



**St. Andrew's**  
Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Easter  
May 11, 2025  
10:00am, Sanctuary

<https://https://zoom.us/j/738059997>  
<http://www.facebook.com/standrewspdx/live>

*All are welcome here. Worship is a series of invitations, accept only those you feel called to accept. Feel free to change language in a respectful manner if it helps the hour to be more worshipful for you.*

*Mother's Day Litany, by Amy Young, shared on her blog [www.messymiddle.com/mothers-day-litany](http://www.messymiddle.com/mothers-day-litany)*

*We know that this is a joyful day for some and a deeply painful day for others. This litany speaks well to the wide range of feelings this secular holiday evokes.*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Mother's Day Litany**

Worship Leader:

To those who gave birth this year or adopted this year their first child -

**All:**

***we celebrate with you***

Pastor:

To those who lost a child this year -

**All:**

***we mourn with you***

Worship Leader:

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains -

**All:**

***we appreciate you***

Pastor:

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, accidents, or running away-

**All:**

***we mourn with you***

Worship Leader:

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment -

**All:**

***we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.***

Pastor:

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms

**All:**

***we need you and we appreciate you.***

	<p>Worship Leader: To those who have warm and close relationships with your children -</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we celebrate with you</b></i></p> <p>Pastor: To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we sit with you</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: To those who lost their mothers this year or in years past -</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we grieve with you. Peace be with you.</b></i></p> <p>Pastor: To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we acknowledge your experience. We are sad with you. We hope for your healing.</b></i></p> <p>Pastor: To those who are caring for their mothers in the midst of medical needs-</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>God sustain you.</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood -</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we are better for having you in our midst</b></i></p> <p>Pastor: To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children-</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: To those who identify as women and are childfree by choice,</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we honor your choice and value your presence.</b></i></p> <p>Worship Leader: To those who step-parent -</p> <p><b>All:</b> <i><b>we walk with you on these complex paths</b></i></p>
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Pastor: To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be ***we grieve with you.***

**All:**

Worship Leader: To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year - ***we grieve and rejoice with you***

**All:**

Pastor: To those who placed children up for adoption – ***we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart***

**All:**

Worship Leader: And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising - ***we anticipate with you***

**All:**

Pastor: This Mother’s Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.

**All:** ***We remember you.***

**Time to Center**



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Provider: The European  
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Austria Public Domain.*

*\* indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit. The congregation is invited to read along all bold and italicized text.*

### **\*Opening Responses**

One step at a time,  
***the Spirit calls us to follow.***  
Not with the whole plan or map,  
***just one thing at a time.***  
Faithfully we go,  
***trusting that more will be revealed.***

### **\*Opening Prayer**

***Holy God,***  
***You send us teachers***  
***at the moment we are ready to learn,***  
***though sometimes we think***  
***we can figure it out on our own.***  
***You call us into community with people***  
***whose stories will expand and enhance our own,***  
***though we struggle to love***  
***beyond those who are “like-minded.”***  
***You send us to teach and share with others,***  
***though we often resist,***  
***thinking we don’t know enough.***  
***Make us ready today –***  
***ready to hear, to learn, to share, to grow.***  
***Amen.***

**\* Song | Jesus, We are Here Glory to God #392**

### **Call to Confession**

The Spirit of God is alive and as present to us  
as the very breath we draw.  
We are not always present to the Spirit.  
Let us take this time of confession to clear away  
distractions, guilt, and shame,  
and access the Spirit more fully.  
Please pray with me.

### **Prayer of Confession**

***Living God,***  
***you lead us to opportunities***  
***to share your good news,***  
***to recognize your word lived out in real life,***  
***to connect your story and our story.***

*You speak and we have tried to listen,  
though sometimes we do not understand.  
We confess that we have added  
rules and requirements and categories  
to prevent too much passion.  
We confess that we have sometimes  
gotten in the way,  
insisting everyone sign on to our understanding,  
to prevent them getting you wrong.  
We confess that we have talked  
of relationship with you  
while preventing the wrong people  
from getting close. Forgive us, loving God.  
Make our hearts as open as yours,  
our love as faithful as yours,  
our welcome as joyful as yours,  
our word as gracious as yours.  
We ask in the name of the Living Word  
who is endlessly revealed in the life of the world.  
Amen.*

*Silence is observed for  
personal prayers of  
confession.*

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

...In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Friends. Kindred in Christ: hear this good news  
and see the grace of God: You are forgiven.  
You are free to go and live in the light of love.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Sung Response of Praise | Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**  
(Refrain only) **Glory to God #591**

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

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

### **THE WORD**

**\*Sung Preparation for God's Word |**  
*Listen Now for the Gospel* **SCREEN**

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**

**Luke 24:44-47**

*We take time to greet one  
another, sharing Christ's  
peace with one another.  
You may move or stay still.  
You may shake hands or  
hug or wave or bow or use  
ASL. Don't forget to wave  
at the camera to greet our  
kindred on zoom.*

**Conversation with the Younger Church**

**A Reading from the Book of Acts Acts 8:26-39**

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

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Silent Reflection on the Word Read and Proclaimed**

**Hymn | *How Firm a Foundation* Glory to God #463**

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

**Offertory**

**\*Sung Response of Praise | *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!* Glory to God #609**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*Lord, you are the giver of every good gift.  
Accept these offerings we pray,  
that through them we may do justice,  
and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you,  
our Sovereign and our God.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Healing Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING**

**Song | *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Glory to God #466**

**Our Ministry in Christ**

**Charge and Sung Benediction**

**And All God's People Say**

**Postlude**

*You are invited to use this time in whatever way is most healing for you. You may bring prayer cards forward and place them in the basket. You may light a candle or candles to represent your prayers. You may come to Pastor Sarah for anointing. You may head to the prayer room for one on one prayer with Amy Houchen. You may simply meditate quietly in your seat. Let us pray for healing together.*

*The congregation responds with "AMEN!"*

**Welcome to St. Andrew's PDX!**  
**Welcome Home! We are so glad you are here.**

*Connecting with Christ and each other to Serve Our Neighbors*

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00am,  
both in person and online via Zoom and Facebook.

Join us for Supper Church on second and fourth Sundays at 5pm.

Visit our website for the worship links and the weekly worship bulletin.

Please use blue prayer cards or Zoom chat to share prayer requests. You can pass these to the pastor during the passing of the peace or give them to an usher at any time in the first half of the service.

**PRINTED COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON ARE AVAILABLE**



We encourage you to leave your **offerings** and **sign-in sheets** in the offering plates that are passed during worship. Offerings can also be made anytime on our website, [www.standrewspdx.com](http://www.standrewspdx.com)



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**Mission Updates**

*See your eNews or contact the office for full details.*

**Neighborhood House** - St. Andrew's raised \$8300 for SW Hope! This is 10% of Neighborhood House's total goal for the campaign. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support for this long-time community partner.

**Ziploc Ministry** - Join us on the first Saturday of each month to fill bags with hygiene and personal items for our community partners, including Operation Nightwatch. The next gathering will be June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:00pm. **\*\*New socks and men's boxer-briefs donations always needed\*\***

**West Women & Children's Shelter** - We prepare and deliver monthly, homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter. Recipes and instructions are provided. Casseroles are dropped off at the first Saturday Ziploc event.

**Quilters** - Gathers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 9:30am. Contact Gail Planck for more info.

**Homelessness Outreach** -St. Andrew's supports the Multnomah Safe Rest Village and the Southwest Outreach shower program. See your eNews for a list of Spring volunteer opportunities at the MSRVS!

### May Birthdays

Bev Ruggles - May 1, Marilyn Palumbo - May 5, Katelan Gerhardt - May 11,  
Amy Houchen - May 11, Dwain Peterson - May 13, Katy Rustvold - May 14,  
Ellen Krusi - May 17, Marianne Parshley - May 17, Susan Peterson - May 17,  
Michael House - May 18, Todd Gerhardt - May 24  
Mary Silver - May 25, Sharon Nelson - May 26, Don DeFrancq - May 29,  
Nina Shiefelbein - May 30, Diane Kleve - May 31

### May Anniversaries

Randy & Roberta Schlechter - May 30, Ray & Paddy Blair - May 31

### Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sunday Coffee hour after worship. Contact Becky Schiefelbein for more info.
- **Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, at 5pm in our chapel. Join us for this children and family focused service, with dinner provided. Please RSVP to help with our planning. **\*\*There will be no Supper Church tonight, May 11th \*\***
- **Spiritual Formation Group** - This group is taking a break until summer. We'll announce the new dates soon.
- **Anti-Racism Discussion Group** - Meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 6:00 on Zoom. Our current book for discussion is "Anti-Racism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities, and Help Create a Just World," by Jennifer Harvey.
- **Enneagram Study Group** -Gathers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, at 1:00pm on Zoom. You are invited to focus on the lines of the Enneagram, and which types are connected to yours. Or just come and learn!
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsals are right after worship in the choir room, simply come join us if you'd like to participate.

### Upcoming Events

**May 11 & 18**

10:00am Hybrid Worship

**May 14**

9:30am Quilters, St. Andrew's

**May 16 & 23**

10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee House  
Zoom

**May 21**

6:30pm 'No Place To Grow Old' film screening  
Riversgate Church (in Multnomah Village)

**May 24**

1:00pm Enneagram Discussion Group, Zoom

**May 25**

5:00pm Supper Church, St. Andrew's



## **New News & Announcements** **(See your eNews for full details)**

### **Meals For Jan Reynolds & Family**

Jan Reynolds is home after a week in the hospital due to a recurrence of lymphoma. Daughter Annie has flown in from the East Coast and will be with Jan and her husband, John, until they leave for the memorial service in California for their son Thomas, Memorial Day weekend. In addition to continuing to pray for the Reynolds family, if you would like to sign up to bring a meal to them in the time before they leave, please contact Rebecca Nason and she will send you a link to the Meal Train where you can do so. There is an option to purchase a gift card for Door Dash or elsewhere if all the slots are full.

### **Housing Justice Event**

On Wednesday, May 21, 6:30-8:30at Riversgate Church, the Pathways Home Housing Justice Team will be hosting a screening of the film, 'No Place To Grow Old', a locally made film about aging into homelessness in Portland and around the country. There will be a follow up time for questions and answers with a panel of experts on this subject. We would love to see people from St. Andrew's there! RSVPs are encouraged. Spread the word! Contact Katy in the office if you'd like to help distribute flyers, or for more information in general.

### **2025 Per Capita**

As John Calhoun reminds us in his testimonial, we belong to a connectional church. We are connected to almost 90 other congregations in Western Oregon, SW Washington and the northwest tip of California through the collaborative ministry of the Presbytery of the Cascades, and connected to many more congregations through our participation in the Synod of the Pacific, and indeed to every PC(USA) church in our country and even to global Presbyterians through our General Assembly.

One way we manifest this connection is through annual Per Capita Giving. We pay a flat fee to our Presbytery that then is shared with the Synod and General Assembly to sustain the ministry of these bodies.

In the Presbytery of the Cascades, the per capita for 2025 is \$50.00 per member. This amount is divided between the General Assembly, the Synod of the Pacific, and the Presbytery of the Cascades. Specifically, \$10.84 goes to the General Assembly, \$5.22 to the Synod, and \$33.94 to the Presbytery. This is calculated based on the church's 2023 membership.

Sometimes people like to make an additional gift to St. A's to cover the per capita for all the members in their household. If you wish for this to be covered by your existing giving (pledge or tithe) this is understandable. But If you would be willing to make a donation to cover the per capita for your household, we'd be delighted to receive it. Please use an envelope or make an online donation and clearly indicate your intentions so your funds are properly directed.

### **St. A's On Stage**

Caroline Sanderson-Doughty is performing tonight and tomorrow night at 7pm at Tualatin High School in "The Stranger," a student written and directed play based on Billy Joel's album of the same name. There is another student written and directed one act at 5:30 as well! It is a double feature. There is no charge for these performances, but donations are welcome.

## Thoughts from Pastor Sarah (Written May 8<sup>th</sup>)

Have you completed a survey yet? There will be an insert in your bulletin the next two weeks with a QR code that you can scan with your mobile devices to access the survey and complete it on Sunday morning (this code is also below). There will also be people in the narthex with computers or tablets who can help you access the survey if this is challenging for you. But if you're good with on-line survey, why not click on the blue words above, or the link in the article below, and take care of it today? It should only take 5-10 minutes of your time. Again, this survey is the first step in our consulting process with AE Sloan Leadership. We are seeking to discern future possibilities for the ministry of St. A's.

We will worship in the sanctuary this Sunday, beginning worship with our annual mother's day litany, but primarily focusing on another story from Acts-- the story of the deacon Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. I'm going to be reflecting on the act of preaching (while I preach, it's very meta!). And we will practice healing prayer. I hope that you will join us in person or on-line at 10am. Supper Church has been cancelled for this week.

Roberta Schlechter will lead the chapel service on May 18 as I am taking a week of vacation starting this next Sunday afternoon. Katy will also be on vacation next week, so the office will be closed.

Before I leave town for a week, I'd like to host an in person coffee chat. Meet me in Tigard, between 10 and 12, at Symposium Coffee (12345 SW Main St, Tigard, OR, 97223).

I hope to see you Friday and/or Sunday, and maybe even tonight at anti-racism group!

Peace be with you, Pastor Sarah