

Order for Worship in Many Places
Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon
May 21, 2023/Easter 7A- Ascension 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

Welcoming the Woodleys

Gathering Song

“One World” (We Are One)

Taboo

IllumiNative is an initiative, created and led by Natives, to challenge the negative narrative that surrounds Native communities and ensure accurate and authentic portrayals of Native communities are present in pop culture and media. Mag 7 is a collective of seven MCs and songwriters from different tribes, who came together for hope and optimism. The members of Mag 7 are Drezus (Plains Cree tribe), Supaman (Crow tribe), PJ Vegas (Shoshone / Yaqui tribes), Kahara Hodges (Navajo tribe), Doc Native (Seminole tribe), Spencer Battiest (Seminole tribe), and Emcee One (Osage/Potawatomi tribes).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHhbeRJudY4>

Prayer in One Voice

May we today be touched by grace. May we move beyond viewing this life only through a frame, but touch and be touched by it, know it and be known by it. Love it, and be loved by it. (*Chinook Psalter/ep*)

Young People's Time

Erica Martin

Peace Meditation

Learning from Indigenous Peoples & Ethnic Diversity

Randy Woodley

Randy Woodley & Graham Joseph Hill discuss embracing ethnic diversity & learning from indigenous communities on "The Global Church Project". Shortened version of interview. Full 35-minute version available at <https://theglobalchurchproject.com>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpcNuCM5Y-w&t=5s>

Song

“Wake Up”

Kelly Jackson (Feat. THEE)

Official Music Video for "Wake Up" performed by Kelly Jackson, featuring Thee (Theodore Yancey). Find out more about Kelly Jackson at: www.kellyjackson.net. Standing Rock B-roll Footage provided by Skyler Doud & Christopher Kilgour. Quote by Winona LaDuke. Dancer - Tori Jensen. Special Appearance by Elijah Markele Yancey and Water Protectors at The Oceti Sakowin Camp. Music Credits: Song written by: Kelly Jackson, rapistry written by Thee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiwH3ibVA9o>

Modern Testimony

American Indians remain probably the least understood and most misunderstood Americans of us all. Collectively, their history is our history and should be a part of our shared and remembered heritage. When we forget great contributors to our American history, when we neglect the heroic past of the American Indian, we thereby weaken our own heritage.

- John F. Kennedy

Exploring the Word

A Unity that is Big Enough

Dr. Randy Woodley and Edith Woodley (please see Bio) and Pastor Dianne

Flute Music

Mike McKee

Meditation

INDIGENOUS LITURGY

RICHARD TWISS

Richard Twiss talks about worshipping in the context of who God made us.

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/indigenous-liturgy>

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.) Continued prayers for Florence as she continues to recuperate from knee surgery. Rita asks for prayers for the family and friends of our firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. 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

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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