

**Order for Worship in Many Places**  
**Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon**  
**April 17, 2022 /Easter-New Member 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**

“It’s Good to be Alive”

Andy Grammer ft. PS22 Chorus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pVR7nsQBEM>

**Prayer in One Voice**

**Hosannas start Holy Week, after dark and lonely frightening months. Spring arrives to give us hope. Easter brings us joy and calming peace. Sing Hallelujah for all the possibilities.**

*(Nancy Davis)* **On this day called Easter, we celebrate the indestructible love and wisdom that Jesus showed to the world. We will gladly follow in his Way!**

**Young People’s Time**

Erica Martin

**Peace Moment**

Rita Dove's plea for unity

Playlist for the Apocalypse

Jeffrey Brown has the story of prominent poet Rita Dove confronting private pains and public strains; home and history. This report on her book, “Playlist for the Apocalypse,” is part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

<https://www.allarts.org/programs/pbs-newshour/playlist-for-the-apocalypse-1631739084/>

**Song**

“Rise Up”

The Many

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

**Modern Testimony**

We knew the ending before our Lenten journey even began. We know this epic love story but we cannot stop its familiarity. We open ourselves to the unexpected as we arrive at the tomb and realize we have to lay our spines down, letting go of what we know how to do, to step toward whatever is next. *Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia*

**Words from Tradition**

Luke 24:1-12

Blair Loudat

**Exploring the Word**

New Life Is Right Here

Pastor Dianne

**Flowering The Cross and Prayers for Ukraine**

Come forward to place a flower in the cross as we continue to pray for Ukraine

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CANTUS: Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

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

## Meditation

The Threat of Resurrection

Parker Palmer

Is life hidden just under the surface of death? Parker Palmer on death-dealing vs. life-leading.

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/the-threat-of-resurrection>

Death is Only the Beginning

Kelly Ann Hall

An Easter benediction. Written by Kelly Ann Hall. Music and narration by Ben Thomas.

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/death-is-only-the-beginning>

## 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 ). Are there any prayer concerns? (Please come forward to the microphone) Let us for prayer for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those who are food insecure. We pray for our houseless brothers and sisters. We pray for anyone sick with Covid and for their caregivers. We pray for the family and friends of those who have died from gun violence.

## 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 grace 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

## New Member

## **WELCOMING PRAYER**

Moderators: Almighty God, we thank you for the life journey that brought Ann to join our church today. We celebrate the unique impact she will make here and already has made here, through her presence, gifts and talents. May this congregation offer support in times of trouble and rejoice with her always. May our church home strengthen her faith and deepen her discipleship. All this we pray.

## **QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBER:**

Pastor: Today we make a covenant, with one another. We make promises to one another, before God, so that we can depend on each other through good times and hard times. You have a church and a people. And so now we ask you:

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in faith and to be an active and joyful member of this church? If so, please say, I promise with the help of God.

**I promise with the help of God.**

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world? If so, please say, I promise with the help of God.

**I promise with the help of God.**

## **Ann's Covenant**

### **PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH**

To the members of this church: Do you promise to pray with and for Ann, to welcome her fully in holy friendship, to be angels for her in times of distress.

**Congregation**: We promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Let us, the members of Parkrose Community U.C.C. , express our welcome and affirm our ministry together.

**Congregation**: We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

## 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](http://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.

*Art work: Parkrose Youth and Erica Martin*

