

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 2020

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Time to Center

Call to Worship

The carol asks us:

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

But what does this mean, to give my heart?

What will I have to give?

Questions we bring to God, seeking answers and reassurance.

Come as we worship God, who gives without question and gave at great cost.

Hymn

Let Us Come to Worship God

#387

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Generous God, you give your all to us and for us.

We are but a tiny speck in this amazing gigantic universe,

and yet you love us, you call us your children

and you give us all that we need and more.

The air that we breath is a gift from you,

the water we drink is a gift from you,

the food we eat is a gift from you,

the people we love are a gift from you.

Lord, we can never thank you enough for all that you have given us

and continue to give us day by day.

All that you ask in return is that we too are generous,

as we have received, so we should give.

Lord, we are sorry for the times

when we have been greedy or selfish with our possessions,

when we have been less than generous with our time, talents and money.

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*Forgive us, O Lord, grant us mercy
and give us the grace to turn back to you
and offer you all that we are and have.
Guide us daily in your way—
a way of abundant generosity which is for all people.
So be it.
Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Response of Praise

In the Presence of Your People

GTG #631

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Friends, we are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.
One way that we live into forgiveness is through the sharing of peace with one another.
Let us share the peace of Christ in all the ways we can do so safely.
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Conversation with the Younger Church

Song of Preparation

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet
This is a beloved song in this congregation.*

Glory to God #458

Reading from 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Glory to God #320

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All throughout this series on 2 Corinthians we will send parishioners into breakout rooms for this prayer time— five minutes to share joys and concerns and pray for one another so that we might live into the mutual ministry to which the scripture calls us. We will send prompts into the breakout rooms to help guide your prayer time. You will be invited to pray the Lord's Prayer with your small group before being invited back to the main room. For those worshipping on Facebook, Pastor Sarah will facilitate a prayer time verbally.

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Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

*God, your Son, our Lord Jesus gave all he had for our sake.
Help us to offer all that we have
for your sake and the sake of your kingdom.
Receive our offerings of money this day.
Take them and use them for the sake of the world-wide church,
so that people might hear of you and come to know you, as we do. Amen.*

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Song

May the Love of the Lord

Glory to God #549

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say...