

**Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
July 12, 2020 + 10:00 a.m. (livestream)**

Spiritual Inhalations

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.

Gathering Song

For the Beauty of the Earth, NCH #28

For the beauty of the earth,
For the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the good that love inspires,
For a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires,
And for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

Prayer in One Voice

The future exists only in our imaginations. It is a collective story waiting for our voices to express. That can only happen when you are willing to enter the emptiness, listening in the silence until we can understand how to create a future we can befriend. May we allow ourselves stillness so we can open our minds to ourselves, and spaciousness so we can allow a moment of rest when all thoughts fly above us like kites in a strong wind. (Dawna Markova) May it be so!

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment

We Who Believe in Freedom

Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival <https://youtu.be/JRIV-XA8ii8>

Song

Dream God's Dream, Sing Prayer and Praise #120

Dream God's dream!
Holy Spirit, help us dream
Of a world where there is justice
and where everyone is free
To build and grow and love,
And to simply have enough.
The world will change
when we dream God's dream.

I'm dreaming of a world
where the color of one's skin
Will mean less than
what's within the person's heart.
A world where water's clean
and where air is safe to breathe
And every child born has enough to eat.

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I'm dreaming of the call
God is offering to me,
How to use my energy and my best gifts.
To do the work of Christ –
to say, God please use my life
To spread your healing love
and to live your truth. (cont.)

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Modern Testimony

From Dawna Markova's book *I Will Not Die an Unlived Life*

Chapter 2 How Do I Live Divided No more

When we find ourselves devoid of passion and purpose, the first thing we need to do is stop. But that's not easy. The rest of the world is zooming by at full speed. Left alone with ourselves, without a project to occupy us, we can become nervous and self-critical about what we should be doing and feeling. This can be so uncomfortable that we look for any distraction rather than allowing ourselves the space to be as we are.

Words from Tradition

Matthew 13-1-9,18-23

Todd Peterson

Exploring the Word

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Intentional Interim Pastor Dianne

Meditation A Call to Unite Alvin Ailey <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=UkYzCSsDCEM>

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)

Let us pray for ourselves, for Jessica and Toni's cousin Karla diagnosed with breast cancer. We pray for those remembered, and in solidarity with those who have not the freedom to express their concern or celebration for fear of discrimination or condemnation. In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the presence of the sacred among us, and to see new possibilities of the now.

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.

Life of the Community

Sharing Signs of Peace

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.

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!