

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
June 19, 2022/Pentecost 2C + 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

“Brave”

Cover by One Voice Children's Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa2QKIDr7q8>

Prayer in One Voice

Spirit of God brooding over the waters of our chaos, inspire us to generous living. Wind of God dancing over the desert of our reluctance, lead us to the oasis of celebration. Breath of God inspiring communication among strangers, make us channels of your peace. (Kate McIlhagga/cw)

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Moment “Why extremist groups are targeting the LGBTQ community” | PBS News Hour

There have been several recent incidents where far-right, white supremacist groups have targeted LGBTQ people, including last weekend at a pride event in Idaho and a during a drag story hour at a library in California. J.M. Berger joins William Brangham to discuss.

<https://www.allarts.org/programs/pbs-newshour/extremism-on-the-rise-1655241259/>

Song

“Remember When”

The Many

The answers don't come easy in this song...but as we cry out and ask God, "Why didn't you send help?" we sometimes hear God's still, small voice saying, "I did. I sent you." This song is on The Many's 2019 album "Love Greater Than Fear" which is available on iTunes and Spotify.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=he98mMybs1A>

Modern Testimony

“I believe that Hagar (Mother of faith) is a key religious figure and that meditation on her story can enrich the understanding of Jews, Christians, and Muslims concerning the nature of the God whom we worship and what it means to do God’s will in contemporary societies. The image of Hagar and her child in the desert is part of today’s reality. The low-born, hardworking domestic laborer, used and misused and cast out by her employers, the single mother abandoned by the father of her child, the foreigner and the refugee far from her native land, desperately trying to survive, frantic in her maternal concern for the safety of her child, this Hagar I have met many times.” *Fr Tom Michel*

Words from Tradition

Genesis 21:8-21

Rob Rubsum

Exploring the Word

Cast Away

Pastor Dianne and Sue

Meditation “Lessons on Freedom from a Slave Named Hagar” | Jacqui Lewis, preacher.
Jacqui Lewis, preacher. To learn more about Middle Church and our Art & Soul Worship
Celebration visit: <http://www.middlechurch.org>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13f5tJhOfH8&t=52s>

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 pray with gratitude for the micro-village going up on our campus. A big thank you to everyone who has made this happen and will continue to be a part of this vital ministry. Rita asks for prayers for 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

Meditation for Father’s Day “The Lord Is My Shepherd”
<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/psalm-23>

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.

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