

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13 2021 ~ 10:30 am

In the Chapel

## Common Ground

The Presbyterian USA Congregation  
in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood



In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.\*

*FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH WRITTEN IN 1983  
UPON THE REUNION FORMING THE PCUSA*

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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## *Welcome*

*Those at home, please mute during the songs so you can sing—this allows all participants to hear the music provided in the service. [CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC](#)*

GREETING The Rev. Ms. Linda Stewart-Kalen, PASTOR

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation*  
*Pease join us as we light our candles as sign of our gathering.*

### OUR CALLING

Triune God, you dance among us in joy, Inviting us into the mystery that you are.  
 Yet we want understanding; we demand answers. Forgive our thickness.

**Encircle us in your oneness,  
 and teach us to trust you with abandon,  
 as we invite others to join the dance.**

PRAYER OF GATHERING & GRACE #434 *Restore in Us, O God* BAYLOR

ASSURANCE & PEACE BRUCE REYES-CHOW

May we receive and offer the peace that Christ offers.

**The Peace of Christ be with you.**

And also with you.

**The peace of Christ be with our neighbors, our friends, and our families.**

And also with you.

**The peace of Christ be with the stranger, our enemies, those who are feared.**

And also with you.

**The peace of Christ be with the world and all of God's beloved.**

And also with you.

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, hear the Good News that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Let us be at peace with ourselves and with all we meet. Amen.

### REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE & BLESSING OUR CHILDREN IN SONG

***Dance with the Spirit***

STRATHDEE

***Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.***

***Work and hope for the new life a'bornin', Listen to the Spirit to Show you the way.***

## *Word*

### OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

LETTERS OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,13-14a, 16-17

### ANTHEM *Just a Closer walk with Thee*—Elvis Presley home recording

The precise author of "A Closer Walk" is unknown. Circumstantial evidence strongly suggested it dated back to southern [African-American](#) churches of the nineteenth century, possibly even prior to the [Civil War](#), as some personal African American histories recall "slaves singing as they worked in the fields a song about walking by the Lord's side." another story shares that "On a train trip from Kansas City to Chicago, composer Kenneth Morris exited the train on one of its stops to get some fresh air and heard one of the station porters singing a song. He paid little attention at first, but after he re-boarded the train the song remained with him and became so prominent in his mind that at the next stop, he left the train, took another train back to the earlier station, and asked the porter to sing the song again. Morris wrote down the words and music and published the song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" that year, 1940, adding a few lyrics of his own to provide more breadth. Within two years the song became a standard in gospel music, eventually becoming a standard in Jazz, and then

moving into the realm of American folk music, known and sung by many. In over 45 hymnals, used from New Orleans jazz funerals to duets by Patsy Cline & Willie Nelson—this song speaks to our hope that we would stick close to God in our daily walk of faith. 3

GOSPEL

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen

Heart Talk for the Long Haul

Offering Our Discipleship



OUR OFFERING-our trust, our prayers, our gifts and tithes

TOGETHER WE SHARE THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT from the New Zealand Prayer Book-page 5

Sung Prayer #656

We've Come this Far By Faith

THIS FAR BY FAITH

We invite you to make your offering, and pour water into a bowl as we also do this at the font.

Sending

CHARGE

The Spirit, who teaches us how to look at others with the eyes of love and hope, sends us forth.

We will go to become pilgrims with those tossed aside, to be the community of hope, joining God's journey to wholeness and joy.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Many thanks to today's Liturgist and our Music Director, Ms. Ivona Schacker & Emily Hebbron who develop our play list each week for YouTube (available for you to enjoy through the week); Our online host, Kate Belt, who insures that the technology is a blessing, not a burden for our congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month we are inviting all to the Oregon Remembrance Project, lead by Taylor Stewart its founder. The upcoming Juneteenth (June 19th) weekend events center around the truth-telling in the story of Alanzo Tucker, Oregon's only documented lynching victim. Two events will mark Oregon's first year of recognition of the Juneteenth holiday (Washington & California recognize this holiday as well): Saturday, June 19th -- 10am -- the city of Coos Bay will be installing an Equal Justice Initiative historical marker -- one side will tell the story of lynching in America and one side will tell Tucker's story. Sunday, June 20th, congregations are encouraged to engage around truth and reconciliation in worship and conversations.

Nearly 300 spectators watched the death of Alonso Tucker, we are hoping that at least that many people of faith will bear witness in participating in these events in person, or online as it is live streamed. <https://www.facebook.com/oregonremembranceproject> <https://www.oregonremembrance.com>

2021 SUMMER BUILDING USE

SUNDAY	9:00-10:00 am 10:00-11:00 am  10:30 am 10:45 am	Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel & Sanctuary MCC Worship-Sanctuary returns with in-person to begin today—prayers for this transition! (We will not be scheduling the Sanctuary on Sundays without their OK) <b>Common Ground Welcome &amp; Greeting in the Chapel</b> <b>Common Ground Worship in the Chapel &amp; Zoom or website</b>
MONDAY	12:00 -2:00 pm	No Office Hours —Linda out of town until late tonight
TUESDAY	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Office Hours
WEDNESDAY	11:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 12:00 pm Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2NDTFRsZmJsUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2NDTFRsZmJsUT09</a> 6:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00-10:00 pm	Office Hours <b>Quiet Space in the Chapel/Sanctuary</b> <b>PUN Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN Chapel or Zoom</b> MCC Evening Prayer- Online Social Hall /Chapel/Friendship Room 2nd Wednesdays MCC Board Meeting-Social Hall Logan Thane Brown- Brass groups- Sanctuary

THURSDAY 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 10:00-11:35 am  
 4:30 pm

FRIDAY Office Closed

SATURDAY Office Closed  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 1:30-6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00-10:00 am  
 10:00-11:00 am  
 10:30 am  
 10:45 am

Office Hours  
 Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds  
 Session Meets in the Friendship Room

Logan Thane Brown- Brass groups- Sanctuary  
 Gregor McGee, MIR—Chapel/Sanctuary

Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel & Sanctuary  
 MCC Worship in the Sanctuary-in person and online  
 Common Ground Welcome & Greeting in the Chapel  
 Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website

**PDX VOX returns in July! Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm (maybe some dates in June too)**  
**There will be no Lewis & Clark program this Summer—can you help us locate other potential building partners? Building use provides much needed income; and as importantly, opportunities for mission and ministry.**

The Parable Of The Mustard Seed

M J Q K P Q O Q J P M N M Y O Q C N V M  
 Z E G F E F W Z A A U A A T Y M J J B A  
 X S S J J F W H T R M K H I W H P C L U  
 Y U L U T L U N K A H X T J Y Q B D I A  
 H S E I B B R S I B Z P P O R B I R Q N  
 C J Y X X I I E U L C O S S P A T A W F  
 C X W U G R V J W E J B Y R R L U T B K  
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 B J P Y T S Q W L H I F J T X H M U T B  
 I E N W E A E B S P V G U X Q J V M K Z  
 S V H A B Q U Z Y G T A O X N L B N Q C  
 F F Y M Z V D I R O I J K P K M G E L F  
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 B Q B B R V Q L G A I E T Y R G N U O S  
 U C V A W B M N U L I B E D T C U A V E  
 L S E L P I C S I D Q U X S W V F P L T  
 X J I P E K L E H M R U G D C I G V K P

Parable

**The Mustard-Seed**

Help the bird get to the top of the tree.



Seed  
 Parable  
 Birds  
 Mustard



Disciples  
 Grow  
 Jesus  
 Plants

Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a mustard seed. A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, but when a man planted that seed in the ground it grew into a great tree. That mustard tree made a safe place for all the birds to come, rest and build nests. Let Jesus plant a seed of love in your heart which can grow and touch others.



# Let Love Be Our Legacy

We are all in this together

## *Offering Our Discipleship*

*Today as the music continues to play,  
you are invited to offer your prayers  
as we hold all in prayer this day.*

*We give thanks & praise for the places  
where we have seen God at work this  
week...*

*We seek God's protection and guidance &  
God's strength & healing presence ...*

*We seek hope & assurance for those who  
face uncertain circumstances...*

*We seek to comfort those who face  
death and those who grieve...*

*We pray for the Church & the World...*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

Father and Mother of us all,

**Loving God, in whom is Heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the  
universe!

The way of your justice be followed by  
the peoples of the world!

Your Heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on Earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is  
love, now and for ever. Amen.**



## ***We Practice the Privilege of Prayer.*** ***Jesus said, “Abide in me...Love one another.”***

**We Give Thanks for...** All who continue to take safety precautions for their neighbors' sake, the completion of our work on the new Narthex lighting & MCC's sponsorship of this project, Joan Smith's return to teaching Tai Chi and the many participants returning after a year of being at home...

**We Seek God's protection and guidance for...** Those who are not choosing to be vaccinated—may their questions be answered and their support for a healthy community be fostered, those looking for clarity on their life's path, those working on Mental Health Awareness this month, travelling mercies for a number of our members and friends flying this month and traveling over the holiday weekend, Tom as he continues getting to know his new work place and works on transportation challenges...

**We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for...** For Beth Victorine's friend (Beth W. as she faces a bone marrow transplant), Meg & Megan as they continue to look for healing and improvement in their health challenges, Lindsey Velez as she continues the next steps in her treatment for MS, Beth Victorine's health, those of our community that meet the challenges of chronic health concerns, Emily's Aunt & Uncle post transplant, Meg's second surgery in the month and her recovery, Megan's shoulder and neck injury related to her violin work, Dale's completion of the biopsies needed to develop a treatment plan, Daniel (Debra's cousin with terminal late stage cancer, Stuart (Tom's friend in England)...

**We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty...** Families touched by the record increase in gun violence in our city and across the nation, for our families with transgender children with the new laws restricting their medical care, those seeking housing, employment and a path forward in this pandemic...

**Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve...** For the family and friends of Patti Fish, the community of San Jose and all places touched by work place mass shootings, over 2729 deaths people in Oregon—there are 223 towns in Oregon smaller than this number so think of what this represents in the losses to COVID-19, the death of beloved pets, for the loss of businesses and employment that shaped people's identities, the relationships that are so deeply estranged...

**We Pray for the Church and the World...** Palestine & Israel stepping back from the violence that is claiming so many and caused wide spread destruction, nations seeking in a safe and fair vaccination process with access to the vaccine for all people, the conflicts in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Yemen, Syria, the Korean peninsula—may more peaceful paths be found, and aid for those in need in the midst of places marked by violence, we pray for our congregation and the financially fragile situation as our building partnerships are less a part of the support we can count on each month...

### ***A Week of Intercessory Prayer for:***

**Our Church Family:** Gene Woods and his family

**Our Ministry & Mission:** Stove Team International, who will be the Presbytery of the Cascades offering recipient at this June meeting— if you would like to join in making an offering simply mark your contribution for the Presbytery offering.

**Where did you see Jesus?**

Share your story in a few words (less than 250) send to the church office by email: [office@chpcpd.org](mailto:office@chpcpd.org), or talk with Pastor Linda so we can share this good news.

