

Our Season of Gratitude and Stewardship

*Creation, Leadership, Children Sabbath, Relationships, The Saints Triumphant,
Resources Entrusted to Our Care, Our Discipleship Together*

In the Chapel

October 10, 2021

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.

*Gratitude
makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today,
and creates a vision
for tomorrow.*

*Gratitude
makes things right.
Gratitude
turns negative energy
into positive energy.*

*There is no situation
or circumstance
so small or large
that it is not susceptible to
gratitude's
power.*

*Say thank you,
until you mean it.
If you say it long enough,
you will believe it.*

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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-Live music only this week. We are following the requirements to mask (vaccinated or not) and request that those for whom this poses too great a burden join with us online.

GREETING

Rev. Linda Stewart-Kalen, PASTOR

PRELUDE *Prayer*—Mark Davis

Ms. Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Pease join us as we light our candles as sign of our gathering.

OUR CALLING

Psalms 24:1 & Ps. 19:1

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

The world and those who live in it.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

HYMN AS OUR PRAYER FOR GATHERING & GRACE #697 *Take My Life* HENDON

SEEKING WHOLENESS

God of life, You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation.

**Forgive us for turning away from you,
ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth.**

As the sun brings light to this earth, as the rains refresh and give blessing,
make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.

We continue our prayer for wholeness with a time of silence; for in silence God may be able to get a word in edgewise—and we know that to practice listening for God in self-reflection and confession enlarges our capacity to recognize and live the truth.

ASSURANCE & PEACE

Compassion, creativity, and joy are ours through Jesus Christ.

In the waters of baptism the Holy Spirit moves us giving clear witness to the life-giving purpose of our creator.

Jesus offers us healing and forgiveness in our lives and in our world.

Alleluia! 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 #692 vs 2 *Spirit Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Word

TIME OF WONDER & BLESSING #699 *Fill My Cup* FILL MY CUP

OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scripture that we read today.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. **Amen**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 90:12-17

Please join in reading responsively.

LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Hebrews 4:12-16

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

Offering Our Discipleship

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

#717 For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

AN INVITATION TO PRAY:**#469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** CHILDREN PRAYING

Thanks & Praise:

...Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

People of Common Ground for what would you give thanks and praise?

In a word or phrase you are welcome to share your prayer aloud or in silence....

And so we lift our voice and sing: **Lord, Listen to your children...**

Petitions & Concerns:

...In you all concerns are welcomed, all questions of direction and purpose honored.

People of Common Ground for what needs would you pray?

In a word or phrase you are welcome to share your prayer aloud or in silence...

And so we lift our voice and sing: **Lord, Listen to your children...**

With confidence that you hear our prayers, we offer ourselves for your good purposes, watching and waiting for the healing of your creation as we work toward your coming reign as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**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 #826 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the One who creates us, go with and before us,
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*—arr: E. Broughton

*Many thanks to our liturgist's prayers and leading our worship,
to Ivona Schacker, MUSIC DIRECTOR, and our Musicians in Residence or the ministry of music,
and our online host, Kate Belt, who insures that the technology is a blessing,
not a burden for our congregation.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beth Victorine shared with us the good news for new supportive housing for Gene Woods (her uncle) and for the birth of her new Great-Granddaughter, Goldie! Gene Woods new address is 800 NE 148th Ave , Portland, OR 97230 at Highrise Home Care AFH, and we are grateful for his new Care Providers: Antonine and Ambrose Oluoch Phone 425-420-0509. Beth shared that Gene does not do well talking on the phone so best not to call. He loves to get cards or post cards in the mail. Visits would be ok as well, just let him know you are from his church. She went on to say , “We welcomed our new great grand daughter Goldie Decker on September 27th, her parents are Brennan and Liz Decker and proud big sister Stevie Decker—Grand parents Dan and Maria Decker—Great grand parents Steve and Beth Victorine. We plan to go to San Antonio, TX to visit the Decker part of our family over the Thanksgiving holiday. God bless you all, Beth Victorine”

Please sign the Birthday Card for Megan Cronin today—Chris Baron is gathering 40 cards for her 40th Birthday (November 10) as a surprise for her—shhh! Don't tell!

2021 CURRENT BUILDING USE

Hawthorne Family Playschool Monday through Friday 8:00-9:00 am-set up, 12:00-1:00 pm cleanup, classroom time 9:00 am –12:00 pm

Sunday	9:00-10: am 10:00-11:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel & Sanctuary MCC Worship-Sanctuary in-person and on Facebook Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website Common Ground-COM Triennial Visit in the Friendship Room
Monday	11:00 am-6:30 pm 12:00 -2:00 pm 12:00-5:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel Office Hours—by appointment Megan Cronin, MIR-Violin & Viola lessons–Friendship Room Session Meets (lower level-room as available) December 15? PDX Vox Lessons on the Front Porch and in the Chapel
Tuesday	9:00 am-12:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Office Hours PDX Vox Lessons on the Front Porch and in the Chapel 3rd Tuesday Reading & Reflection Book Group-Zoom October 19, See new reading list for 2021-22 at our website
Wednesday	11:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 11:00 am-4:00 pm 12:00 pm	No Office Hours Quiet Space in the Sanctuary Meg Dixon, MIR- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN
Join Zoom Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2NDTFRsZmJsUT09 6:30-8:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00-10:00 pm	HFP Board Meetings (first Wednesdays): 11/3, 12/1, 1/5 Community Meetings (typically 3rd Wednesdays) 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 2nd Wednesdays MCC Board Meeting-Social Hall Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary
Thursday	9:30-11:30 am 10:00-11:35 am 6:30-9:00 pm	Office Hours Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds First Thursdays PDX Vox Invitation to Sing-Chapel/Front Porch November 4, December 2
Friday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday		<i>Office Closed</i>
	10:00 -11:30 am 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:30–6:30 pm	<i>Overeaters Anonymous online at the moment in-person mtg. soon– Social Hall</i> Logan Thane Brown, MIR- Brass groups- Sanctuary Gregor McGee, MIR—Sanctuary
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00-10:00 am 10:00-11:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel & Sanctuary MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person and on Facebook We will not be scheduling Sanctuary use without MCC coordination Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website


◇ **Our Congregational meeting is October 17 in the Chapel immediately following worship.**

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

692 Spirit, Open My Heart


Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B \flat F B \flat C7

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F



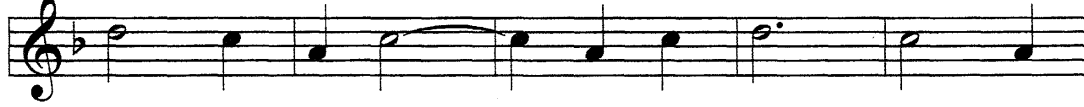
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat




2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7



goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat



deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.



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

Seeking ways for the light of Christ to be visible
 within and beyond our church walls.
 May our door be narrow enough
 to keep out hate and prejudice,
 but wide enough to welcome all in God's love.

We Give Thanks for... The rains that refresh our PNW and the help it brings for agriculture, wildfire containment and our spirits, the beginning signs of the reduction in Oregon COVID cases, for the safety of journalist like Bell who find truth and are able to return to greater safety...

We Seek God's protection and guidance for... Our US Congress and Supreme Court as they may be led in decisions for the common good of all our communities, Emily & the kids in their travels, Seth as he cares for his Grammy (Bev—Linda's mom)...

We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for... Gareth's mom continued recovery, Megan, Dale, Gene, Connor, Abbie, those facing chronic health concerns...

We Ask for Hope & Assurance for Those Who Face Uncertainty... Our neighbors facing eviction, those without housing and fair wage work, Landlords struggling to wait on the relief funds allocated for rent support, victims of identity theft...

Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve...

We Pray for the Church and the World... The People of Afghanistan, the nations of Haiti, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq (elections)...

A Week of Intercessory Prayer for:

Our Church Family: Gregor McGee and family

Our Ministry & Mission: Our Presbytery's ministry at Warm Springs this week

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, so we can share this good news.

