

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 ~ 10:30 am

Common Ground, the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Congregation in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood



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 in at the welcome table in the entry area so we can  
acknowledge your presence with us in worship.*

### WELCOME & GATHERING

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT      Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen

PRELUDE *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*—C. Gabriel

*Please join in lighting the candles here or at home  
as we gather in the light of Christ.*

**GATHERING PRAYER & WHOLENESS**      Liturgist

Jesus, here are your disciples—your wounded hands and  
feet in the world today are ours.

At times we have been... We listen for your voice.

*We continue in a time of silence.*

### **ASSURANCE & PEACE**

The Risen Christ says to us: "Peace be with you.

As my Abba sent me, so I am sending you.

As the body of Christ let us reach out our hands, let our  
feet make firm our standing.

**Through our fears, Through our doubt,**

**Through our confusion,**

**May we continue Jesus' work as we travel many**

**roads, liberated and united by the love of the**

**Resurrected One. Amen.**

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.*

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE #358**      AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

***Steal Away***

WORD & WONDER**WONDER & BLESSING THE CHILDREN WITH SONG****#155 *Raise a Song of Gladness*** JUBILATE DEO

***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!***

PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WORD TO THE CHURCH

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH Acts 16:16-34

PSALM RESPONSE #365 **PSALM 97**

MARION

***God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!***

EPISTLE READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

GOSPEL READING John 17:20-26

EASTERTIDE MEDITATION

*Liberation, Oneness, Consequences*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~

Lord Jesus,

Here are your disciples and those we represent  
who need to meet you in our doubt.

Help us to hold graciously those questions to which  
there are no easy answers.

Enable us to discern the inability to believe which  
comes from our reluctance to step out in faith.

Give us courage in the face of the pain and  
scarring of the world.

Help us to identify your hands and those who bear  
your wounds among us.

*After a brief time of silence, we have the opportunity to  
pray our other thanks and concerns*

...Help us to walk in your Way.

**Help us to remember the Way  
is made by walking.**

Lord Jesus, glorious and resurrected,  
 and willing to see the best for us, the best in us;  
 daring us to smile with you as we walk following you.  
 Give us your hopefulness,  
 Give us your toughness,  
 Give us your peace.   **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

**OFFERING & INVITATION #533 *In the Singing***   BREAD OF PEACE  
*Please include your offering at the font during our hymn.*

*See Eastertide Communion Insert*

**THANKS & PRAISE #592   *Sanctus***   VASILE

**REMEMBERING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**CALLING UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**SHARING IN THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT**  
 CONTEMPORARY ECUMENICAL VERSION

**SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

BLESSING & SENDING

**HYMN OF PEACE & PARTING** *see insert*   MALER  
***How Can We Be Silent***

**CHARGE & BLESSING**

Go out into the world in peace.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
 with all your soul,  
 with all your mind;

and love your neighbor as yourself.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*— J. Nageli, arr. L Mason  
*All thanks for the music of Ivona Schacker,  
 our liturgist, and online host Kate Belt who ensures the technology  
 is a blessing, not a burden for our congregation.*

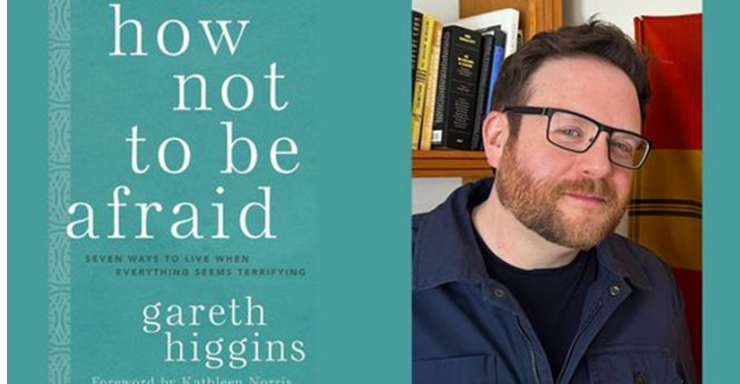
***CURRENT BUILDING USE***

- Today **9:00-10:00 am** **Musician Rehearsals Chapel & Sanctuary**  
 10:00 am MCC of Portland Worship in-person in the Sanctuary  
 and on Facebook/YouTube
- 10:15 am** **Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel**  
**10:30 am** **Common Ground Worship in-person in the Chapel and on**  
**Zoom** *you can request the link through the church office*
- Hawthorne Family Playschool M-F last classroom week**  
**8:30 am-12:30 pm outdoor classrooms, restrooms**
- Monday **10:00 am-2:00 pm** **Office Hours**  
 11:00 am-6:30 pm Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel  
 12:00-5:00 pm Megan Cronin, MIR-Violin lessons–Friendship Rm
- Tuesday **10:00 am-2:00 pm** **Office Hours**  
**4:30 pm** **May 31-Session Meeting at the home of Kate Belt**  
 6:00-8:00 pm Clarinet & Woodwind Ensemble-*Breaking for the Summer*  
**6:45 pm** **3rd Tuesdays Monthly Reading & Reflection—June 21**  
**Book Group-Zoom & at the home of Kate Belt**
- Wednesday **11:00 am-1:00 pm** **Office Hours**  
**11:00 am-1:00 pm** **Quiet Space in the Sanctuary or Chapel**  
**12:00 pm** **Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—returns this week**  
 6:00-8:00 pm Megan Cronin Classes in the Friendship Rm  
 6:30-8:30 pm HFP Board Meetings (first Wednesdays) 6/1  
 6:30-8:30 pm Community Meetings (typically 3rd Wed.)  
 7:00-9:00 pm 2nd Wed. MCC Board Meeting-Social Hall  
 7:00-10:00 pm Book Talk and signing
- Thursday **9:30 am-1:30 pm** **Office Hours**  
**10:00-11:00 am** **Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch**
- Friday Office Closed
- Saturday Office Closed  
 10:00 -11:30 am Overeaters Anon-Social Hall  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary  
 1:30–6:30 pm Gregor McGee, MIR—Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** **Confluence Concert-the Willamette LGBT Chorus**
- NEXT SUNDAY** **9:00-10:00 am** **Musician Rehearsals Chapel & Sanctuary**  
 10:00 am MCC of Portland Worship- Sanctuary  
 and on Facebook/YouTube
- 10:15 am** **Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground-Chapel**  
**10:30 am** **Common Ground Worship-Chapel and on Zoom**  
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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS TWO SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK!!***

MCC Portland is excited to host author, peace activist, brilliant storyteller, and friend, Gareth Higgins, Wednesday, June 1, 7-8:30PM, for an evening of story, conversation, and grounded hope.

Based upon his new book, ***How Not To Be Afraid***, all are welcome to join us for an evening of story, conversation, and practical exploration of transforming fear into fuel for a more



connected, courageous, creative life. Admission is FREE; advance registration is required. [REGISTER using the link provided](#). NOTE: COVID precautions will be observed. Masking may be required depending upon number of people attending.

## **CONFLUENCE Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus Celebrating its 22nd year !! Upcoming June concert: Happiness**

**Join us Saturday June 4 7:30 PM in Portland  
Seating is limited, Temperature checks at door  
Proof of Covid Vaccination required and masks will be needed.**

**Upcoming Mental Health & Wellness Conversation & Skill Building Workshop**  
Our Mental Health & Wellness workshop series concludes with:

- **Sunday, Jun 12 @ 1pm *Healthy Boundaries***

NOTE: This is currently planned to be held in-person only, on-site at 2828 SE Stephens Street. We are proud to partner with PUN (Presbyterian Urban Network) and MCC Portland to co-sponsor this series of workshops on mental health and wellness. We are grateful to have this series coordinated by Naomi Caster (MS, LMFT, CADC II) and are all FREE of charge and open to anyone.

***All are welcome!***

# HOW CAN WE BE SILENT?

Michael Mahler

## Verses



1. How can we be si - lent when we know our God is
2. How can we be si - lent when our God has con quered
3. How can we be si - lent when we turn our eyes a -
4. How can we be si - lent, not give praise with all our
5. How can we be si - lent when our souls are filled with



near, Bring - ing light to those in dark - ness, to the  
death, Stretch - ing out his arms to suf - fer so that  
way And ig - nore the poor and bro - ken who lie  
hearts, For Christ Je - sus is our Sav - ior and com -  
awe At the beau - ty of cre - a - tion and the



worth - less, end - less worth? How can we be si - lent when we  
we might have new life? How can we be si - lent when we've  
bleed - ing in the street? How can we be si - lent when we're  
pas - sion is our king? How can we be si - lent when God  
mer - cy of our Lord? How can we be si - lent when we



are the voice of Christ, Speak - ing jus - tice to the  
seen that Je - sus rose, And will come a - gain in  
called to heal and serve In the im - age of Lord  
gave us life to be vi - brant in - stru - ments of  
yearn to sing new songs? In our hearts a fire is



na - tions, breath - ing love to all the earth?  
glo - ry, end - ing suf - fer - ing and strife?  
Je - sus, who has stooped to wash our feet?  
wor - ship, made to laugh and dance and sing?  
burn - ing and it will not be ig - nored!



Jesus said,  
"Abide in me....  
Love one another."

*Father Phil Ayers died  
Wednesday and was sung  
into the Church Triumphant  
by family & friends.  
We give thanks for his ministry  
with us and friendship in faith.*

**We Give Thanks for . . .** Teachers and students working to make their classrooms healthy and kind places of learning. . .

**We Seek God's protection and guidance . . .** Those seeking public office, those that address gun violence and make concrete action for community safety. . .

**We Call Upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for . . .** Those awaiting treatment for emergent and chronic health needs. . .

**We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty . . .** The people of Ukraine, our communities without adequate housing, those living in our neighborhoods where gun violence is a routine occurrence. . .

**Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve . . .** The Robb Elementary School an in Ulvade TX, and 26 other schools where there have been deaths due to gun violence this year, the Taiwanese congregation (Geneva Presbyterian) in Laguna Woods CA, Buffalo NY, One million US COVID-19 deaths. . .

**We pray for the Church & the World . . .** Tim and the delegation from UP as they travel home from Malawi. . .

**Refrain\***

1. None can stop the Spir - it burn - ing now in - side us.

2. We will shape the fu - ture. We will not be si - lent!

3. We will not be si - lent!

4. We will not be si - lent!

*After last refrain*  
*Cantor: We will not be si - lent!*

*Assembly:* We will not be si - lent!

We will not be si - lent!

*Final ending*

We will not be si - lent!

*\*The Refrain may be sung as a 2-, 3-, or 4-part canon.*

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