

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 17, 2023

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center

Call to Worship

Friends! Let us draw close to God and live, laugh, and love!
Living to the fullest in the life we have been granted.
Laughing with joy at the blessings we have been given.
Loving this day, this place, these people around us.
In the name of our living, laughing, loving God:
The triune God revealed in Jesus.

***Opening Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise* Glory to God #49

Call to Confession

God's warm and generous invitation leads us to confess our faults and folly.
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Friend,
because we did not create ourselves,
because we do not understand ourselves,
because we cannot reconcile ourselves,
we come to you for Divine help.

***Merciful God, Creator and Redeemer,
you know us completely and love us utterly.
There is not a thought or feeling,
word, action, memory or hope,
that you do not see and understand.
Please forgive our sins and remove our shame,
heal our dis-eases and redress our distortions,
reinforce our faith and enlarge our love.
Let all that is true, beautiful and compassionate
find a new lease of life in our character.
For your name's sake.
Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

It is written: Christ Jesus did not arrive in this world to condemn us, but that the world through him might be rescued and healed. His word gives me the confidence to declare to you, my sisters and brothers, the forgiveness of sins and the liberty of the children of God.
Thanks be to God.

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

Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Song for Illumination *Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken*
Glory to God #455

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark Mark 10:27

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Genesis Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Sermon *Expectations* Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn *To Abraham and Sarah* Glory to God #51

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one.*

Prayer of Dedication

*God of promise,
we bring to you our offering,
remembering that we too
are a part of your covenant promise.
Use the gifts we bring,
and use us in the bringing of your sacred laughter,
your holy surprises, your wondrous yet-to-be.
May we know that in our service
and in our belonging within this community,
we can bring your Kingdom that step closer. Amen.*

SENDING

***Closing Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Glory to God #611

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say