

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021 ~ 10:30 am

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.

Abba,
our God in heaven,
your name is holy.
Your kingdom comes, your
will shall be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us bread for this day,
and forgive us our debts as
we are generous to forgive
all indebted
to us.

You do not lead us not into
temptation, but we ask
that we are delivered from
evil.

For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and glory
forever.

Amen.

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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 *Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee* <https://youtu.be/qXmOXla9aJE>

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

OUR CALLING AS EASTER PEOPLE

This is the day the God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the Sabbath day God has given us!

We rejoice as Easter People, Alleluia, Amen.

SUNG PRAYER OF GATHERING & GRACE #240

ALLELUIA No. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Ruler of life.

**From the waters of death you raise us with Christ
and renew your gift of life within us.**

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share
with Christ that we might truly live together in peace.

Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of abundant life with you,
through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ASSURANCE & PEACE

Rev. 22:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you.

Thanks be to God.

And also with You

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

ASL– SIGN CLAP AND THEN BOTH HANDS WITH POINTER FINGERS MAKING A MOTION LIKE A COMMA NE ABOVE THE OTHER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSH3Efnclf0&list=PLsO4jexrftPziDcFIFsJtjaO8izPCfE2y&index=2>

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!**

OUR PRAYER FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD

THE STORY OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

PSALM

Psalm 4:1-8₃

ANTHEM The Strife is O'er - The Episcopal Church Virtual Choir and Orchestra

<https://youtu.be/JAyi64eaqTI>

WITNESS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 3:12-19

LETTERS OF FAITH

1 John 3:1-7

GOSPEL (#6 ON THE VIA LUCIS)

Luke 24:36b-48

REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER

VIA LUCIS

We invite you to continue using the art and prayers of the Via Lucis while Pastor Linda is with her mom or to read the scriptures above and reflect on the Good News God would share with you.

Offering Our Discipleship

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

Sung Prayer #817 **We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight**

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (THE LORD'S PRAYER, note a slightly different version we are using for Eastertide)

Abba, our God in heaven, your name is holy.

Your kingdom comes, your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us bread for this day, and forgive us our debts as we are generous to forgive all indebted to us. You do not lead us not into temptation, but we ask that we are delivered from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

Sending

CHARGE AND BLESSING Beloved Ones of God, may the love of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit—abide with you now and forever.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Alleluia Amen!

PRELUDE *Thine be the Glory*—The Church on the Cape <https://youtu.be/yZef8zDxfMk>

Many thanks to our liturgist Emma Maley;

our Music Director, 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.

Anthem notes: Combining nearly 800 submissions from more than 600 participants all around the world, we invite you to celebrate Easter with us as we come together in one voice to proclaim - The Strife is O'er, the battle won! A special thanks to all who worked to bring this project together: Arrangement by Erik Meyer, audio engineering and post-production by Kory Caudill and Sean Truskowski, video editing by Tom Verga. Special thanks to The Episcopal Church Office of Communication/Multimedia Services unit and Natalee Hill, director of communications at Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Philadelphia, Pa. And of course, our greatest thanks to each of you who lent your voices and talents to this project. Look for more to come!

MINISTRY & MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bottle Drop, Fred Meyers, Amazon Smiles, these three no-cost fundraisers are a part of encouraging a wider community to support the work we are engaged in here at Common Ground. Rosa Silver, our neighbor who helped to set this fund raiser effort up, reported that after our first full month of the Bottle Drop Gives program, we had 11 bags dropped off and that is \$67.00 donated. Please pick up a bag to fill at home, or drop off the small handfuls of clean redeemable bottles and cans you may have. See the article in the newsletter for Kate Belt's invitation for the Amazon and Fred Meyer giving.

WE CONTINUE IN MINISTRY THROUGH OUR BUILDING HOSPITALITY

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 in the Sanctuary (currently online-7am to 1 pm when MCC in person returns) Welcome & Greeting in the Chapel Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website
MONDAY	11:00 am-10:00 pm 12:00 -2:00 pm 12:00-10:00 pm 4:00 pm	Megan Cronin-MIR, lessons Social Hall No Office Hours this week (usually by appointment only -Linda) Meg Dixon-MIR, lessons-Chapel Session Meets in the Friendship Room and online
TUESDAY	9:00 am-12:00 pm 2:00-7:00 pm	No Office Hours Meg Dixon-MIR, lessons-Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am-1:30 pm 11:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 12:00 pm Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965?pwd=dURsbW9xdEZ0QVk2Z2ZNDTFRzZmJsUT09 5:30-9:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm 7:00-10:00 pm	HFP Outdoor Classroom play pods (8:30 am-2:00 pm: with set up and clean up) No Office Hours except by appointment Quiet Space in the Chapel/Sanctuary PUN Mid-day, Midweek Prayer with Rev. Tim Winslea, RN (Zoom prayer) Meg Dixon-MIR, lessons Social Hall 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 11:30 am-1:30 pm 12:00 am-5:00 pm	Office Hours, Linda returns Weekly Tai Chi Joan Smith-Front Porch or Grounds HFP Outdoor Classroom play pods Meg Dixon-MIR, lessons-Chapel
FRIDAY	<i>Office Closed</i>	
SATURDAY	<i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 am-12:00 pm 11:00 am-1:00 pm 1:30-6:30 pm	Logan Thane Brown- Brass groups- Sanctuary Megn Cronin, MIR lessons-Social Hall Gregor McGee, MIR—Chapel/Sanctuary
NEXT SUNDAY	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE 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 in the Sanctuary (currently online-7am to 1 pm when in person returns) Welcome & Greeting in the Chapel Common Ground Worship in the Chapel & Zoom or website



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to climate-related: Mission Mosaic highlights PDA's efforts to utilize grants and virtual deployments during the pandemic

by Darla Carter | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — As climate change continued to fuel natural disasters throughout the United States and around the world in 2020, [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) responded with the help of partners and volunteers to bring help and hope to those in affected areas. On the domestic front, wildfires in the West, hurricanes in the Southeast and catastrophic windstorms in the Midwest were among the events that had significant effects on individuals and property.



“We always have fire seasons. We always have hurricane seasons. But I think climate change has certainly intensified both the wildfire season and the hurricane season,” said the Rev. Jim Kirk, PDA’s Associate for National Disaster Response.

For example, “there were seven tropical storms and hurricanes, so seven named storms, that made landfall in South Louisiana.” Although a travel ban was in effect due to COVID-19 for much of 2020, PDA was able to utilize grants and virtual deployments to assist people in areas such as the [Presbytery of the Cascades](#) in western and southern Oregon, which was affected by wildfires. “Because of the ability to respond virtually (around the country), we were able to be meaningfully engaged in ways that we would not have been able to had all the virtual platforms not been available,” Kirk said. “In

other words, if this happened 15 years ago, we would have been limited to conference calls.”

In the U.S., the work of PDA was supplemented by volunteers living in or near areas impacted by disasters, who could provide help with things like storm cleanup without needing lodging or other special accommodations.

“Local volunteers are able to respond in safe, appropriate ways, (and) in ways that deployed volunteers from out of the impacted area are unable to,” Kirk said.

Beyond the U.S., PDA offered financial support to help partners and communities that struggled to cope with natural disasters, which seemed to be coming in rapid-fire succession.

“When we talk to partners in, for example, South America, Central America, they are not used to having so many hurricanes during the same year,” said the Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, Associate for Disaster Response in Latin America and the Caribbean. “This past year was impactful with the amount of events happening.”

There were major storms, such as Hurricanes Iota and Eta, but also smaller events, and “the flooding was overwhelming,” González-Castillo said.

Droughts were another problem, said González-Castillo and PDA’s Associate for International Program Administration, Dayna Oliver.

“You have severe droughts during one time of the year and then severe flooding another time of the same year,” González-Castillo said. “In a lot of our communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, people survive based on their crops and whatever they can sell, based on what they gathered from their fields.” So when natural disasters hit, the people “don’t have anything either to survive (on) or to sell and provide for their families.”

The people who bear the brunt of climate-related disasters tend to be those who are least able to withstand the impact, according to the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#). That includes individuals who are dealing with poverty and hunger.

“We know that we can’t talk about some of the environmental issues without looking at the ways in which those environmental issues impact low-income and communities of color,” Jessica Maudlin Phelps, PHP’s Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns, told the Presbyterian News Service in September. “We see the ways in which climate change is impacting BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) communities and poorer communities more deeply than other places.”

Being able to cope with or rebound from climate-related disasters was further complicated by the pandemic, which heightened concerns not only about the coronavirus but food insecurity, Oliver and González-Castillo said.

To slow the spread of the virus, people are told, “Oh, stay home, but we don’t have a home,” González-Castillo said, speaking from the perspective of impacted residents. “There’s a shelter we can go to, but the shelter is full of people, and I don’t know how many of those people are infected (with COVID-19). Stay home, but my home is not safe because it was recently impacted by a disaster, or there’s nothing around me to survive (on) ... so, it’s really a horrible combination of things happening all around the world.”

Wildfires rage in Santa Cruz, California. (Photo by CZU)



Presbyterian Mission Agency Communications Strategist Rich Copley contributed to this article. For more information on Earth Care Concerns, visit pcusa.org/climate and take the Climate Care Challenge at pcusa.org/CCC.

This story originally appeared in Mission Mosaic, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s 2020 annual report. [Click here to see the entire report.](#) Give to [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) to enable Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond quickly to catastrophic events.

Christ is
Risen!
Alleluia!



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

We Give Thanks for... Our growing number of friends who have received their 1st (the Hebbrons!) or 2nd dose (Peter) of the Covid vaccine & those helping to secure the appointments needed to get this vaccine, all who continue to take safety precautions for their neighbors' sake, for Nathan Meckley's leadership and kindness along with all our MCC friends, the completion of MCC's readying the sound and video system in the Sanctuary for their future return to in-person worship, Hannah's new apartment and her great job with the winery...

We Seek God's protection and guidance for... Portland Street Response—new response team at work in the Lents neighborhood in Portland seeking alternatives to policing, those looking for clarity on their life's path, the negotiation of a new contract for the City of Portland Police Bureau—that it may be fair and accountable in making structural changes for just care of all our communities...

We Call upon God's Strength & Healing Presence for... Joan (Our Tai Chi instructor-emergency surgery for a hernia) Ivona, Kate, Bryan (the son of Gayle-from book group), Daniel (Debra's cousin with terminal late stage cancer, Stuart (Tom's friend in England just diagnosed with brain tumor and lymphoma) Dale, Beth's and Patti's continuing recovery, several of our MIR friends managing health issues, for Kathy & Al (and Cary Carty's managing of their care), friends of the Carty's (Danielle, Danet, Archie & Carrie & Sylvia) and Lorri Johns' facing life threatening health concerns (breast cancer & heart issues delaying kidney transplant eligibility), Beth's friend (Beth W.) just released from the hospital after bout of diverticulitis, and her neighbor's mother, families reaching out in new ways to support one another and make connections...

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 work, housing, unemployment benefits and a path forward in this pandemic...

Through Us May God Comfort Those Who Grieve... We grieve the hatred that causes some to target our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors with violence, estranged relationships, for families touched by suicide, with those in places where gun violence is felt, where limiting access to vote appears on the ascendancy, we grieve with the Commonwealth nations and royal family with the death of Prince Philip...

We Pray for the Church and the World... For nations seeking in a safe and fair vaccination process with access to the vaccine for all people, for the unrest and seeking justice in Myanmar; for peaceful paths in Yemen, Syria, the Korean peninsula; and aid for those in need in the midst of all conflicts, 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: Debra Pulse and their family

Our Ministry & Mission: Portland Veterans' Acupuncture Project,
Diane Miller, Pru Marshall and the volunteer acupuncturists and veterans

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.

