

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
April 19, 2020 + 10:00 a.m. (livestream)

Refuge or Rebirth

Welcome

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Hymn

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.

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.

Open yourself to the song.
Open yourself to the song.
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.

Open your hearts, everyone.
Open your hearts everyone.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice and come in.

Louise Ruspini
The New Century Hymnal #73, ©1995

Prayer in One Voice

O God, we gather from many places to worship and reconnect virtually. Even as we navigate a global pandemic, we are reminded that you are with us, providing refuge and the creative spirit which grows out of the chaos. As we continue to protect others and ourselves by keeping distance, we are reassured that you are always present. We pray for protection and for clarity of mind and spirit knowing you are the very breath we breathe. In your many beautiful names. Amen.

Now Testament

This Is Not the End

Molly Baskette

Words from Tradition

Psalm 16

Blair Loudat

Exploring the Word

Refuge or Rebirth

Pastor Don

Our Offering to God and God's Work

I want to encourage all of us to continue our giving to the church: our monthly and weekly gifts will help tide us over until we return to regular Sunday worship. How do we do this? There are several ways. Perhaps now is a good time to consider setting up monthly bill pay to the church through your bank. Or maybe try credit card or PayPal: click the donate button on our website www.parkroseucc.org. Of course, writing a check and dropping it in the mail to us

works really well, too! The church always provides support to us, and especially when life gets tough. Let's make sure we support our church.

Prayers of the People

During this time of prayer, you are invited to call into God's Presence anyone, and any circumstance, in need of healing this morning: your own precious life; the lives of those you love; the world we love. In this way, we invite God's unconditional love to flow through us into every life and every being, that the sacred communion of all creation may be restored and blessed.

Meditation

I Have Loved You

Michael Joncas

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.

Announcements

Connecting with the World

Friends – our worship concludes, but our service continues.
We didn't just GO to church – WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Sharing Signs of Peace

In many congregations, it is customary to share the Peace of Christ with one another. Today, you are invited to join in this tradition by reaching out to someone by telephone. Perhaps you'd like to call to mind folks who would love to hear your voice, or picture in your mind's eye the people who often sit near you in worship. Then, go ahead and give them a call before the day is over. In this way, we remember that we are connected, always, in Spirit and in great love.

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!