

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We gather today in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection,

To give thanks for the lives of Lee Smith, Norinne Miller, Elsa Wells,

Faye McClanahan, Sue McCorkle, Ellen Wilson, Kathryn Heniken, June Rasch,

Charlie Brown, Barbara Bledsoe, Jim Ruggles, Doug Peters, Cindi Fraser,

Anna Lou Lee, Hal Lee, Roger Cain, and Frank Sauer,

and those we name in our hearts before you now...

To receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit,

And to proclaim the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Time to Center

Call to Worship

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Jesus also said: Come to me,

all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

And I will give you rest.

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear.

Let us worship God.

Prayer

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray.
You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Show us now your grace,
that as we face the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity.
Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death.
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.
And when our days here are ended,
enable us to die as those who go forth to live,
so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn

For All the Saints (vv.1-3)

Glory to God #326

Confession and Pardon

Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories,
and to renew our confidence in the goodness of God.

Please pray with me.

***God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever:
we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves;
to forgive and accept forgiveness.***

***We remember good intentions that were not put into actions;
harsh words that were hurtful;
selfish purposes that caused pain;
persistent pride that would not yield.***

***We acknowledge our fear in the face of death
and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.***

Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

Silence is kept.

***Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others;
heal us from the pain of self-condemnation;
free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected;
Renew us with your loving assurance
that our sins have been forgiven,
Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.***

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Alleluia! Amen.

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

When our risen Lord greeted his frightened and grieving friends
in a locked room, three days after he had died, he greeted them with peace.
And so do we greet one another to this day.
We all need peace, and from the Spirit of Christ we have it to share.
If you would rather not be touched and prefer to maintain distance,
please stay in your seats and wave or bow or sign your greetings.
If you are comfortable circulating and shaking hands or hugging, please do so,
but honor the desires of those who stay in place,
greeting them from a distance.
And everyone please wave and call out to those on zoom.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Conversation with the Younger Church

Sung Prayer of Illumination *We Will Do Well* by Amy Houchen

Readings from Scripture

Luke 9:46-48
Philippians 1:1-18

Meditation

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Read and Preached

Song *I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry* Glory to God #488

Expressions of Gratitude for the Lives of the Deceased

Those gathered are welcome to come to a microphone and briefly speak a word of thanks for someone we have lost. Those on zoom can raise their hands to be recognized and invited to share. We do encourage just a sentence or two, as we are honoring so many today.

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**

*With gratitude for the generous gift
of each of the lives we remember today,
We make these offerings in their honor and to your glory.
May they help to build a church and world
reflective of your will.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

SENDING

***Hymn** *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

Glory to God #250

***Commendation**

You only are mortal, the creator and maker of all.
We are mortal, formed of the earth and to earth shall we return.
This you ordained when you created us, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

***All of us go down to the dust;
Yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints
Where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life
everlasting. ***Amen.***

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
We commend all the servants we have named before you this day.
Acknowledge we humbly pray,
sheep of our own fold,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Receive them into the arms of your mercy,

into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Sung Benediction

And All God's People Say

Postlude

To the family members and close friends of the 17 people to whom this service is dedicated, we hope you will take one of the plants on the communion table home with you today. For all in-person worshippers, please take one or more of the small seed bearing paper butterflies available in the narthex and plant these in honor of loved ones you have lost as a reminder of resurrection hope.

Also please stay for fellowship in the narthex or outside. Thanks to our Deacons for the plants, the butterflies, and the cupcakes that are helping to make this a special day of remembrance and celebration.