



# Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Ms. Cary Carty                  Enrique Andrade  
Mr. Seth Kalen

A special thanks to those who helped with this morning's breakfast, our Easter procession, the Ensemble, and preparations for our Easter egg hunt.

## Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection April 17, 2022 ~ 10:30 am



Welcome newcomer or long time friend!  
We're glad you are with us today.  
We invite you to share in the ministry & celebration  
of our life together in Christ  
through worship, study, & service.  
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*\*All are invited to rise in body or spirit,  
and to stand as they are able.*

**Please mute all electronic devices.**

**Congregational responses are in bold.**

*Please sign the welcome cards so we can acknowledge your  
presence with us in worship.*

## WELCOME & GATHERING

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Christ is risen!

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**Christ is risen indeed!**

### **PROCESSIONAL #155**

JUBILATE DEO

**Raise a Song of Gladness** *sung until all have  
entered –children are welcomed to the front of the  
Sanctuary (parents too!)—all others may be seated.*

**Raise a song of gladness peoples of the Earth!**  
**Christ has come bringing peace, joy to every heart.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! joy to every heart;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! joy to every heart!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

### **WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP & WONDER**

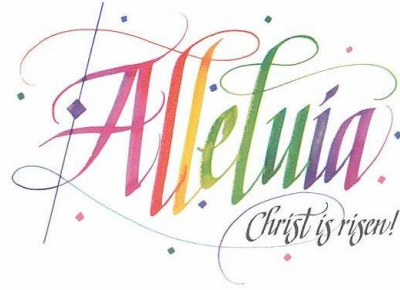
Revs. Mr. Nathan Meckley & Ms. Linda Stewart-Kalen

**\*PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

Let us greet one another with signs of God's peace.

*We invite you to greet one another in the grace and love  
we have received—that which turns strangers and  
neighbors into a beloved community of God's children.*



## *Common Ground, a Presbyterian Church USA Congregation in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood*



This congregation began as a merger among three United Presbyterian congregations. Holt Chinese, First United Presbyterian (itself a merger of 1st, 3rd & the Italian United), and Mizpah Presbyterian Churches shared a new venture in 1961. It was in part as a vision for the Beloved Community—a multi-ethnic community welcoming all people.

We treasure the heritage of these predecessor congregations, who cherished fine music, offered a welcome to all people, earnestly supported mission, and nurtured children.

Connected to—and appreciative of—our past, we are a church of the present—a community seeking God's leading here and now.

Our ministry today seeks to:

- Honor Diversity & Support Vulnerable Communities,
- Increase Stewardship of the Environment / Care of Creation,
- Promote Music & the Arts,
- Strengthen Families & Children,
- Support Education & Nurture Across Generations

We worship each Sunday at 10:30 am in the Chapel with online live participation. We welcome an opportunity to share a tour of the building along with a chance to explore your interest in the church, its mission, and ministry.

We invite those who wish to unite with us in this journey of faith to speak with the pastor or any church member.



## Metropolitan Community Church of Portland

MCC Portland is a local member congregation of the global network of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Founded in 1968 as the first church to welcome LGBTQ+ people into Christian community as their openly authentic selves, MCC ministry has grown and continues to welcome those frequently marginalized in other communities. MCC Portland relocated from NE Portland and is delighted to share common ground at this location. On a typical Sunday MCC holds its weekly worship gathering at 10 am in the Sanctuary and online.

Together our congregations share a children's ministry that welcomes each child to worship and also to developmentally appropriate (birth to 8) care in our classrooms with the support of Joy & Natalie, our team of care givers.

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN WITH SONG** *once in Unison, Three times in Canon Round) pulpit side & then piano starts ●*

**Raise a song of glad-ness peoples of the Earth!  
Christ has come bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! joy to every heart;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! joy to every heart!**  
*Children may join their families in the pews or activity time on the lower level with Joy & Natalie.*

## EASTER HYMN #232

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**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

WORD & WONDER

PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD Ms. Kate Belt

GOD'S WORD TO THE CHURCH

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH Acts 10:34-43

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

We thank you Holy One for your goodness!

Your love is everlasting!

Let the people of God now say:

**Your love is everlasting!**

God is my strength and my song...

This is the day in which God acted.

**We will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

EASTER ENSEMBLE *Now the Green Blade Rises*

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

EASTER MEDITATION Rev. Nathan Meckley

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE #248

HYMN OF JOY

**Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ *Many Voices, One Prayer*

The heavens and earth rejoice! God has raised Jesus from the dead and promised us everlasting life.

**Nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ.**

We praise you . . . In your mercy, **resurrect us, O God . . .**

Living Christ, we praise you for opening the gates of everlasting life and leading us through the wilderness to this glorious day of hope. We are not lost. We are not alone. **Alleluia and amen.**

### NOURISHED FOR SERVICE

#### *Christ Sets a Pattern and a Place for Us*

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen  
*An open invitation to communion is practiced in both of our congregations. We invite all visitors and friends to join us today in being nourished at the Lord's Table.*

OFFERING *Please include your Welcome cards in your offering.*

OFFERTORY EASTER ENSEMBLE SUO GAN  
***Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers***

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GIVING THANKS & PRAISE

REMEMBERING JESUS

CALLING ON THE SPIRIT ~ Sharing in the Prayer that Jesus Taught  
*Please use these words or the ones of your tradition.*

**Abba in heaven, Holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**

SHARING THE BREAD ~ DRINKING THE CUP

*Please use the center aisle to come forward for communion and return to your seats by the outside aisles. We serve today by intinction with the server taking the bread and dipping it in the cup. All the elements are gluten free and all cups contain grape juice.*

*Those who wish to remain seated, simply indicate and servers will come to you. Self contained single serve elements are also available.*

***Please join as we sing together:  
What Wondrous Love is This  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You***

### BLESSING & SENDING

**CHARGE** Revs. Linda Stewart-Kalen & Grant Helbley

This is the day:

**When tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.**

This is the day in which our God acts!

**Rolling away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us and calls us into God's future.**

This is the day This is the day in which our God acts!

**Death holds no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

This is the day--this Easter Day!

**Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

EASTER SONG ***Woke Up This Morning***

BLESSING

Rev. Nathan Meckley

POSTLUDE

Ms. Ivona Schacker

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Child care** is available in the nursery for those younger than age 8. Children of all ages are always welcome to remain with us in worship throughout the service. We ask that families support their use of the activity area in the back of the sanctuary. Our Children's ministry team have planned activities in our classrooms until all participants are invited back for communion and the close of the service.

**The Offering today** there is an envelope that allows you to mark your gift today for:  **MCC**

**Presbyterian Church**, or You may also write in: **Refugee Care** for the local efforts to support those arriving in our area.

**About our Shared Ministry:**

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland & the Presbyterian Church in the Colonial Heights neighborhood share a common table in our partnership for the common good. Not a merger, we are two distinct faith communities sharing space on this common ground.

