

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
July 26, 2020 + 10:00 a.m. (livestream)

Wisdom Activists

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 **In the Bulb There is a Flower, NCH #433**

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Prayer in One Voice

Surprising God, as you lead us into new experiences, help us to be open to your presence among us and within. Let us sense your glory in the sights and sounds of this day. "This is the charged, the dangerous moment, when everything must be re-examined, must be made new, when nothing at all can be taken for granted." (James Baldwin) May it Be So!

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment

Good Trouble

Joy De Gruy

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Song

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

CHORUS:
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.
(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go

Modern Testimony

"When you see something that is not right. Not fair. Not just. Say something. Do something. Get in trouble. Good trouble," John Lewis once said. The opposite of engaging in #goodtrouble is doing nothing out of fear we'll get into trouble. We must amass our courage and overcome our fear like John Lewis." Ibram X Kendi

Words from Tradition

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Louise Anderson

Exploring the Word

Wisdom Activists/Nothing Can separate us from the Love of God
Pastor Dianne

Meditation "Say His Name!", "Say Her Name!" #NORTHWESTTAPCONNECTION

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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) We pray for a speedy recovery for Linda, Blair's sister in law, as she heals from surgery for a broken foot. Yeasting God as difficult as it is to find words to express how much your glory thrills and excites us it is even more difficult to turn and face the problems of humanity. **May we awaken to the presence of God,** here in this ordinary place. **May we awaken to the power of love,** here in this ordinary crowd. **May we build a neighborhood of justice for all,** now in this ordinary time. **May we daily work to build a world at peace,** now with these ordinary hands.

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!