DisciplesNet Singers
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDpByzZqeQ4>

Prayer in One Voice

We pray: **Loving God may your presence comfort us with your living water, and also confront us, with the responsibility of making your spirit of love flesh in our actions.** *(SDuncan/adapt)*
May it be so.

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment

'Ask Me': What LGBTQ Students Want Their Professors to Know - Chronicle of Higher Education
The federal law known as Title IX is meant to protect students from discrimination based on their gender identity. But many gay, lesbian, and transgender students say they face an array of challenges and safety issues on their campuses. The Chronicle interviewed more than a dozen of them to hear more about what keeps them from thriving in college.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnbnF8QAnsY>

Song

We are the World Lyrics || We are the Children || Graduation Song || For Children
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqjYoUbmAPs>

Modern Testimony

The more we bump into the folks who are so-called "other," the more we are stretched, the more we are pulled out of that bias and have new truths because we have tangible evidence of the beautiful, powerful creativity of our God who made all of this diversity for us to enjoy. Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

Words from Tradition

John 4: 5-42

Kirsten & Goldie

Exploring the Word "They can see you're black, They can't see you're queer" **Pastor Dianne**

Silent Meditation on the Message

Meditation

Supreme Court Weighs Protections for LGBTQ workers

All Arts

<https://allarts.org/programs/pbs-newshour/rights-before-the-court-1570560599/>

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*) Rita asks for prayers for people that are unable to pay their rent, and may be evicted. And for those who already are houseless. We pray for everyone who has been affected by CoVid. 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

Communion

Jesus said "Come to me all you who are weary and I shall give you rest"

INVITATION

This virtual time is a sabbath to God. This sacrament's consecration is in the story that stretches back to beyond the light years of light years. We honor the communion of saints and name the ones precious to each of us personally, and then acknowledge those we do not know who have passed into grace, especially those who do not look like us, speak our language, love as we love, worship as we do – for their heritage is our heritage and the future of their children is our future.

Consecration

O God, the sky speaks your glory and deep space your creation. Daybreak announces hope and starlight sings rest in a language that needs no translation but joy. Nothing is hidden from you, and you make no barriers for human understanding. We are revived, enlivened, warned and comforted. Beyond even the bright and sweet parables of our lives, you free us from definitions of relationship based in dominion and being dominated and you lead us to words of reconciliation and grace.

Remembering

EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM,
**EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM,
SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE,**
EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM,
SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE,
AND GO TELL THE OTHERS.....

**EAT, DRINK, REMEMBER WHO I AM
SO YOU CAN REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE
AND GO TELL THE OTHERS
SO THAT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN
CAN LIVE IN HOLY COMMUNION,
HOLY COMMUNION**

(Ann Weems)

Sharing of the Elements

Let us at many tables receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.
We come to Christ in the Bread we share.

Let us in many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.
We come to Christ in the Cup we share.

Thanksgiving

O Holy One, we come to you with our weariness and hope. We thank you for the rest and strength of this Communion so that we may re-turn our tables to service in the world and hear your words of guidance every day and every night through Christ

Blessing Saskatoon's 1st Two-Spirit Powwow at U of Saskatchewan
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXZS_FvaVjs

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. Writing a check and dropping it in the mail to us works really well, too! Let's make sure we support our church.

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