



All are welcome here. Worship is a series of invitations; accept only those you feel called to accept. Feel free to change language in a respectful manner if it helps the hour to be more worshipful for you.

All ages are welcome in worship.

As a gentle reminder, please only read aloud what is italicized and bold. (Anything else indicates a time to listen and reflect on the spoken word.)

Image: "The Man Born Blind" by Henri Lindegaard. Source unknown.

Call to Worship and Call to Confession by the Rev. Teri Peterson, prepared for the Bible Worm Collective in which Pastor Sarah is a member.

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Call to Worship

Leader: Where are you going, lost and lonely ones?

People: ***We are traveling with Christ through the darkest valley.***

Leader: Where are you going, blind and in darkness?

People: ***We have the light of Christ, and are now children of light.***

Leader: Where are you going, sinners, unclean?

People: We have been forgiven, renewed, and restored.

Leader: You are outcast! You are not worthy!

People: In Christ all are a new creation!

We share this new life with the world!

*All: Come, let us sing the songs of the
redeemed, for all are worthy,
all are welcome!*

***Song | 10,000 Reasons**

St. A's Songbook #99

Call to Confession

We are quick to identify sin in others.

We are slow to identify sin in ourselves.

Let us know look inside ourselves

and seek the strength of God

that we might be able to repent and experience
the joy of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

*God of glory and God of grace, bring us to our senses.
If that means shining your light fiercely
until our inner eyes hurt,
and our ugly ways stand exposed
then so be it.*

*We do not look for an easy way
but the hard way of truth and healing.*

Slowly but surely we come to you.

*In your arms may we find the grace to let go,
to accept your forgiveness and receive restoration.*

*This we pray
in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen!*

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

	<p>Assurance of Pardon</p> <p>My friends, there are no half measures in God. All or nothing. “While we were still unrepentant sinners, Christ died for us.”</p> <p>In the name of Jesus, step free for the shadowy past and turn to the bright future with keen eyes and optimistic hearts. We are a forgiven people.</p> <p><i>Thanks be to God.</i></p> <p><i>Pastor Sarah will sing “Love, I lift your name on High.”</i></p> <p>*Response of Praise <i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i> St. A’s Songbook #142</p> <p>*Passing the Peace ... The Peace of Christ be with you. <i>And also with you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WORD</p> <p>Sung Prayer of Preparation <i>Listen Now for the Gospel</i> Zimbabwean traditional; tr. John L. Bell</p> <p>Readings from Scripture</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Psalm 27:1-4</i> <i>John 9:1-41</i></p> <p>Narrator: As Jesus and his disciples walked along one Sabbath day, they saw a man born blind. Believing that his blindness was some sort of punishment, his disciples asked whether it was the man’s sin or his parents’ sin that caused him to be born blind.</p> <p>Jesus: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work God’s works while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”</p>
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Narrator: When Jesus said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, and told the man to wash in the pool of Siloam, the pool of sending.

The man went, washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors were confused, and began to ask whether or not he was the same man, or just looked like him.

Man Born Blind: "I am the man! The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

Narrator: They wanted to know where Jesus was, but the man born blind did not know, so instead they brought the Pharisees to continue asking him questions about how he received his sight.

Man Born Blind: "Jesus put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Narrator: The Pharisees were as divided as the neighbors. Some said that because Jesus healed on the Sabbath, he could not be from God. Others said that such a healing could only come from God. So they asked the man what he thought:

Man Born Blind: "He is a prophet."

Narrator: Some wondered whether the whole thing was a hoax, so they went to his parents. His parents were afraid, so while they were willing to confirm that he was their son and had been born blind, they refused to discuss why he could now see.

His parents said, "ask him, he is of age, he will speak for himself." So they turned to the

	<p>man born blind, "Jesus is a sinner! Tell us the truth about your sight."</p> <p>Man Born Blind: "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"</p> <p>Narrator: Well, that made them angry. They said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."</p> <p>Man Born Blind: "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.</p> <p>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."</p> <p>Narrator: The Pharisees accused him of being born in sin, and drove him out. But Jesus heard what had happened, and looked for him.</p> <p>Jesus: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"</p> <p>Man Born Blind: "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."</p> <p>Jesus: "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."</p> <p>Man Born Blind: "Lord, I believe."</p> <p>Narrator: The man worshipped Jesus, as Jesus turned to his disciples and others who had gathered nearby (including some Pharisees) to teach.</p>
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<p>After her own brief reflection, Pastor Sarah will invite spontaneous testimonies to sight that has been granted through our shared ministry these past nine years. What can you see now that you could not see before? Please use a microphone, or unmute and share, if you are on Zoom.</p> <p>We respond to our generous God by practicing grateful generosity. You are encouraged to give as you are able, to honor or even exceed your pledge!</p> <p>Once a month we practice healing prayer and, on these weeks, you are invited to use the prayer time in whatever way will be most healing for you -- you may meditate quietly in your seat, take a walk, bring forward prayer cards and/or light candles to represent your prayers, come to Pastor Sarah for anointing, or head to the prayer room for one-on-one prayer.</p>	<p>Jesus: "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind. If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."</p> <p>Shared Meditation on God's Word Pastor Sarah Sanderson-Doughty</p> <p>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</p> <p>Hymn Christ, You Made the Blind Man See ABERYSTWYTH ("Jesus, Lover of My Soul"; "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night") Written by Joseph Parry (1879) Biblical Reference: John 9:1-41</p> <p>Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity</p> <p>Offertory Anthem Over My Head African American Spiritual</p> <p>*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Glory to God #609</p> <p>*Prayer of Dedication As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times - the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable - yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.</p> <p>Healing Prayer</p> <p>The Prayer that Jesus Taught</p>
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SENDING

This is a beloved song in this congregation.

***Song | Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**
St. A's Songbook #181

Our Ministry in Christ *Announcements*

Commissioning and Blessing of Pastor Sarah and Congregation

Rev. Clark Scalera & and Rev. Don Ludwig

Leader: Almighty God, you are the keeper of our days.
You labor in and among us, accomplishing your holy purposes through the work of our hands.

*All: All glory and power are yours, O Christ.
We are your people; our lives belong to you.*

Leader: For Sarah's work among us, and for our shared journey; for friendships made, for joys celebrated, and times of nurture and growth,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

Leader: For your grace that carries us and enlivens us for service,

*All: We give you thanks and praise.
Spirit of God, be present in this parting
and in the days to come.*

Leader: Be ever at work among us and through us, and bless Sarah as she goes. Look tenderly upon the people of St. Andrew's and look tenderly upon Sarah as we follow you into the future you have prepared, trusting in your unfailing love and care.

*All: We entrust Sarah to you,
and ask your blessing upon her.
Help us all live with courage and gladness
in the future you present to us,
that we might offer you our highest and
best, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

Charge and Sung Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to St. Andrew's PDX!
Welcome Home! We are so glad you are here.

Connecting with Christ and each other to Serve Our Neighbors

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00am,
both in person and online via Zoom and Facebook.

Join us for Supper Church on second and fourth Sundays at 5pm.
Visit our website for the worship links and the weekly worship bulletin.

Please use blue prayer cards or Zoom chat to share prayer requests. You can pass these to the pastor during the passing of the peace or give them to an usher at any time in the first half of the service.

PRINTED COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON ARE AVAILABLE

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We encourage you to leave your **offerings and sign-in sheets** in the offering plates that are passed during worship. Offerings can also be made anytime on our website, www.standrewspdx.com

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visit our website at www.standrewspdx.com
Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 8:30 - 2:30, Bookkeeper Hours: Mon & Weds, 9:00 - 3:00

Mission Updates

See your eNews or contact the office for full details.

Neighborhood House - Current legislation and drastic cuts to food assistance and Head Start programs will undoubtedly create more hardship to this organization and the people it serves. You can help by: donating to their social safety net services; contacting your legislators to support SNAP, Head Start, and housing assistance programs; and talking to others to increase awareness of this crisis to our most vulnerable neighbors. Visit their website for more ways to help -- www.nhpdx.org.

Ziploc Ministry - Join us on the first Saturday of each month to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors. The next gathering will be March 7th, 10:30am-12:00pm. **New socks and men's boxer-briefs donations always needed**

West Women & Children's Shelter - We prepare and deliver monthly, homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter. Recipes and instructions are provided. Casseroles are dropped off at the first Saturday Ziploc event (March 7th).

Quilters - Gathers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, at 9:30am. Contact Gail Planck for more info.

Homelessness Outreach - We support the Multnomah Safe Rest Village and the Southwest Outreach shower program. See your eNews for volunteer opportunities.

February Birthdays

Karry Gillespie - February 3, Christina Tilton - February 6, Lis Powell - February 10, Darwin Forca - February 12, John Blumthal - February 15, Barbara Thompson - February 19, Lorinda Moholt - February 21, Kathleen Cook - February 25, Becky Schiefelbein - February 26

February Anniversaries

Jeff & Lori Sweeney - February 1, Eric Chavez & Bennie Pacheco - February 14, Nancy Kraemer & David Roth - February 17, Pat & Marily Quesnel - February 18

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- Supper Church** - Supper Church is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, at 5pm in our chapel. Join us for this children and family-focused service, with dinner provided. Please RSVP to help with our planning.
- Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will resume next week, so that all choir members can participate in the after-church potluck.
- Men's Bible Study** - This group meets at 7am via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Contact Larry Kelley for more info.
- Spiritual Formation Group** - Please join us in the lounge on Wednesday, February 18th as we examine Celtic Spirituality with a focus on the first seven days of Creation. ***NOTE: this week's meeting will be a bit earlier (12:15pm-1:45pm).***

Upcoming Events

<p>February 15 & 22 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p>February 15 11:00am After-Church Potluck St. Andrew's</p> <p>February 18 “One Great Hour of Sharing” Special Offering Begins</p> <p>February 18 2:00pm Ash Wednesday Gathering at ICE ICE Facility 4310 S Macadam Ave, Portland</p>	<p>February 18 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service St. Andrew's</p> <p>February 18 12:15-1:45pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew's</p> <p>February 19 10:00am-12:00pm St. Andrew's Book Club St. Andrew's</p> <p>February 25 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew's</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

AFTER-CHURCH POTLUCK

Today is the day! Please stay after service and join us in the chapel as we meet for another after-church potluck. Soup (and cake) will be served, along with sides that pair well with soup (warming our hearts and souls!). This will be a special time in which we will celebrate Pastor Sarah's nine years of service at St. A's. Please attend and wish her well on her next adventure!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Presbyterian Church (USA) explains that this Special Offering is “interpreted during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday in response to Christ’s call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world.” Please be on the lookout for materials about this Special Offering and give as you are able.

Thoughts from Pastor Sarah

(Written February 12th)

Dear Kindred in Christ,

Goodness. Every day another last. This is my last pastoral letter to you. Last Sunday was my last Supper Church and we reflected together on God's call. It is God's call that brought me here nine years ago and God's call that is sending me away. August Dew asked, "Who will our next pastor be?" I know this is a question on many of your hearts. Ultimately, only God can answer that question; it is up to God's call! But, in the short term, your Session and I can answer that question. The Rev. Amy Delaney will be a half-time bridge pastor for St. A's, starting this week and continuing through at least the middle of May. Many of you have met Amy and many more will meet her soon.

Amy has been in ministry for over 30 years. She has extensive experience in Washington state, including a long call as a solo pastor, serving in both full-time and part-time capacity. That church was deemed ready to close and she was there 10 years and they are still open today. She has also served as a transitional executive presbyter and is an active spiritual director and retreat leader. She has a background in computer science as well. She is currently a vice moderator for the Presbytery of the Cascades.

Amy will preach 2-3 Sundays each month, but be present in worship leadership every week. She will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (ordinarily, starting in March). She will moderate the Session. She will meet with teams at least once to assess what pastoral support is needed. She will offer

pastoral care with the help of the Deacons and, perhaps, Pastor Patty. She will offer other service as well in negotiation with the Session. She will help the Session assess the next steps in pastoral leadership and continue the future discernment already underway on the part of the Session.

You are in excellent hands with Amy. And you have good support from the Presbytery. Last week you met Robin Garvin-transitional team lead, Brian Craker – transitional executive presbyter, and Don Ludwig – our liaison from the Commission on Ministry. This week we will be blessed to have Clark Scalera—advocate for clergy and congregations, and Don Ludwig again, with us in worship. And next Sunday (2.22), Robin Garvin will be back to preach and Amy Delaney will be the worship assistant.

I have been meeting with Amy to pass the torch. And I will meet with Presbytery folks this week for my exit interview.

And, more importantly, I'm making time to be with people to say goodbye. Tomorrow, Caroline and I will be at Morse Coffee Company on 1st Street in Lake Oswego from 10am-12pm, for my final coffee chat. What a joy it has been to gather at local businesses all around the Portland metro area and on Zoom nearly every Friday (save for vacations, study leave, and sabbatical). Won't you please stop by this Friday?

And if Friday doesn't work for you, I'll be in my office clearing it out midday and afternoon Saturday; feel free to stop by.

And if neither of those works for you, please join us Sunday morning for worship. On a few occasions in the past 9 years, I've shared the sermon time with the congregation as a whole, trusting the Spirit to inspire testimonies. And we will do that this week. We will have one more dramatic reading from the Gospel of John and then I will offer a brief introduction and open the floor to 2-3 minute testimonies to ways that your vision has been expanded or new things you can see thanks to the nine years we have shared together. Please pray about this over the next few days. What is something you can see now that you hadn't seen or couldn't see before?

At the end of worship, Clark and Don will lead us in a commissioning and blessing and I will sing the benediction one last time for you. And then we will gather for a potluck celebration. I so hope you'll join us!

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for the past nine years.
Thank you for sharing your hearts and tender moments with me.
Thank you for being willing to learn and grow.
Thank you for allowing me to learn and grow.
Thank you for your hospitality.
Thank you for loving my kid.

Thank you for persevering through so much struggle.
Thank you for sharing your amazing city with me.
Thank you for being open to creativity and experimentation.
Thank you for compensating me well.
Thank you for allowing me to take my first ever sabbatical.
Thank you for serving your neighbors so faithfully.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
And thanks be to God for God's powerful call to each of us.

In Christ, Pastor Sarah