

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 18, 2021

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center

Call to Worship

There is no 'them' and 'us',

there is only us.

We are not a chosen few,

we are all part of God's family.

We gather as one,

let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

Glory to God #317

Enacted Prayer of Confession

Lord God,

you have made us to live in community

but we create division.

Pause

You have asked us to live in love

but too often we show hatred.

Pause

You have asked us to see the bigger picture

but we ignore others' needs.

Pause

***You will us to be accepting of those who are different
but so often we are intolerant.***

Pause.

***You wish all your people to live in harmony
but all around us we see bitterness.***

Pause.

***You came to bring the world peace
but countries and people continue to be at war.***

Pause.

***You showed us the joy of serving others
but too often we put ourselves first.***

Pause.

***You offer us forgiveness
but we are slow to forgive one another.***

Pause.

***Loving God, remind us of your call to build a kingdom
founded on justice and developed in love.***

***Destroy all that separates us from you and from one another
and make us worthy workers in your service.***

Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name, ***Amen.***

Words of Assurance

Friends, Christ is our peace.

In Christ the walls that divide us, the walls inside of us and the walls between us, come tumbling down.

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Sung Response of Praise

Glory to God #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1 only)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

We have inherited peace, peace that passes understanding.

Let us now live into that peace by sharing it with one another.

We share peace from a distance with anyone outside of our bubble, waving, bowing, signing, calling out greetings, typing in the chat... as we have been doing all year, let us find ways to share peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Sung Prayer of Illumination

Listen, God Is Calling (refrain only)

Glory to God #456

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew 28:16-20

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

Song

Dona Nobis Pacem

Glory to God #752

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Announcements

Invitation to Generosity

Sung Response of Praise

St. Andrew's Song Book #202

Bind Us Together (refrain, v. 3, refrain)

Sung Blessing

And All God's People Say

Postlude