

Fourth Sunday in Easter, April 21, 2024

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, Oregon

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GATHERING

Prelude *Lasana Kanneh*

Welcome

Time to Center

***Call to Worship**

The Church:

liberal / conservative/ libertarian,

Republican/ Democrat / Independent

male / female/ non-binary,

gay/ straight/ bi/ pan,

employed / unemployed/ underemployed/ retired,

young / old/ middle aged,

every ethnicity under the sun.

The Church:

such a mixed bag!

Let us gather as friends, and together, as one body,

praise the God of all.

***Opening Song** *We are one in the Spirit!* Glory to God #300

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

May the word get around, O God, that you are God.

That you disrupt our ways, challenge our being,

confuse our presumptions, confront our prejudices

and for this we praise you.

May the word get around, O God, that you are God.

***Not some quiet deity in some distant past but the life-force of
justice, the spirit of wisdom,***

the word that shouts in the streets that love has been set free to cause disquiet in the corridors of power and for this we praise you. May the word get around, O God, that you are God. Found in the middle of the arguments for truth, in the debates about power, in the disputes for peace, ready to build the kingdom right where the world wants to destroy itself and for this we praise you. May the word get around, O God, that you are God and we praise you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Indeed, God is God, and God is good, and we have received the word. We know that in Christ we are forgiven and we stand ready for Christ to continually turn the world upside down. **Alleluia, Amen.**

***Response of Praise** *Our God is an Awesome God (refrain only)*
Glory to God #616

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

...May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

THE WORD

Sung Preparation for God's Word *Listen Now for the Gospel*

Listen now for the Gospel!

Alleluia!

It is God's word that changes us!

Alleluia!

Listen now for the Gospel!

Alleluia!

It is God's word that changes us!

Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone, until we give our lives to God and God alone. (Repeat)

*Listen now for the Gospel! **Alleluia!***

*It is God's word that changes us! **Alleluia!***

Come Holy Spirit, plant in us God's living word, that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord. (Repeat)

*Listen now for the Gospel! **Alleluia!***

*It is God's word that changes us! **Alleluia!***

Come holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,

confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost. (Repeat)
Listen now for the Gospel! Alleluia!
It is God's word that changes us! Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark Mark 13:9-11

A Reading from the Book of Acts Acts 17:1-9

A Reading from the 1st Letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

Solo *Lasana Kanneh*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings
Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Anthem *Lasana Kanneh*

Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*
Glory to God #609

Prayer of Dedication

*Lord we pray that our work be the work of faith,
that our labors are filled with love,
and that we are filled with the steadfastness of hope of the Lord
Jesus Christ today and every day. Amen.*

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

***Sung Charge** *Now Go in Joy* Glory to God #745

Sung Blessing

And All God's People Say...

Postlude *Lasana Kanneh*