

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021 ~ 10:30 am

In the Chapel (postlude in the Sanctuary)

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

Mx. Gregor McGee, MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE

Prelude 1, Op. 3 No. 2—S. Rachmaninoff

Please join us as we light our candles as sign of our gathering in the light of Christ.

OUR CALLING

In foolishness it is said, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

Yet today we gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

Foolishness states, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

And yet We stand strengthened by the Spirit, trusting as Christ dwells in our hearts.

In foolish we ourselves may say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

But in this moment our hearts know, we gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

PRAYER OF GATHERING & GRACE #41 vss 1,3,5

LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Please remember to wear your masks when singing.

WE SEEK GOD'S HEALING

Your glory flows through all generations, as you name every family in heaven and on earth.

And so we come to you this day, O God.

Your grace is higher than the farthest star; your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness; your love spans the abyss of death; your hope stretches into all eternity.

And so we come to you this day, O Christ.

When our lives bottom out, your grace is still our bedrock; when our spirits run dry, you fill us with your joy; when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us to serve with hope and peace.

And so we come to you this day, O Spirit.

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 foolishness 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

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 14

A LESSON FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Ephesians 3:14-21

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES *Enough? Enough!* Rev. Ms. Linda Stewart-Kalen

Offering Our Discipleship

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

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

OFFERTORY *Allemande from Suite no. 8 in F minor, HWV 433—G. F. Handel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with congregational refrain *The Shelter of God's Wings* see page 5

God will hide us in the shelter of the rock. God will shield with holy feather...

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.*

God will hide us in the shelter of the rock. God will shield with holy feather...

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.*

God will hide us in the shelter of the rock. God will shield with holy feather...

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 #721 *You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

BLESSING

*Following the Blessing, we invite all to join us in the Sanctuary
for the joy of hearing today's postlude on the Organ.*

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E minor*—J. Pachelbel

*Many thanks to today's our Musician in Residence: Mx. Gregor McGee 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>

Memorial Service for former Stated Clerk Rev. John Salmon at 2 pm today 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. He has preached and sung here as a colleague in our Presbytery.

2021 SUMMER BUILDING USE

SUNDAY	9:00-10:00 am 10:00-11:00 am 10:30 am 11:25 pm	Musician Rehearsals/Play list preparation, Chapel & Sanctuary MCC Worship-Sanctuary with in-person 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 Common Ground will adjourn to the Sanctuary for the Postlude
MONDAY	11:00 am-6:30 pm 12:00 -2:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Meg Dixon- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel Office Hours (usually by appointment only -Linda) PDX Vox- Voice Lessons-Front Porch July 5-26
TUESDAY	9:00 am-12:00 pm 6:45 pm	Office Hours 3rd Tuesday Reading & Reflection Book Group-Zoom August 17, September 21
WEDNESDAY	11:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 11:00 am-4:00 pm 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00-10:00 pm	Office Hours Quiet Space in the Sanctuary Meg Dixon- Voice & Piano Lessons-Chapel No-Mid-day, Midweek Prayer—Rev. Tim Winslea, RN Tim will return from vacation for gathering together again on August 25 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	Office Hours Weeding & Wondering work on the grounds Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds PDX Vox- Voice Lessons-Front Porch July 8-29
FRIDAY	<i>Office Closed</i>	
SATURDAY	<i>Office Closed</i> 10:00 -11:30 am	

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).

9:00 am-12:00 pm
 1:30-6:30 pm
 Afternoon
 TBD
 4:00-6:00 pm

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
Front Porch Party-Ice Cream Social with MCC-August 28

NEXT 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 with in-person
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Welcome & Greeting for Common Ground in the Chapel
Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website

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

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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz50NugLtVs>

The Shelter of God's Wings

Capo 3

Am Cm Dm Fm Am Cm
 God will hide us in the shel-ter of a rock.

Dm Fm Am Cm E7 G7
 God will shield with ho-ly feath-ers, hide us 'neath strong wings.

Dm Fm Am Cm
 A ref-uge from the storm, a shad-ow from the heat,

Am Cm E7 G7 Am Cm
 God will hide us in the shel-ter of strong wings.

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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... Ann Fortescue as she and family make arrangements for her move to Sellwood Senior Living in the next few weeks, those 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, those living with chronic health concerns and their caregivers, continued healing for Larry, Deborah, Meg, Megan, Ann and others in our extended community...

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... Emily Hebron & family with the death of Emily's paternal grandfather in Tuscan, 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, flooding, and the continuing spread of COVID...

We Pray for the Church and the World... Flooding in Europe & this country in the wake of catastrophic storms, Afghanistan with NATO and US troop withdrawals, Nigeria as yet more children have been abducted from their schools settings, 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: Bev Crow and family

Our Ministry & Mission: *Sisters of the Road Café* and others offering services to those in need in old town

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, 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.

