

**Fifth Sunday in Easter, April 28, 2024  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon**

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## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Time to Center**

**Call to Worship**

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

***but Christ who chose us,***

That we are not here because of our goodness

***but because of Christ's grace,***

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

***but to allow Christ to enlighten us,***

That we have not come to be entertained

***but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.***

**Hymn**     *We Are One in the Spirit* vv. 1-3     Glory to God #300

**Call to Confession**

As we pray for a world divided

may our silences hold our confession and the light reflect our hope.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Light the first candle.*

For the nations who speak too much about differences  
and too little about our rich diversity we pray.

*Hold a moment's silence and light the next candle.*

For the people who live in prejudice and seek an exclusive God we pray.

*Hold a moment's silence and light the next candle.*

For the churches broken by schism and the creeds that divide us we pray.

*Hold a moment's silence and light the next candle.*

For the people ignored in our communities and churches  
through gender, sexuality, culture, creed we pray.  
*Hold a moment's silence and light the next candle.*  
For our neighborhoods, and divided communities  
who have forgotten their common life we pray.  
*Hold a moment's silence and light the next candle.*  
**Hear us. Hold us. Renew us. Again.**  
**So be it. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom  
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.  
For the message about the cross is foolishness  
to those who are perishing  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
Jesus Christ became for us righteousness,  
and holiness and redemption. *(1 Corinthians 1: 18, 25, 30)*  
And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Response of Praise**     *We Are One in the Spirit* v. 4     Glory to God #300

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

...May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE WORD**

**Sung Preparation for the Word**     *Listen Now for the Gospel!*  
Zimbabwean Traditional

*Listen now for the Gospel! Alleluia!*  
*It is God's word that changes us! Alleluia! (Repeat)*

*Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone,  
until we give our lives to God and God alone. (Repeat)*  
*Listen now for the Gospel! Alleluia!*  
*It is God's word that changes us! Alleluia!*

*Come Holy Spirit, plant in us God's living word,  
that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord. (Repeat)*  
*Listen now for the Gospel! Alleluia!*  
*It is God's word that changes us! Alleluia!*

*Come holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,  
confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost. (Repeat)*  
*Listen now for the Gospel! Alleluia!*  
*It is God's word that changes us! Alleluia!*

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark**     *Mark 9:34-35*  
The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**A Reading from the Book of Acts**     *Acts 18:1-4*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians**     *1 Cor 1:10-18*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon** *Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Silent Reflection on the Word Preached**

**Song**     *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*     Glory to God #753

**Healing Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**     *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*     Glory to God #609

**Prayer of Dedication**

***We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love.  
May our offerings distribute this love to the world:  
the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know;  
the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.***

## **SENDING**

**Hymn**     *Lift High the Cross*     Glory to God #826

**Our Ministry in Christ**

**Charge and Benediction**

**And All God's People Say...**

**Postlude**

*The flowers this morning are provided by the Berg family, Janet, Carey, Rick, and Renee, in loving memory of their husband and father, Bud.*