

Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost, August 14, 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 *Lasana Kanneh*

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center *Lasana Kanneh*

***Call to Worship**

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

***Opening Song** *Jesus We Are Here*

Glory to God #392

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful God,

you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,

and you have set us on paths of righteousness

for your name's sake.

*Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now the grace to turn from our sin
and to follow you with the faithfulness of Ruth,
who left her own people to become one of your children,
and who became an ancestor of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

***Sung Declaration of Forgiveness and Response of Praise**

We Are Forgiven

Glory to God #447

***Passing the Peace**

Solo *Lasana Kanneh*

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

*Holy God, Word made flesh,
let us come to this word open to being surprised.
Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions;
cast out our casual detachment.
Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears;
penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word.
We know that you can, we pray that you will,
and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.*

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 5:3-9

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

Song *God Welcomes All* (Sing at least 3 times) Glory to God #399

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory *Lasana Kanneh, solo*

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

Prayer of Dedication

***We ask your blessing on what we leave behind, Lord,
in our gifts today.***

***For we trust that you will find a new home and a new purpose
for that which we place into the safety of your hands.***

Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Faithful God, full of Compassion,
You have promised to be near us,
and to listen to our prayers for ourselves and others
And so, we pray for our world,
torn by hatred and division,
broken by poverty and disease.

Let Your mercy fill our world.

We pray for our country,
still frightened by the memory of chains,
struggling to become new.

Let Your mercy fill our country.

We pray for our families and communities,
places of celebration and suffering,
places of joy and grief.

Let Your mercy fill our families and our communities.

And, we pray for ourselves,
with so much need and so much pain,
With so much hope and so many dreams.

Let Your mercy fill us, O God.

Petitions from blue prayer cards are read at the end of which the worship leader will say "Lord in your mercy" and all will respond "Hear our prayer". Then the Lord's Prayer may be said together.

SENDING

***Closing Song**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Glory to God #853

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Benediction