

Service of the Lord's Day
*Celebrating Our Ministry & the Retirement
of Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen*

Common Ground, the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Congregation in the Colonial Heights Neighborhood
July 31, 2022 ~ 1:30 pm



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

*CREATIVELY PRACTICING OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD
& CARING IN COMMUNITY*

WELCOME

Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen

PRELUDE *Psalm 19*

Ms. Ivona Schacker

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER *see insert*

O God Beyond all Praising

THAXED

Mr. Logan Thane Brown, Trumpet Solo, between verse 1 & 3

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT *see the back page*

HYMN OF PRAISE #645

MIT FRUEDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS #649 ***Amazing Grace***

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Verse 1 spoken, Ms. Barbara Baltz vs 2 & 3

Congregation Sung verses 4 & 5

We continue in a time of silence.

ASSURANCE & PEACE *see insert*

BEACH SPRING

Come and Find the Quiet Center

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 #591

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! *refrain, vs 2 –below, refrain*

*My Sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they follow
me. I will lead them to rest by peaceful streams: Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

WORD & WONDER ~ OUR WORK TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD IN THE WORD & ONE ANOTHER

#692 Spirit, Open My Heart *refrain, vs 2, refrain* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

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

WONDER & BLESSING THE CHILDREN WITH SONG

#771 VSS 1,3,5 **What Is the World Like** NEW WORLD

#699 **Fill My Cup** FILL MY CUP

#373 **O Day of Peace** JERUSALEM

Trumpet Solo between verse 1 & 2

ANTHEM **How Can We Be Silent**

Soloists & Ensemble vss 1-3, Congregation refrain & vss 4 & 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Emma Maley, DEACON & Rev. Nathan Meckley, PASTOR MCC

Spirit of Wisdom and Truth, **Give us courage as we pray.**

Ave Maria—F. Schubert Ms. Barbara Baltz

#764 For the Troubles and the Sufferings PELAS DORES DESTA MUNDO

TABLE

OFFERATORY *Prayer for St. Gregory—A. Hovhanness*

Logan Thane Brown & Ms. Ivona Schacker

INVITATION **#382 Heaven Is Singing for Joy** ALEGRÍA

THANKS & PRAISE **#596 You Are Holy** DU ÄR HELIG

REMEMBERING **#537 When at This Table** FEAST DAY

Soloists verses 1-3, Congregation vss 4 & 5

CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT *see page 7*

SHARING IN THE BREAD & CUP

Ms. Megan Cronin & Ms. Ivona Schacker

Gabriel's Oboe—E. Morricone, Whispering Hope—A. Hawthorne

#526 **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** LINSTEAD

SERVICE OF DISSOLUTION & RETIREMENT

#306 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

PSALM 90:1-2

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and
the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

Ms. Emily Hebbbron, CLERK OF SESSION

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world, **be present, Lord.**

In this congregation, **be present, Lord.**

In this community, **be present, Lord.**

In this presbytery and the whole church, **be present, Lord.**

In the homes and hearts of all your people, **be present, Lord.**

Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen, PASTOR

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed, **hold us in your mercy.**

For expectations not met, **hold us in your mercy.**

For wounds not healed, **hold us in your mercy.**

For gifts not shared, **hold us in your mercy.**

For promises not kept, **hold us in your mercy.**

Ms. Kate Belt, ELDER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made, for joys celebrated

and for times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God.**

For wounds healed, expectations met,

gifts given and promises kept, **thanks be to God.**

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God, which
has sustained us, **thanks be to God.**

Rev. Gregg Neel, PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE

Do you, the members and friends of this congregation,
release Linda from service as your pastor?

We do with thanks to God.

Do you, Linda, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do with thanks to God.

...In every time and place may we offer you all that we are through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Alleluia, Amen.**

Rev, Timothy Winslea, PRESBYTERIAN URBAN NETWORK NURSE
COMPLETION OF ACTIVE MINISTRY AND SERVICE
TO THIS CONGREGATION

BLESSING & SENDING

CHARGE & BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Alleluia, Amen.

Go in peace.

Go in peace.

sung together:

The Lord, whom we love, whom we worship & adore

We will serve throughout this coming week.

Christ it is who bind us together,

and Christ it is who sends us apart, to be God's people.

Be God's people.

HYMN OF PEACE & PARTING #826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Barbara Baltz vss 1 & 2

Congregation vss 3 & 4

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!

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! **D.C.**

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

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

**Abba in whom heaven dwells,
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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**



Many thanks
for all who shared in
leadership today.

Our Land Acknowledgment

We gather on the ancestral shared lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas bands of Chinook peoples; the Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla, and many others who made their homes along the Columbia & Willamette rivers.

We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and water from time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring treaties, and remembering that God created everything and we are to keep it sacred.

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