

**Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost, September 25, 2022**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon**

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



## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **The Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Time to Center**

Our ears are full.

All week, voices on our screens vie for our precious attention,  
and keep us afraid.

Voices in our community cry out for justice;  
and sometimes it's overwhelming.

Voices inside us can tell distorted truths.

As we ground ourselves for worship,  
let's make space for beautiful, sacred silence  
– because God is waiting for you there.

Get comfortable in your seat, and take a big breath.

Close your eyes or fix your gaze upon something in your sight.

If some noise happens inside you, notice it like you notice a cloud passing, and  
simply let it float away. We'll enjoy one minute of quiet,  
and then I'll invite you back.

*[silence]*

*Leader sings quietly, "Jesus, we are here. Jesus, we are here. Jesus we are here. We are here for you," and then invites worshipers to repeat it. The candle can be lit while we sing.*

## **Opening Prayer**

O God, we make sense of the world through stories.  
Open us to the stories of those who have been marginalized,  
that we might be changed by them.  
Help us to love your story of mercy and justice so deeply  
that it shapes our identity,  
gives us courage,  
and guides our way.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**     *Take My Life* (vv 1,2, 5 and 6)     Glory to God #697

## **Call to Confession**

Let us bravely bring the truth of our hearts before God.  
Please join me in confession,  
first in silence and then in speech.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Litany of Confession**

The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner.  
The power of fear and hate rage surround us.  
***In the face of evil***  
***Forgive us our complacency.***

The burning bush flickers beside us.  
The presence of God invites us.  
***In the presence of the holy***  
***Forgive us our lack of notice.***

The Red Sea waters stand at attention.  
The threshold of grace is breath-taking.  
***In the company of grace***  
***Forgive us our reticence to embrace.***

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

We worship the God who came as vulnerable infant  
to bring, and save, and transform life.  
God, like the midwives, is on the side of life.  
Know that you are forgiven and live in the freedom of that good news.  
***Alleluia! Amen.***

**\*Sung Response of Praise**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Glory to God #582

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**  
...The peace of Christ be with you.      ***And also with you.***

### **THE WORD**

**Sung Prayer of Illumination**      *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*  
Glory to God #453

**A Conversation with the Younger Church**

**A Reading from Exodus**      *Exodus 1:8-22*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.      ***Thanks be to God***

**Sermon**

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Silent Reflection on the Word Preached**

**Song**      *As a Child Rests*      Glory to God #474

**Prayers of the People and 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**

***Generous God, your steadfast love endures forever,  
and our cups are filled to overflowing.***

***As we offer our gifts for the sake of your mission in the world,  
we offer also our whole selves,***

***knowing that we have been given all that we need  
in order to be part of your work in the world.***

***We pray this through Jesus, who gave his life for all. Amen.***

## **SENDING**

**\*Closing Song**      *Here I Am, Lord*      Glory to God #69

**Our Ministry in Christ**

**Charge and Sung Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

### **Worship Sources**

Worship Well, "Re-Member: Fall 2022", <https://www.worship-well.com/>