

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 8, 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

Welcome

Mother's Day Litany

Worship Leader: To those who gave birth this year
or adopted this year their first child—

All: *we celebrate with you*

Pastor: To those who lost a child this year –

All: *we mourn with you*

Worship Leader: To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and
wear the badge of food stains –

All: *we appreciate you*

Pastor: To those who experienced loss through miscarriage,
failed adoptions, accidents, disease, or running away—

All: *we mourn with you*

Worship Leader: To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with
pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment –

All: *we walk with you.*

Forgive us when we say foolish things.

We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

Pastor: To those who are foster moms, mentor moms,
and spiritual moms –

All: *we need you and we appreciate you.*

Worship Leader: To those who have warm and close relationships
with your children –

All: *we celebrate with you*

Pastor: To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children –

All: *we sit with you*

Worship Leader: To those who lost their mothers this year or in years past –

All: *we grieve with you. Peace be with you.*

Pastor: To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother –

All: *we acknowledge your experience.*

We are sad with you. We hope for your healing.

Pastor: To those who are caring for their mothers in the midst of medical needs–

All: *God sustain you.*

Worship Leader: To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood –

All: *we are better for having you in our midst*

Pastor: To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children–

All: *we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be*

Worship Leader: To those who identify as women and are child-free by choice –

All: *we honor your choice and value your presence.*

Worship Leader: To those who step-parent –

All: *we walk with you on these complex paths*

Pastor: To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be

All: *we grieve with you.*

Worship Leader: To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year –

All: *we grieve and rejoice with you*

Pastor: To those who placed children up for adoption –

All: *we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart*

Worship Leader: And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –

All: *we anticipate with you*

Pastor: This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.

All: *We remember you.*

Time to Center

***Call to Worship**

In many and various ways
at different times and places
the all powerful God calls us to pray and sing.

***With joy in our hearts
to pray and praise together
for nothing is impossible for God.
Let us worship God.***

***Song** *Your Grace is Enough*
This is a beloved song in this congregation.

St. A's SB 153-155

Call to Confession

Sung Confession *Change My Heart, O God* Glory to God #695
This is a beloved song in this congregation.

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***Sung Assurance and Response of Praise**

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing vv. 1 and 3 Glory to God #475

***Passing the Peace**

THE WORD

Sung Prayer of Illumination *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*
Glory to God #452

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Book of Acts (video) Acts 16:16-34

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtV2PV9n3cY>

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Read and Proclaimed

Song *My Life Flows On* Glory to God #821
This is a beloved song in this congregation.

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

We offer these gifts trusting in the better days you promise.

May all that we share help to build the world you intend.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Healing Prayer

For the first time in over two years, we are going to use our Sunday prayer time for Healing Prayer. When we have healing prayer time, you are invited to use the time in whatever way would be healing for you. If you are in the sanctuary you are welcome to come forward, put prayer cards in the basket, and light a candle or two to represent your prayers for healing. You are also welcome to come to me for anointing. Amy Houchen is in the prayer room prepared to pray with anyone desiring more expanded one on one prayer. You may also pray quietly in your seat. If you are worshipping from home, perhaps you'll want to get on a yoga mat or light a candle or candles at home or simply focus on your breath. You may of course share prayer requests via chat, but they won't be voiced aloud today.

SENDING

***Song** *Today is the Day*

St. A's SB 1-3

This is a beloved song in this congregation.

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Sung Benediction

And All God's People Say...

Postlude