

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
August 9, 2020 + 10:00 a.m. (livestream)

Disrupting and Revitalizing the World

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

Enter Rejoice and Come In, NCH# 73

Enter, rejoice and come in,
Enter, rejoice and come in,
Today will be a joyful day,
Enter, rejoice and come in!

Open yourself to the song,
Open yourself to the song,
Today will be a joyful day,
Enter, rejoice and come in!

Open your hearts, everyone,
Open your hearts, everyone,

Today will be a joyful day,
Enter, rejoice and come in!

Don't be afraid of some change,
Don't be afraid of some change,
Today will be a joyful day,
Enter, rejoice and come in!

Enter, rejoice and come in,
Enter, rejoice and come in,
Today will be a joyful day,
Enter, rejoice and come in!

Prayer in One Voice

The ocean calls to me and I cannot resist. Tiptoeing across the wide expanse of sand right to the water's edge, I come once more. Ocean Guardian, image of mystery and power beyond humanity's control, source of life, receiver of the dead, you call to me. That gentle yet insistent call is invitation to a life fuller than I have ever known –and willingly, my God

I come. Joy MacCormick and Hayley MacCormick

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment In a special Last Word, Morgan Freeman reads the words of John Lewis' final essay which he requested be published in the New York Times on the day of his funeral:

"Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation"

<https://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word/watch/morgan-freeman-reads-rep-john-lewis-last-words-89332293780?fbclid=IwAR08mPSxOAz-RsdOxAsJykgwtEHdSuGeNLzwbCYZbfyWki4ASrwS-LyGnlk>

Song

Change My Heart, O God, Sing! Prayer and Praise #128

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Cleanse my soul, O God,
Wash it with your grace.
Cleanse my soul, O God,
Tender your embrace.

You are the Potter,
we are the clay.
Mold us and make us,
This is what we pray. *[continued]*

Change our hearts, O God,
Make us ever true.

Change our hearts, O God,
May we be like you.

Modern Testimony

Contemplation is a very dangerous activity. It not only brings us face to face with God. It brings us, as well, face to face with the world, face to face with the self. And then, of course, something must be done. Nothing stays the same once we have found the God within.... We carry the world in our hearts: the oppression of all peoples, the suffering of our friends, the burdens of our enemies, the raping of the Earth, the hunger of the starving, the joy of every laughing child. Joan D. Chittister

Words from Tradition

Matthew 14:22-33

Walter Lersch

Exploring the Word

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Pastor Dianne

Meditation Kynne Smith CEO & Founder at Airtight Entertainment posted the following video: A song from the movie “Harriet” #blacklivesmatter’ STANDUP

Cynthia Erivo cover

<https://youtu.be/y0CpVSvhFeo>

Prayers of the People in the Spirit of Jesus

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*). Camie asks for prayers for the Williams family as they grieve their beloved Raina. We prayer for the people in Beirut. We pray for the family and friend friends of Aja a transgendered woman killed here in Portland this past week. We pray for what we have named out loud and what is in the silence of our spirits. **O God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence. May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for everyone as we live by the Jesus Way. Give us all that we really need to live every day for you And forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures. Keep us from doing those things which are not of you, and cause us always to be centered on your love. For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future. In the Jesus Way we pray. May it be So.** *DSorrill*

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!