

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
February 5, 2023/Epiphany 5A – Communion Sunday
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 “On Top Of The World” (Imagine Dragons) One Voice Children's Choir

Learn more about One Voice Children’s Choir at <https://onevoicechildren.org>

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

Prayer in One Voice

May we be open to the power that lies dormant within each of us. May we be full with a confidence in our own strength. May we move from the routines that we follow to the fullness of life that we might live. (Gretta Vosper/hb)

Young People’s Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation

Black Pioneers

High Desert Museum

Learn about one of Oregon's earliest African American settlers, Letitia Carson, in a short video, and then dig into educator resources online, which offer suggestions for discussing this video with students or diving deeper at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt2vRhJVYto>

Song

“All Belong Here”

The Many - Lyric Video

Learn more about The Many at <https://www.themanyarehere.com/home1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJBEwqBfw3I>

Modern Testimony

Rabbi Akiba, who was killed by the Romans in 132 CE, taught that the commandment ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself’ was ‘the great principle of the Torah. Religion was inseparable from the practice of habitual respect to all other human beings. You could not worship God unless you practiced the Golden Rule and honored your fellow humans, whoever they were.’ Karen Armstrong

Words from Tradition

Matthew 5:13-20

Diana Bower

Exploring the Word

Safe-for-Everyone Interpretations and Practices

Pastor Dianne and Krysten

Krysten Hall moved to Portland from Los Angeles about 2 years ago. During her 15 years of teaching in LA, she took on extra leadership roles including being site “techie”, and she even spent 3 years as president of her local district's teachers union. After moving to Portland, Krysten decided to leave the classroom and pursue a new career in the nonprofit space. While looking for jobs, she decided to use some of her free time to volunteer. After seeing the homeless crisis in LA, WeShine's mission really spoke to her. She enjoyed the work she did as a WeShine volunteer so much that she decided it is what she wants to do for her next career and is now a proud WeShine staff member. Krysten is currently providing administrative and technology support for WeShine staff and is loving it!

This week, please join with the Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros, Conference Minister for Kansas and Oklahoma, in praying for all our conference staff.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5Nag0x7TDg>

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 Tyre Nichols who was brutally beaten to death in Memphis Tennessee. Camie asks for prayers of comfort and healing for her great-niece Alexis and her husband Kagen. Alexis had a miscarriage this past weekend. Camie also asks for prayers of comfort for her high school friend Elizabeth and her family on the loss of her mother who was in the later stages of Alzheimer and died on Sunday after a short battle with 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**Communion****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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