

Third Sunday After the Epiphany, January 23, 2022

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

We are on the way with Jesus,
witnessing the beginning of his ministry as it is portrayed in the Gospel of John.
We invite you to imagine, at least throughout this month,
that there are signs along the way of Jesus—
road signs, if you will.

This week we see a Yield sign.

Sometimes along the way we need to pause and let others pass us by.

It is as if when Nicodemus met Jesus by night,

Jesus invited him to pause

and let a new way of thinking and understanding cross his path.

Let us be open to new ways of thinking and understanding

as we yield for the Spirit of Christ to cross our path.

Let us worship God in Christ together.

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

Glory to God #175

Call to Confession

As we pause in worship today, we yield to the grace that allows us to be honest
and begin anew. Please pray with me.

Prayer of Confession

***God I know that nothing is hidden from you,
and yet sometimes I confess that sometimes I pretend that it is.
Sometimes I worry that what I carry is too big to be forgiven.
I forget that you promise always to forgive.
Remind me that your forgiveness is rooted in love, I pray.***

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name. ***Amen.***

Declaration of Forgiveness

God so loves the world that God sent God's only Son
that the world, the universe, might be saved through him.
That's big love. Love we can trust.
Friends, believe that that love is big enough for you.
In Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Sung Response of Praise

Jesus Messiah

St. A's SB #179

Sharing the Peace of Christ

When we are on the way with Jesus Messiah
we are showered with grace upon grace,
and blessed with a peace that passes understanding.
Our peace and our joy increases when we share it with one another.
Still, friends, our walk with Jesus is unfolding in a pandemic,
so still we ask you to stay where you are and share peace from a distance with
those not in your personal bubbles, as you define your bubbles. Wave, bow, use
American Sign Language, smile with your eyes. Find a way to share peace with
those in the room and those joining us via zoom.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Sung Prayer of Illumination *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, v. 1 only
Glory to God #377

A Reading from the Book of Psalms

Psalm 139:13-18

...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Gospel According to John *John 3:1-20*
...Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

Hymn *Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus* *SCREEN*
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (used by permission)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Announcements

Invitation to Generosity

Sung Response of Praise

Will You Come and Follow Me? v.5 only

Glory to God #726

Charge and Blessing

Video Prayer from Martin Luther King, Jr.

And All God's People Say

Postlude