

**Order for Worship in Many Places**  
**Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon**  
**November 22, 2020 – Christ the King/3G’s Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m. (livestream)**  
**God Is a Sardine Player**

**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**

“Simple Gifts”

'Tis the gift to be simple,  
'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down  
where you ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves  
in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
  
When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning we come round right.  
  
'Tis the gift to be gentle,  
'tis the gift to be fair,  
'Tis the gift to wake  
and breathe the morning air,  
And every day to walk

in the path we choose,  
'Tis a gift that we pray  
we may ne'er come to lose.  
  
When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning we come round right.  
  
Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift best of all  
Like a quiet rain it blesses where it falls  
And when we have the gift  
we will truly believe  
'Tis better to give than it is to receive.  
  
When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning we come round right.

**Prayer in One Voice**

**Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ be after me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left.** (Adapt. St Patrick) **Indeed, God’s spirit is moving among us, about to do a new thing in our midst. We will sing praises and offer thanks. We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. May it be So!**

**Young People’s Time**

**Erica Martin**

**Peace Moment**

Giving Thanks

A Native American Good Morning Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PE2YHTSQVgY&feature=youtu.be>

## **Song**

## **“Thank You”**

Thank You for Your kindness  
Thank You for Your mercy  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the price You paid  
Thank You for salvation  
Thank You for unending grace  
Thank You for Your hope  
Thank You for this life You gave  
There is no one like You  
There is no one like You, God  
All my hope is in You  
Jesus...

Thank You for Your promise  
Thank You for Your favor  
And thank You for Your love  
And everything You've done for me  
There is no one like You  
There is no one like You, God  
All my hope is in You  
Jesus...  
There is no one like You  
There is no one like You, God

## **Modern Testimony**

According to professional organizer Julie Morgenstern (Organizing from the Inside Out, Henry Holt), holding on to clutter, chaos and "stuff" may serve hidden psychological purposes, like the need for abundance, distraction or perfection. Identifying the cause to find effective solutions can be liberating, she says. Morgenstern also advises clients to say no occasionally. "Just because you can work 24 hours a day doesn't mean you should," she writes. "Just because there are...15,000 periodicals and 50,000 books published each year doesn't mean you are obliged to read even a fraction of them...Let the need drive the purchase, not the other way around." Rahel Musleah *Jewish Woman Magazine*

## **Words from Tradition**

Matthew 25:31-46

**Blair Loudat**

## **Exploring the Word**

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**Pastor Dianne**

## **Silent Meditation on the Message**

## **3 G's/Stewardship Moment**

**Marge Crawford**

## **Meditation**

**Democracy**

**Leonard Cohen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU-RuR-qO4Y&feature=youtu.be>

**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/wwwg ) We pray for our nation. We pray for those who still are evacuated, rebuilding and grieving because of the fires. Prayers for everyone sick with Covid and their caregivers. We pray for David Hohnstein, recovering from surgery. We pray for the family friends and our church family as we grieve Darline's death. And prayers of celebration for her very full life. Camie is asking for prayers for her co-worker and friend, Abner Garcia and his wife Yessi. Yessi is early in her pregnancy and she is having difficulty, her doctors are trying to determine the problem, but at this point it is not looking particularly good. Prayers of blessings for everyone as we enter this Thanksgiving season while navigating new CoVid restrictions.

### **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**

#### **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**

*Justice and Joy*

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,...Justice and joy!

### **Life of the Community**

#### **Our Offering to God and God's Work**

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