

PPUMC is a RECONCILING CONGREGATION

that seeks spiritual growth through reason, experience, scripture, and tradition. We engage in work that demands justice in the community and in the world, use gender neutral language in reference to God, inclusive language for Creation, believe that music inspires us, that sharing binds us together, and that reflection and prayer empower us to act. We welcome seekers of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifications, and creeds.



Please do not hesitate to connect with us!

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How Shall We Love | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Prospect Park UMC

We are a reconciling congregation that seeks to be an inclusive Christian community that affirms faith in God and spiritual growth with a commitment to justice and stewardship of God's creation. You are safe here. All Are Welcome!

Rev. Isiah C Dennis, Lead Pastor

- † All stand
- * Please be Seated
Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out todays passage from
“Our Daily Bread” to get centered for Worship



Rose Craig Tyler

Prelude

Welcome

Centering Breath

† CALL TO WORSHIP (From Ministry Matters)

One: Love one another, my friends.

All: For God is love in us.

One: Love even the stranger well.

All: For God is love in us.

One: Love sister and brother and child.

All: For God is love in us.

One: Love one another, my friends.

All: For God is love in us.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Gracious God, so often we have missed your presence because we are looking for you clothed in a particular way. Let this time of worship be an encounter with you that will enable us to behold you in all the people we meet and all the situations we greet. You are from everlasting to everlasting, so we are confident that you are here; help us to be aware of your holy presence. O Lord, enrich this act of worship with the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (From T. Anne Daniel, Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year B- The Africana Worship Book, Year B)

† Opening Hymn

“O, How I Love Jesus”

UMH 170

This Week at Prospect Park UMC

Wednesday April 30th	6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday May 4th	1pm: Bread Making (Kitchen)
	1pm: First Saturday Folks (Sanctuary)
Sunday May 5th	9:15am: Musical Gathering Time (Sanctuary)
	9:30am: Coffee and Conversation via Zoom
	10am: Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
	After Worship: Coffee Hour: Conversation/ Fellowship (Community Hall & Zoom)

Prospect Park UMC Bulletin Board

Welcome back to PPUMC, on May 5th, Rev. Dr. Theresa Mason

Dr. Mason is a retired United Methodist Elder who is a member of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, who served as a pastor of churches in California and Nebraska; as chaplain and associate professor of religion at Hamline University in St. Paul, MN; as a visiting instructor at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities; and as director of Earthen Pot Ministries, offering workshops, retreats, writing, and consultation in preaching, worship, and the arts. She leads planning retreats on preaching and worship for the Great Plains Annual Conference.

Rev. Mason earned a bachelor degree from Southern Oregon University, a M.Div. and D.Min. from Claremont School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in Theatre Arts from University of Oregon. Rev. Mason and her husband John LeCompte, and daughter Mozelle Mason, live in Saint Paul. Their son Logan LeCompte and his wife Laurena also live in St. Paul.





Worship Team for Sunday April 28th

Music: Rose Craig Tyler

Nursery Caregiver: Elise

Altar Design: Judy Bratt

Children's Time: Sharon Nielsen

WORSHIP TEAM (rotating duties):

Kristi Adams, Vanessa Agudo, Cassie Davies-Juhnke, Ann DeGroot,
Cathy Velasquez Eberhart, Mike Hvidsten, Montana Johnson, Ginia Klamecki,
Steve Ozanne, Anna Rieth

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Children's Time

Sharon Nielsen

Children's Time Song

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong, and the rest can tag along
Yes Jesus loves me Yes Jesus loves you, Yes Jesus love us all
The Bible tells us so

Intercessory Prayer

Share Joys and Concerns

(You are invited to come share your joys and any prayers requests you have that you want the community to be in prayer with you. Use the green prayer cards if you do not want to verbally say your prayer and hand it to the pastor)

Silent Prayer

(Those who desire prayer, light a candle as a symbol of their prayer request or anointing with oil may come up at this time.)

Prayer of Intercession (In Unison):

Abide with us and within us, O Holy One. Transform us into branches of your love, bearing fruit that feeds and nourishes a world hungry for kindness and compassion. Strengthen us that we may grow into your likeness with courage and conviction. Live in us, that we may live in you, and live as your abiding presence in the world. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

(From Ministry Matters)

Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with You (**All: and also with you**)
Let us pass the peace and share the love of Christ to one another.

Ministry of Giving (Offering)

† The Doxology*"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"*

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:7-21(NLT)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. 13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first. 20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? 21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

The Word of God for the people of God (All: Thanks be to God)

Anthem*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

PPUMC Choir

Reflection

Pastor Isiah Dennis

Response Hymn*"Gift of Love"*

UMH 408

Pastoral Prayer**Lord's Prayer (From New Zealand Prayer Book)**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

Announcements

(Any events that are happening that you want the community to know, come & share!)

† Benediction (From Ministry Matters, based on 1 John 4, John 15)

One: Beloved children of God, love one another well.

All: **We will abide in Christ's generous love.**

One: Be born in the Spirit of grace.

All: **We will live in the fullness of hope.**

One: Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love: peace, joy, hope, faith.

All: **We will remember that the greatest harvest is the harvest of love.**

† Recessional Hymn*"We Are God's People "*

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