

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 ~ 10:30 am

In the Chapel

## Common Ground

The Presbyterian 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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## *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. No playlist this week—we have Meg Dixon offering our music live. Please wear your masks when our children are present and when singing.*

GREETING

Rev. Ms. Linda Stewart-Kalen, COMMON GROUND PASTOR

PRELUDE

Ms. Meg Dixon, MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

*Please join us as we light our candles as sign of our gathering.*

### OUR CALLING

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

**we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.**

Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

**each of us is seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.**

Builders of bridges in fractured communities,

those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

**the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!**

Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join as we pray together:

**PRAYER OF GATHERING & GRACE #795 Healer of Our Every ILL** HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

*Please remember to wear your masks when singing.*

### ASSURANCE & PEACE

Hear these words, and receive their power:

God our creator promises to restore the old and create the new.

**God in Christ forgives our thoughtlessness and greed.**

God the Spirit enlightens our way to wiser living.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you,

**and also with you**

Let us share the signs of peace now and through our life this week.

**CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE #2009**

***O God Beyond All Praising***

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## *Word*

TIME OF WONDER & BLESSING ***The Shelter of God's Wings***

***God will hide us in the shelter of the rock.***

***God will shield with holy feather, hide us 'neath strong wings.***

***A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat,***

***God will hide us in the shelter of strong wings.***

OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

Rev. Ms. Linda Stewart-Kalen

*A House Built on Healing*

***Offering Our Discipleship***

OUR OFFERING—*our trust, our prayers, our gifts and tithes*

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

***The Shelter of God's Wings***—Judith L. & Marc Roth (***see above***)

**Cantor, Cantor & Congregation**

Eternal God, we thank your presences with us today and every day,  
and for every sign of your truth and love in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
all works of compassion . . .  
the good earth that is our home . . .  
examples of wisdom and righteousness . . .  
energy and strength to share your love . . .  
each new insight into your grace . . .

People of God, for what else do we give thanks? *Please add your prayers in silence or aloud.*

**Cantor, Cantor & Congregation**

Gracious God, we remember in our own hearts the needs of others, that we may reach up to  
claim your love for them, and reach out to give your love in the name of Christ. Especially we pray for  
Churches of this presbytery, and our ecumenical partners . . .  
those subjected to tyranny and persecution . . .  
those who are outcasts or strangers . . .  
those who offer welcome and hospitality . . .  
the renewal of those who despair . . .

People of God, for what else do we pray? *Please add your prayers in silence or aloud.*

**Cantor, Cantor & Congregation**

God of all who worship you, make us one with all your saints and with any who are in need.  
Teach us to befriend the weak, and welcome the outcast, that we may serve the Lord Jesus Christ and  
live to offer you glory. In the strong name of Christ who taught us pray:

**THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (LORD'S PRAYER)**

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name,  
your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## *Sending*

### HYMN OF SERVICE

#490 BEACH SPRING

***Sing a New World into Being*** words by Mary Louise Bringle

**Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.**

**Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:**

**Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.**

**Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!**

**Sing a new world into being where each gender, class and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace:**

**Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.**

**Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind.**

**Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,**

**Where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's Shalom:**

**Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.**

**Sing a new world into being raise the harmonies of peace.**

**Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry**

**For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry:**

**When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve,**

**Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!**

### BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Many thanks to today's our Musician in Residence: Ms. Meg Dixon and our online host, Kate Belt, who insures that the technology is a blessing , not a burden for our congregation.*

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

***The Rose City Brass Quintets upcoming recording*** project entitled *Disquiet*. They have been working hard to get commissions and funding to make this debut CD a reality, and have some grant funding to help get started but not nearly enough to make this project happen yet. So they are reaching out to friends, family, colleagues, and our community to pre-sell CD's, tickets, and some special event performances to help us finalize this recording project. The link below has more details along with options for purchasing special items and donations that will go directly to this project.

<https://sonicly.com/Projects/Experience/707/1777/1>

### *2021 SUMMER BUILDING USE*

SUNDAY	<b>9:00-10:00 am</b> 10:00-11:00 am  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel &amp; Sanctuary</b> MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person We will not be scheduling Sanctuary use without MCC coordination  <b>Welcome &amp; Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel</b> <b>Common Ground Worship in the Chapel &amp; Zoom or website</b>
MONDAY	11:00 am-6:30 pm <b>12:00 -2:00 pm</b> 7:00-9:00 pm	Meg Dixon- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel <b>Office Hours (usually by appointment only -Linda)</b> PDX Vox- Voice Lessons-Front Porch July 5-26

TUESDAY	9:00 am-12:00 pm 6:45 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>This Week! 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Reading &amp; Reflection Book Group-Zoom</b> <b>July 20, August 17, September 21</b>
WEDNESDAY	11:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 11:00 am-4:00 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	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Quiet Space in the Sanctuary</b> Meg Dixon- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel <b>Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN Friendship Rm 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 9:00 am-Noon 10:00-11:35 am 7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Office Hours</b> <b>Weeding &amp; Wondering work on the grounds</b> <b>Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds</b> PDX Vox- Voice Lessons-Front Porch July 8-29
FRIDAY	Office Closed	
SATURDAY	Office Closed 10:00 -11:30 am  9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:30–6:30 pm Afternoon TBD 4:00-6:00 pm	<i>Overeaters Anonymous will return to the Social Hall as of August 7th, please do not enter the 28th street door during their meeting to offer them the privacy needed for their work (you can use the lower level side door by the rain garden).</i> Logan Thane Brown- Brass groups- Sanctuary Gregor McGee, MIR—Chapel/Sanctuary Rehearsal-June 19 & Senior Recital-June 26-Aria Herrera-Sanctuary MCC Wedding on August 14 -Chapel or Sanctuary <b>Front Porch Party-Ice Cream Social with MCC-August 28</b>
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00-10:00 am 10:00-11:00 am  10:30 am 10:45 am	<b>Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel &amp; Sanctuary</b> MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person We will not be scheduling Sanctuary use without MCC coordination <b>Welcome &amp; Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel</b> <b>Common Ground Worship in the Chapel &amp; Zoom or website</b>

*Pastor Linda on vacation: August 9-24 (Sundays 15 Emily Preaching & 22 TBA)*

### ***Announcements from our Presbytery***

#### **Memorial Service for former Executive Presbyter Rev. Dave Crow**

2 pm Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland Dave's grandmother was a member of Mizpah and a charter member at the forming of our congregation, He and Bev filled in for Pastor Linda during her sabbatical in 2013)

#### **Memorial Service for former Stated Clerk Rev. John Salmon**

2 pm Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland (John was Pastor Linda's youth & college pastor who co-officiated Peter & Linda's wedding in Fairfax, Virginia)

***Mark your Calendars, Invite a friend or two!***

### **Front Porch Party-Ice Cream Social**

We are co-sponsoring with MCC a celebration on the Front Porch and Lawn with all our friends and neighbors invited.

We are not yet ready to share a whole meal with strangers and friends—but we think Ice Cream Sundaes and some music will work just fine.

So save the date: Saturday, August 28 from 4:00 -6:00 pm  
***This will also be a PUN event!***

***Can you help? Set up, Greet, Scoop, Clean up... Send us an email at the office or talk with any session member: Sue, Emily, Kate, Linda.***



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

**We Give Thanks for...** Makailey & Pastor Linda's visits to catch up on the news with Anita & Paul Seely, Sue Clendaniel and Ann Fortescue as we begin SALT opportunities, summer vacations and visits with family, Doug Sweet, Rosa Silver, Liz Stepp— neighbors who helps us this week...

**We Seek God's protection and guidance for...** The people working in the Child Protective Services in Nebraska and the children and families depending on their support and intervention in the face of the disruption of services due to political decisions and contracting, those who are not choosing to be vaccinated—may their questions be answered and their support for a healthy community be fostered...

**We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for...** Dale as he gets new test results and hope for a treatment plan, Ann's continuing recovery from her two falls this Spring, Meg's music ministry with us even as she is still recovering from her spring surgeries,

**We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty...** Zach & Justine (Anita & Paul's grandson & fiancé) who will be married in August and live in the area of the fire in the Klamath Basin, Children facing depression and their families seeking care and support for them, those who have lost housing in the fires and in buildings unsafe here in Portland and across the country...

**Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve...** Those who have lost family and friends in the apartment fire here locally, and in the building collapse in Florida, our grief for the loss of life both of the heat wave and the continuing spread of COVID...

**We Pray for the Church and the World...** Afghanistan in the wake of NATO and US troop withdrawals, Nigeria as yet more children have been abducted from their schools settings, for those facing the hurricane, flooding and droughts of this summer 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: John & Emily Jensen**

**Our Ministry & Mission: Our new efforts to be Salt and Light with our "Serving and Learning Together" ministry.**

**Where did you see Jesus?**

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

**Celebrate with Us a New Service & Learning Venture!**

**SALT (Serving and Learning Together)**  
*Jesus said we are Salt & Light in the world!*

Kailey is entering High School this year and is exploring her calling to help and learn from her elders. Kailey will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays with us this summer. Some of the time she will be at the building, some will be offering chore services for our members and friends.—The Session Kailey says: Here are the things I'm okay with doing at other people's houses:

- ◇ Vacuuming the house
- ◇ Dusting
- ◇ Cleaning sinks
- ◇ Clean microwaves
- ◇ Clean bathrooms (toilets, sinks, mirrors, vacuuming and mopping the floors if needed).
- ◇ Take out garbage and recycling
- ◇ Clean stovetops
- ◇ Do the dishes
- ◇ Clean windows
- ◇ Check lightbulbs
- ◇ Clean the refrigerator
- ◇ Yardwork (weeding, watering plants)

Thanks! Makailey Hebron

Please pray for Kailey on Mondays & Tuesdays— her dance card is full as she visits Sue, Anita & Paul and Ann and also helps at the church building these days.

