

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
February 14, 2021 /Transfiguration 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

There is a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

The Adventist Vocal Ensemble and the congregation of St. John's, Hackney, North London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9EGwkimNeQ>

Prayer in One Voice

Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person. Through us God comes to unique and personal expression. Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth. Through it we and all people may be nourished. Abiding God, grant us the joy of feeling ourselves a part of your vast magnificence, your all-encompassing love. May it be so.

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment

The Origin of Race in the USA

Origin of Everything

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-origin-of-race-in-the-usa-wbm41s/>

Song

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"-Bluegrass Gospel Hymn with Lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvEMEdxhfPg>

Modern Testimony

Profoundly creepy. It is empty, dead. There are 5 crosses shown on screen in 3 separate shots; that is not the "middle" but the most. It's accurate: Too many Americans believe we have any moral authority to talk about "common ground" after we've buried everyone else under it (Indian Nations, African-Americans, any other Others). This is the essence of sentimentality as I heard it defined by Rev. Dr. Lynice Pinkard: "Wanting to enjoy the feelings without paying for them." And all this, to sell cars. John Gage's critique of "The Middle" Jeep Commercial aired during the Superbowl on Feb. 7, 2021

Words from Tradition

2Kings 2:1-12

Camie Pugsley

Exploring the Word

The Biles and Unfair Barriers

Pastor Dianne

Silent Meditation on the Message

Meditation

Honored With Black Heritage Forever Stamp

Gwen Ifill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAidq-hS6Vs&feature=youtu.be>

Amanda Gorman Recites 'Chorus of the Captains' at Super Bowl LV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ejbSCjg2qo>

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). Walter and Flo request prayers for dear Parkrose friends, Bob and Sharon Roberts and their family. Recently, both Bob and Sharon came down with Covid-19. Sharon is recovering at home and Bob is hospitalized in serious condition. Rita asks that we pray for an end to gun violence. We pray for everyone who has been affected by CoVid. Let us pray for Pastor Don who is having fluid removed from his abdomen next week. 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 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

Blessing

Jeruselema: The dance sweeping the world - from Angolans to Israeli monks and Irish police
https://www.itv.com/news/2021-02-03/jeruselema-the-dance-sweeping-the-world-from-angolans-to-israeli-monks-and-irish-police?fbclid=IwAR2tD9Yaz2RXDS2R2KF5_z1cdAhtIDjc7GGNZsFJ-tLqHCGtRFsFizkpERY

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.