

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
March 19, 2023/Lent 4A
10:00 a.m. (livestream)

Welcome

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.
Rejoice my family and neighbors, this is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude

Niki Farley

Gathering Song

“Wake Me Up” (Avicii)

One Voice Children's Choir

Learn more about the One Voice Children's Choir at <https://onevoicechildren.org>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNfQfloAKfg>

Prayer in One Voice

We come together in this hour...in a wider search for truth and purpose. In this quest, may we greet one another with open hearts and minds; inspire each other to consider new questions and seek deeper meaning; and cultivate both wisdom and compassion.

Young People’s Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation How the Government Turns American Indians into Freeloaders Stossel TV

Song

“Gospel In Review”

Henhouse Prowlers

Find more Henhouse Prowlers at <https://www.henhouseprowlers.com/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PmKl3IKim8>

Modern Testimony

The passage today uses physical affliction as a vehicle to point out how humanity always wants to be sure and secure about the world. The crowd is certain that there must be a cause (someone’s fault) and effect (God’s judgment) at play, and when the effect is made known, they refuse to believe the cause that has been given credit. Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow

Words from Tradition

John 9:1-41

Anne Crockatt

Exploring the Word

Who Sinned? / Jesus in the psych ward

Pastor Dianne and Pastor Giuseppe

Meditation Indigenous theologians discuss Christianity from a Native perspective Sojourners <http://www.sojo.net/sojotube> Rev Richard Twiss, Terry Leblanc and Raymond Aldred, Ph.D. talk about the revival of indigenous theology in North America.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtAd1OTQrME&t=183s>

Special Music for Lent

Mike and Jesse

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.) Rita asks for prayers for the family and friends of a man murdered in Portland. Continued prayers for Florence and Walter, as Florence recuperates from surgeries after breaking her femur and from CoVid. Let us pray for anyone sick with CoVid and 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

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vd6NOmyv8oQ>

Moderator Moment

Clay Osburn

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.parkroseuucc.org. Writing a check and dropping it in the mail to us works really well, too! Let's make sure we support our church.

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