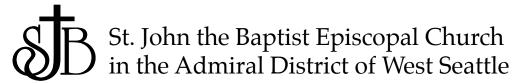
Even at the grave We make our song Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD Karl Francis Pelkan, III

July 27, 1959 – January 21, 2025

April 26, 2025 2:00 P.M.



We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE ONE

Prelude

Hymn tune medley concluding with the Irish tune Slane

arr. Sally DeFord

TUNE: Hymn to Joy

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Anthems from Scripture

Standing as able.

Presider I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

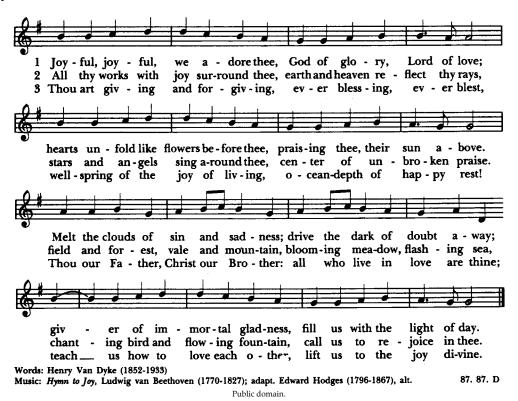
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For if we live, we live unto the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee



This hymn was sung at Kitty and Karl's wedding.

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you. People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Karl, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Read in unison by all.

Psalm 23 • *Dominus regit me* (King James version)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; * and leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; * thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

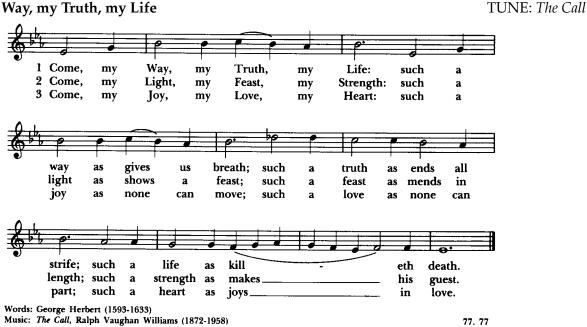
But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



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Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 14:1-6

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Elise B. Johnstone, D. Min.

The Apostles' Creed

Standing as able.

Presider In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Karl to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

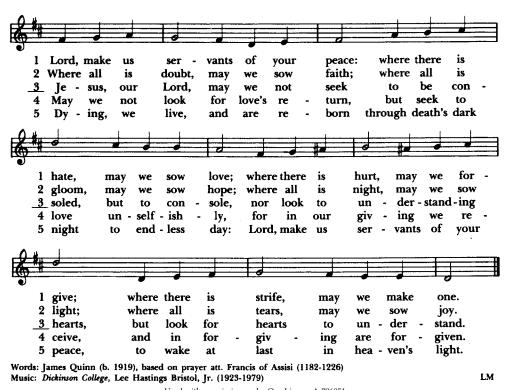
Offertory Sentence

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

TUNE: Dickinson College



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Presentation

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

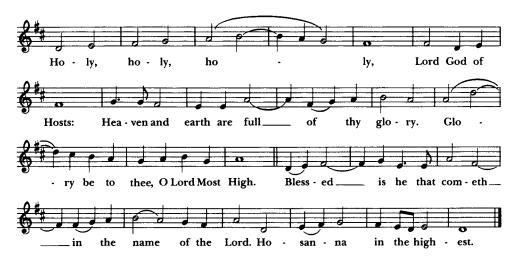
People It is meet and right so to do.

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Sanctus S114



Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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The people stand or kneel.

Presider All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Praver

Presider And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

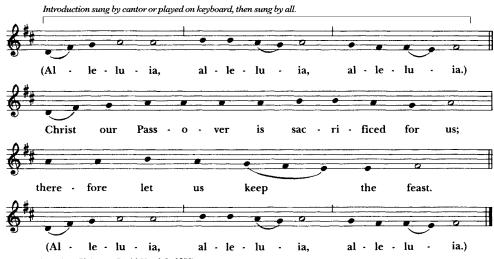
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S154



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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Prayer of Humble Access

People We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.

To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministration, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.

Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.

If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Communion Music

Hymn tune medley

Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home During the Time of Communion

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray.

People O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

— from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, Forward Movement, 2014

Postcommunion Praver

Standing as able.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION

Presider Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

People where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider Thou only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so didst you ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Presider Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Karl. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

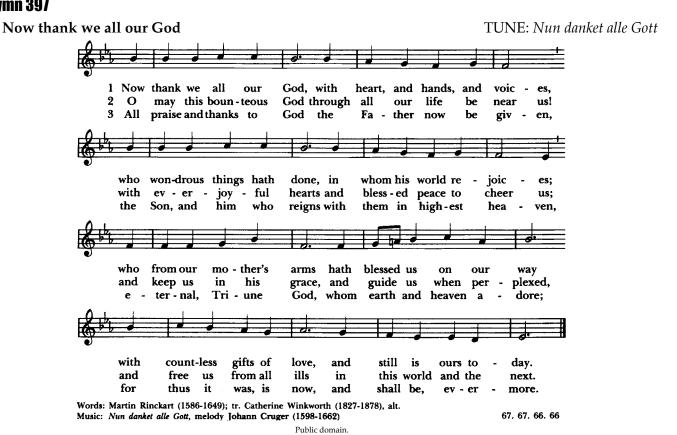
Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hvmn 397



Postlude

Andante grazioso from Sonata No. 11 in A Major, KV 331

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Please follow the clergy and those in the front pews out to the Churchyard for the Committal.

THE COMMITTAL

Anthems from Scripture

Presider All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the cremains, the Presider says these words.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Karl; and we commit his cremains to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Then may be said.

Presider Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Presider May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You are invited for refreshments in the Parish Hall located at the top of the staircase. An elevator is located up the ramp next to the staircase.

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Jordan Alfonzo, Mary Johnson; Assisting: The Rev. Robert Stevens;

Eucharistic Minister: Dan Johnson; Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;

Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb;

Readers: Tom Taylor, Carol Long; **Usher:** Dave Allen, Ron Thompson; **Verger:** Katie Bucy.

KARL FRANCIS PELKAN, III

July 27, 1959 – January 21, 2025

With his wife Kitty at his side, Karl Francis Pelkan, age 65, died at home January 21, 2025, after months of battling an aggressive cancer that just could not be conquered.

The eldest of four siblings, Karl was born in Southern California and raised in the Napa Valley. He graduated from Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, Oregon, in May 1983 with a B.S. degree in Construction Engineering Management from the School of Civil Engineering. Karl then worked in Oregon, California, Virginia, and Washington states for general contractors specializing in building and heavy civil construction. Most of his career was in the Seattle area as project engineer for The Vemo Company, Tri-State Construction, and then senior project engineer for Gary Merlino Construction Company, Inc.

While at OSU, Karl participated in recreational folk dancing on campus and in the Corvallis community. Dancing remained his lifetime joy and wherever he lived he sought out a folkdance group. While working as field engineer on a marine project in Newport News, Virginia, in 1987, Karl strolled in one Friday night to scout out the Virginia Beach Folk Dancers and met Kitty. It was pretty much love at first dance! They settled in Seattle, married, and continued to dance, dance, dance.

Karl had a hearty laugh, a sly wit, and an analytical, inquisitive mind. He was extremely observant and quite clever at figuring out how all manner of thingamajigs worked. A good listener, he applauded the success of others and encouraged people to follow their dreams. In addition to dancing, he and Kitty enjoyed traveling to locales near and far and solving crossword puzzles together. Karl's other pursuits included genealogy, computer technology, number puzzles, maps, and learning the history of people, places, and things. He was devoted to his family and treasured his friends. He is and always will be deeply missed. As a dance friend since OSU days wrote, "He is still in my heart, gentle funny soul that he was."

Karl is survived by his wife Kitty; his mother Betsy Pelkan; sisters Dr. Kathleen Pelkan and Alexandra Olenczuk; and sister-in-law Pamela Pelkan. He was preceded in death by his father Dr. Karl F. Pelkan, Jr., and his younger brother Stephen E. Pelkan.

Funeral service and interment of ashes will be April 26, 2025, 2 p.m., at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, in West Seattle.

Remembrances in honor of Karl may be made to: Tundra Women's Coalition, PO Box 2029, Bethel, AK 99559. https://tundrapeace.org/#