

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 25, 2020

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Time to Center

Call to Worship

Come!

Here we are, in our homes,
which are also, in this hour especially, but indeed in every hour,
the house of God.

For God it's not about property. It's about people.

And we are gathered as God's people today.

We are your people, Holy One, and we worship you.

Song

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Glory to God #766

Call to Confession

Trusting in the abiding presence of God, let us unburden our hearts.

Please pray with me.

Prayer of Confession

Living God,

*in days gone by stories were created and shared
that told of your journeying with a chosen people.*

*A people who for generations walked a troubled path
and longed for something different.*

*You were a presence in this story,
recognized as the source of all that was good
and the focal point of hope in time of trouble.*

Your people trusted you.

*In honor of you and desiring that they could contain you
and so make their own position secure and lasting,
they sought to establish a territory where they could be safe from their enemies,
and a seat of power from which they could both worship and govern in your name.*

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*Today we recognize that you are
the God who should not and cannot be
limited to territory or building.
You are not a God who has interest in,
and only compassion for, a particular people.
You are not the supplier of a ruling power
and influence for a singular nation, or race or religion.
We seek forgiveness on behalf of a world
that so readily draws lines of world order and boundaries of segregation;
for a world so fragmented because of national, race and faith differences.
We seek forgiveness for trying to claim you as our God alone,
as if you could not or should not be the God of all.
We seek forgiveness for a faith revealed in a sporadic way
through the course of our lives
as we save worship for this hour,
as we limit the time we spend with you,
and our activity in your Kingdom.
Merciful God,
we thank you for the fulfillment
of your promise to send to the world
an offspring of your own flesh and blood,
whose Kingdom will be eternal.
In God's Holy name, we pray before you,
believing that as we acknowledge our human weakness, you accept our prayers,
and extend once again your mercy and forgiveness to us. Thanks be to God.
Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, we belong to Christ, and in Christ we are connected
To God, to one another, to the needs of the world, and to healing forgiveness.
Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

Glory to God #447

This is a beloved hymn in this congregation.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Let us live into peace, and experience the presence of God by the Spirit,
by sharing peace with one another in all the ways we can do so safely.
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

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THE WORD

Song of Preparation *Take O Take Me As I Am* Glory to God #698

Conversation with the Younger Church

Reading from the Gospel of Luke Luke 1:30-33

Reading from the Book of 2 Samuel 2 Sam 7:1-17

Sermon Pastor Sarah

Silent Reflection After the Word Preached

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *When the Poor Ones* Glory to God #762
This is a beloved hymn in this congregation.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

*Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
Our selves, our time, and our possessions.*

*Use us, and what we have gathered,
In feeding the world with your love;
Through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

SENDING

Song *Live in Charity* Glory to God #205
This is a beloved song in this congregation.

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say...

Postlude

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Worship Sources

Call to Worship (substantially revised by Pastor Sarah) and Prayer of Adoration and Confession from Spill the Beans, Narrative Lectionary Curriculum, Issue 20 <http://spillbeans.org.uk/>

Prayer of Dedication- PC(USA) Book of Common Worship (2018).

All other liturgy written by Pastor Sarah