

**Order for Worship in Many Places**  
**Parkrose Community United Church of Christ + Portland, Oregon**  
**November 27, 2022/Advent 1A**  
**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**

"Get Together"

PS22 Chorus

#gettogether #theyoungbloods #ps22chorus #ps22

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_IGpWL-DsYk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IGpWL-DsYk)

**Prayer in One Voice**

**When we tell our story from deep inside, And we listen with a loving mind, And we hear our voices in each other's words, then our heart is in a holy place. *When we share the silence of sacred space, And the God of our Heart stirs with in, And we feel the power of each other's faith, then our heart is in a holy place.*** John Poley

**Advent Candle Hope**

Cyndi and Mike

**Special Advent Music**

Mike and Jesse

**Young People's Time**

Erica Martin

**Peace Meditation**

The power of sharing your story | LeRon L. Barton | TEDxWilsonPark

This talk was given at a TEDx event using the TED conference format but independently

organized by a local community. Learn more at <https://www.ted.com/tedx>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgQJKbUs0Qc>

**Song**

"Waiting For You"

The Many - Takeaway Show

You can learn more about The Many at: <https://www.themanyarehere.com>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUJofeJXpm4>

**Modern Testimony**

The artificial reality created by modernity places us in a world where human achievement is heralded as the pinnacle of beauty, wisdom and inspiration. This, keeps us from valuing "the community of creation." We live each day because trees offer oxygen, plants provide food, the moon quietly calls the tides, and insects work the ground beneath us. Yet, in my hustle and bustle, I rarely stop to consider this. Giving thanks for creation is a way of humbling ourselves and paying attention to this gift." *Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley*

**Words from Tradition**

Matthew 1:1-17

Walter Lersch

**Exploring the Word**

Room for Every Story

**Pastor Dianne and Sally**

Sally Eck is a feminist scholar activist. She is experienced in peace-building, the anti-interpersonal violence movement, facilitating interracial dialogues, food justice and social justice education for over twenty years. She has been teaching at Portland State University for more than twenty years in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and the School of Gender, Race, and Nation. She is passionate and committed to changing the education system, recognizing the personal as political, and co-creating a just and equitable world for all of us.

### Meditation

### CREATING BIGGER STORIES

RENÉ AUGUST

René August on doing the hard work of repentance by interrogating our own narratives in order to create bigger stories.

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/creating-bigger-stories>

### 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? During this season of gratitude are there any prayers of gratitude? (Please come forward to the microphone.) Rita asks for prayers for the family and friends of those killed in Virginia this past week.

Rita asks for prayers for. 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](http://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.

*Art work: Parkrose Youth and Erica Martin*

