

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29, 2024

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Time to Center

***Opening Responses**

Remember: God is making all things new.

Right now, God is bringing us into new life.

Remember: God is setting us free to serve a new kingdom.

Right now, in this in-between time, God is moving.

Remember: God is still writing this story.

Right now, we are a part of what God is doing.

***Opening Prayer**

In the darkest of nights, the stars shine with your promise, O God.

You call us to look up, to remember, to trust.

From this day of new beginnings,

through the uncertainty that lies ahead,

relying on your presence and power,

we make our way into your promised future.

Lift our eyes to follow where only you can lead.

Amen.

***Hymn** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (vv 1,2, and 4)

Glory to God #396

Call to Confession

We worship a God who does indeed make all things new
and yet lots of time passes in the process.

We prepare ourselves for God's renewal

through the work of confession.
Let us take this time to renew our trust
and reconnect with our saving God,
First through prayers together,
and then silent prayer. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

*Holy One,
You call us to be ready,
to prepare to experience your power.
We confess that we rarely expect you to act,
and so we have grown complacent,
building up traditions that make us feel good
without requiring anything of us.
You say not to keep extra for ourselves,
to share with our neighbors,
to let nothing go to waste,
and we confess that we have hoarded beyond
what we could hope to use,
wasted more than many people ever have,
and known so little about our neighbors
we can't begin to imagine how to share.
You say the empire will fall,
and your kingdom is coming,
and we confess that we don't remember rightly
so we have lost the ability to tell the difference.
Forgive us, Holy God,
and draw us once again into your truth
that looks bizarre and foolish to those
caught in the ways of the world,
but will lead us into new life.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Christ we are a new creation.
The old life has gone and new life begun.
Friends, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
Alleluia, Amen.

***Response of Praise** *You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*
Glory to God #437

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Let us live in peace with all our kindred,
Kindred in Christ, may the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share signs of Christ's peace.

THE WORD

Song of Preparation *Breathe* St. A's SB 119

Conversation with the Younger Church

Reading from the Gospel of Luke Luke 22:14-20

Reading from the Book of Exodus Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song *Within Our Darkest Night* (repeated several times)
Glory to God #294

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**

*We commit ourselves to remembering,
to sharing, to trusting.
We dedicate these gifts to your service, O God.
May we ever be dedicated to your service.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ *Testimony from John Calhoun*

***Song** *Bless the Lord* Glory to God #544

***Charge and Sung Benediction**

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

Postlude