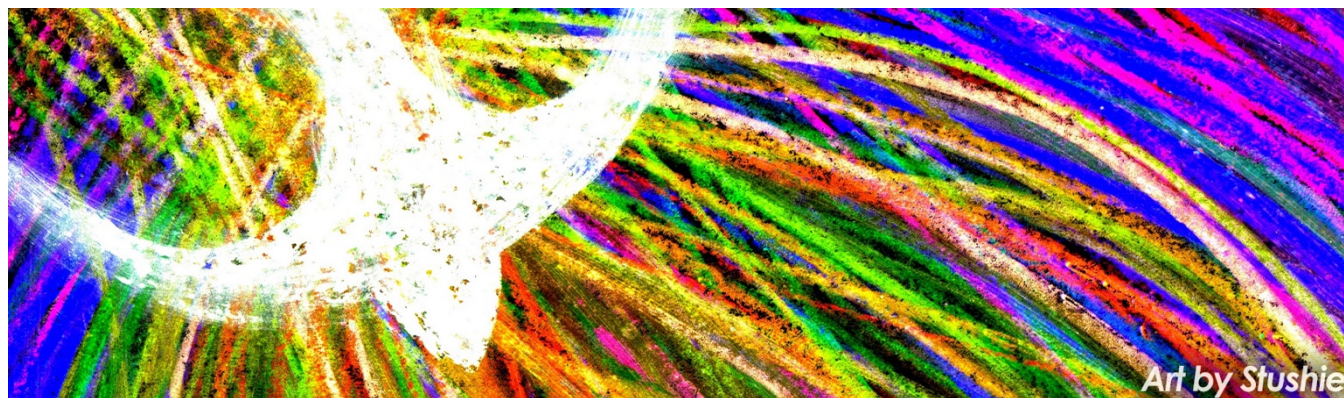


Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

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



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Time to Center

Call to Worship

It is Pentecost! (*blow*)
The Holy Spirit is here! (*blow*)
She is wild! (*blow*)
She is noisy! (*blow*)
She is exciting! (*blow*)
She is fun! (*blow*)
She is God! (*blow*)

***Opening Song** *Wind of God* Screen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God,
forgive us for forgetting
that your love
is higher and deeper and wider than we could possibly imagine.
Forgive us for thinking
that somehow
we had found a way to be
that would cut us off from that love,
deny us your peace,
condemn us to the shadows.

**God,
reassure us again
that your love knows no bounds,
but save us from assuming
we need therefore care little about how we are.
Instead,
we pray with each breath,
each day,
to follow in the way of Jesus.
Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

***Sung Assurance of Forgiveness and Response of Praise**
One Things Remains St. A's SB #51-52

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Anthem

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Amen.***

Reading from the Book of Acts in Conversation with the Younger Church

Acts 2:1-4

1 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Creative Reading from the Letter to the Romans Romans 8:18-39

Voice A: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
Voice B: For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
Voice A: For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of God who subjected it, in hope that the

creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Voice B: We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Voice A: Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

Voice B: But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Voice A: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit herself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Voice B: And God, who searches our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Voice A: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Voice B: For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that Jesus might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Voice A: And those God predestined, God also called; those God called, God also justified; those God justified, God also glorified.

Voice B: What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

Voice A: If God is for us, who can be against us? God who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will God not also, along with Jesus, graciously give us all things?

Voice B: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies!

Voice A: Who then is the one who condemns? No one!

Voice B: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us! Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Voice A: Shall trouble or hardship?

Voice B: Or persecution or famine?

Voice A: Or nakedness or danger or sword?

Voice B: As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

Voice A: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
Voice B: neither angels nor demons,
Voice A: neither the present nor the future,
Voice B: nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
Voice A: nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon *Pastor Sarah*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Glory to God #291

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Song of Praise/Sung Prayer of Dedication

For the Life That You Have Given Glory to God #717

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say