

Welcome
June 23, 2019



In the name of God, stop a moment,
cease your work, look around you.”

Leo Tolstoy

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

Let us quiet our voices and silence our communication devices as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major for Trumpet and Flute
John Stanley

WELCOME

REV. DR. JANET PARKER

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

***INTROIT**

WORDS AND MUSIC: AL CARMINES

Faith is Such a Simple Thing

Faith is such a simple thing. It can't talk, but only sing.
It can't reason, but can dance. Take a chance! Take a chance!

Life is full of ways to go: sun, rain, wind, snow.
All unknowingly we trace a geography of grace.

From breath to breath, and blink to blink,
It's never quite the way we think.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?

People: We will throw open the doors to our hearts.

We will delight in his presence.

Leader: When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

People: We will make ourselves ready.

We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.

Leader: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

People: So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise

All: Let us worship God!

**Please rise as you are able.*

***OPENING HYMN** NCH #70

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

***PASSING THE PEACE**

REV. PARKER

Please greet those around you with a word of God's peace and blessing.

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you**

ANCIENT TESTIMONY

EILEEN DEERDOCK

LUKE 10:38-42, NRSV

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

SONG WITH THE CHILDREN

NCH #236

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. (x4)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

REV. PAM FINE

Welcome Families! Our nursery is open for children ages 0 to 4. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited downstairs to our Story classroom for Wonders of Creation.

MODERN TESTIMONY

EILEEN DEERDOCK

Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

We want to provide for our families, we want to give our children every opportunity to enrich their lives, we want to serve our neighbors, and yes, we want to serve the Lord. Indeed, where would the church be without its "Marthas," those faithful folk who perform the tasks of hospitality and service so vital to making the church a welcoming and well-functioning community?

And yet if all our activities leave us with no time to be still in the Lord's presence and hear God's word, we are likely to end up anxious and troubled. We are likely to end up with a kind of service that is devoid of love and joy and is resentful of others.

Both listening and doing, receiving God's Word and serving others, are vital to the Christian life, just as inhaling and exhaling are to breathing. Yet how often do we forget to breathe in deeply? Trying to serve without being nourished by God's word is like expecting good fruit to grow from a tree that has been uprooted.

ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord

Music: John Rutter

Text: Psalm 100

INTERPRETATION FOR OUR TIME

"Are you a Martha or a Mary?"

REV. PARKER

***RESPONSE IN SONG**

Grant Us Wisdom To Perceive You

NCH #510

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. PARKER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done; on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. PARKER

GIFTS OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Canon on "*Quem Pastores*"
(Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You)
Helmut Walcha

**Please rise as you are able.*

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

BENEDICTION

REV. PARKER

***CLOSING HYMN**

NCH #493

O Jesus, I Have Promised

***POSTLUDE**

Andante Largo

John Stanley



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TO KEEP IN PRAYER

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with: the van Veen family; Alice Forsythe; Keith Zilk; Grant Edwards; Rachel Stevens; Roger Walcker; Pat Kerwin; Jan & Ray Velez; Katherine Brumbaugh; Anne Lemar; Logan Hlavacka; Cynthia Lybarger; Richard Hall; Dick Boos; Joe Becker; Sarah Vazquez and family; Tony Ludlam; Don Severson and family; Mary Maxwell, Majel Parker.

**TODAY
JULY 21, 2019**

WELCOME!

Please stop by the Pencil Table to see what's happening at our church!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

is being hosted this month by folks with July Birthdays. Thank you! If you would like to participate in the upcoming months, please talk to Jim Sikkel.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

Large-print bulletins (including hymns and announcements) and **listening devices** are available from the ushers. **Pew cushions** are available in the back of the Sanctuary for anyone to use. Please help yourself, or ask an usher for assistance.



GIVE BY TEXT OR WEB

To participate in this morning's offering using a credit card, text the amount you wish to give (include the \$ sign) to 503-902-4744, or go to <http://www.uccportland.org/give>.

YOUR SPARE CHANGE ADDS UP!

All the coins collected during each week's offering are donated to a local non-profit. The non-profit this quarter will be the Transitional School. It is dedicated entirely to the daily needs of 60-70 kids whose families are homeless, in transition and experiencing chronic poverty related crisis. Their purpose is to provide them, at no cost, with a stable supportive environment that promotes both their personal and academic growth. Beyond the classroom the school helps with the needs of kids including school supplies, nutritious meals each school day, clothing, hygiene items, health screening and dental care.

This is a wonderful, thoughtful program that deserves our support. For more information go to www.transitionalschool.org

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