

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
Community Chapel
“The Power of Rising in Song”
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 11:10 am

Prelude of Gathering Songs:		“Gathered Here” <i>Phil Porter</i>
		“Come, Come, Whoever You Are” <i>Lynn Ungar</i>
Welcome & Land Acknowledgment		Barbara Murray
Opening Congregational Song		“Diverse in Nation, Culture, Race” <i>Chalice #485</i>
Reading	“Psalm of Intention” <i>by Debbie Perlman Psalmist-in-Residence at Beth Emet, The Free Synagogue, Evanston, Illinois</i>	Danny & Georgina Samiu
Video Reflection		“We Rise” <i>Batya Levine</i>
Scripture Reading	Luke 7: 11 - 17	Reginald Nichols
Selection		“On Eagle’s Wings” <i>Chalice #77</i>
Reading	“On Struggle” <i>by Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz</i>	Desiree Frierson
Video Reflection		“Rise Up” <i>Jonni Mae/The Common Hymnal</i>
Responsive Prayer	“God of Compassion” <i>Nadia Bolz-Weber</i>	Barbara Murray
One: God of Compassion who saw the widow of Nain, we thank you for seeing us.		

“Reach out and raise us, God of Compassion. Touch us as you did the wood on which the widow’s son lay and speak those same words to us: Young man, arise. Little girl, get up. Child, rise up.

People: To those who think they are not worthy to be loved and medicate themselves with food and booze, and shopping, say, “rise up.”

One: To we who have been hurt by those who say they follow you, say “rise up.”

People: To those who feel unworthy of forgiveness, say “rise up.”

One: To the ones who care for the least of these and who feel too burnt out to keep going, say “rise up.”

People: To we who are holding on to resentments like a security blanket, say “rise up”.

One: To those who hide their feelings behind their good works, say “rise up.”

People: To the unloved child who has no idea that one day they will change the world, say, “Rise up.”

One: Help us to rise up and speak. Give us the words, Lord, but also give us the pause before the words.

(Pause)

Please Hear our Prayer

(Pause)

People: And we will rise up.

One: And we say:

People: Amen, Asé, and So it is!

Song of Response

“You Raise Me Up”

Patrick Sturgis

Communal Reflection

From what do you want to rise? Share, on chat, or with a neighbor,
your vision of rising up, right now in your life.

Inspirational Selection

“Start a Fire in Me”

Jacob Perez

Work of the People

Dena Boeddeker

Sending Song		“The Fire of Commitment” <i>insert – stanzas 1 & 2</i>
Reading	“A Thousand Red Birds” <i>Phil Porter</i>	Persephone Paisley
Benediction in Song		“The Fire of Commitment” <i>insert – stanza 3</i>
Postlude		Patrick Sturgis

Gratitude to all who participated in leading today’s Opening Worship, including:

Our Service Convener, Barbara Murray; all our student and staff worship leaders; Danny Samiu and Barbara Murray for sacred space design and worship planning support; the PSR Chapel Planning Committee; our Chapel Musician, Patrick Sturgis; Matthew Robinson for AV/Tech Support, Josue Carballo-Huertas for graphic support, and Operations Manager, Joseph Junsay and facilities staff for Bade setup.

CHAPEL PARTICIPATION

Here at PSR, Community Chapel is one of the ways we “kneel and kiss the ground” as we gather weekly – in-person and via Zoom – at 11:10 am on Tuesdays during the academic year. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Chapel Planning Committee or participating in leading service – through music, reading, prayer or other offerings please fill out the [survey](#) that will be emailed to you today.

If you are specifically interested in being part of music for community worship, as a singer or instrumentalist, please contact Patrick Sturgis at psturgis@psr.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - If you have announcements you’d like to have included in the Chapel bulletin, please send them to Danny Samiu – dsamiu@ses.psr.edu by the Friday preceding the week you’d like to have them announced.

NEXT WEEK’S CHAPEL will feature our first student preacher of the year, Pita Leweniqila!



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