

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
March 27, 2022/Lent 4C + 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

“Wake Me Up-Avicii”

One Voice Children's Choir

One Voice Children's Choir is part of ONE VOICE CHILDREN, a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire the world through the power of children's voices. Learn more:

<https://onevoicechildren.org>

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

Prayer in One Voice

God, you do not limit us to the stories by which the world knows us. You see much more in us than the labels we give ourselves, Give us courage to defy all expectations –especially our own – and in your love become all of who we are. *Cheryl Lawrie*

Young People’s Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation

Everyday Practices of Transformative Justice

Transformative justice is a vision and framework for preventing, intervening in, and transforming harm. There are a number of different practices that fall under that broader framework. In this video, longtime practitioners of restorative and transformative justice discuss the everyday skills that we need to develop to reduce violence and to address harm. Proactively mediating conflicts among friends and family, learning to give good apologies, negotiating healthy boundaries, and developing active listening skills all contribute to increasing our self-efficacy for preventing and intervening in harm. These skills are building blocks for lessening conflict and harm and provide a foundation for building towards an abolitionist horizon. This video is part of the Building Accountable Communities video series. The Building Accountable Communities Project promotes non-punitive responses to harm by developing resources for transformative justice practitioners and organizing convenings and workshops that educate the public. Created by Project Nia and the Barnard Center for Research on Women. Video produced by Mariame Kaba, Dean Spade, and Hope Dector.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-_BOFz5TXo

Song

“Only Grace”

The Many

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRkHQ1aR1qk>

Modern Testimony

Trying to make sense of the characters in the story of the prodigal son was hard for me. What I eventually came to realize is that every single one of them regardless of what they've done, receives grace. No one earns it, but rather is something they experience together. Our lives can be big, full, messy, complicated, imperfect, a wreck, and God's grace will still be there.

Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt

Words from Tradition

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Walter Lersch

Exploring the Word

God puts no limits on Grace

Pastor Dianne and Jessica

Silent Meditation on the Message

Meditation

A BELOVED IDENTITY

RENE AUGUST

Rene August talks about growing up in South Africa and this mismatch of narratives told to her in a "Christian" nation. Resist the lie, live into a new story and experience a bigger love.

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/a-beloved-identity>

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 for Anne who is in rehab and for Cliff who is also recuperating in rehab. 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 embrace 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

gesture: peace from my heart to yours

Time to pray for Ukraine

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CANTUS: Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

The song is a Finnish patriotic hymn that was commonly censored by the Russian government. It was performed under aliases or embedded in other works. Historically, oftentimes when the melody of this tune would appear in orchestra settings, Finnish citizens in the audience would stand up and sing the words together, in defiance of their occupation.

As bombs and missiles are falling upon українці, let us remember, we all may be different, living in different places and countries, but we share so much - the same blue sky, the need for safety and a home, we are one as humankind and share beliefs, hopes and the feeling of love.

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

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.

Easter Activities for 2022

April 10 - Palm/Passion Sunday - For the Peace Meditation we will have an Encountering the Cross Play. During the scripture reading an artist friend of Pastor Dianne's, Carolyn, will be illustrating the theme of the Palm/Passion Event by drawing with pastels. After the service we will have a meet and greet with Carolyn.



April 14 - Maundy Thursday at 6:30 - Pastor Dianne will host a Holy Supper Service via Zoom.

April 15 - Good Friday Labyrinth from 11 to 1 - Come walk the labyrinth with the Stations of the Cross.



April 17 - Easter Sunday - 9:00 - Easter Breakfast in Eastminster Hall - Come support the youth with their fund raiser.

10:00 - Easter Sunday Service
service there will be a blessing of Mural, Salmon Art Installation and Meadow Scape Project.



- After the
the Youth
Courtyard

From April 1 to April 13 you are invited to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone. The forms will be available in the office or each Sunday morning beside the bulletins.

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