

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.

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Based on Psalm 78:1-4

GATHERING

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



***Call to Worship**

God meets us in our greatest need
and satisfies us with divine presence
and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

***Opening Hymn | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
Glory to God #475

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins
in the presence of the One
who blesses us and meets our need.
Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

*God of compassion, we are sick.
We have wrestled all night with worry
instead of resting in you.
We have asserted our own goodness
instead of awakening to yours.
We have turned away those hungry
for your help
instead of trusting you and feeding them
from your limitless supply of blessings.
Forgive us, heal us, and help us to
hold on to you.
We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon

*The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior.
In Christ, we who are broken
are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.
Alleluia! Amen.*

***Response of Praise |** *Holy, Holy, Holy*
(sung twice)

Glory to God #595

*Passing the Peace

*... The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

*All-knowing God, you have satisfied
our hunger at sunset
and held us close through nights of wrestling.
Now let the day break with your blessing.
Awaken and illumine us by your Word
that we may behold your likeness. Amen.*

	A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew <i>Matthew 14:13-14</i> Conversation with the Younger Church A Reading from the Book of Genesis <i>Genesis 32:22-31</i> Sermon <i>Wrestling with God</i> <i>Rev. Amy Delaney</i> RESPONSE TO THE WORD *Song of Response <i>O Lord, Hear My Prayer</i> <i>(verse 1 sung three times)</i> <i>Glory to God #471</i> *Affirmation of Faith <i>God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, when its waters roar and rage, when the mountains shake because of its surging waves. "Know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!" The LORD of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety.</i> Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings Invitation to Generosity Offertory *Song of Praise <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Glory to God #609</i>
<i>Psalm 46: 1-3, 10-11</i> <i>Thank you for your faithful giving that fuels the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's!</i>	

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Loving and generous God,
you provide for us and
even bless us in more ways than we can number.
We give these tithes and offerings
to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love
so that those who do not yet know you
may also come to your love. Amen.*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we experience
the presence of the sacred in our midst.
*So come, children of God, just as you are.
Wherever you are on this journey of life,
you are welcome here,
here in this place,
here in this community,
here at this table.
Come, children of God,
come and remember with us.*

... in serving that we are served.
*As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf,
when we eat this bread, we become one with
one another.*

...the breath that precedes and follows all that we
can see
*As the grapes find life in the vine,
when we drink this cup,
we become at one with the source of life itself.*

Prayers submitted on prayer cards and Zoom will be read followed by "Christ, in your mercy," to which everyone responds, "Hear our prayer."

All the bread is gluten-free, all the juice is unfermented. Please come forward, if you are able, bringing food offerings and receiving bread and cup. If you wish to be served in your seat, please raise a hand when the server comes near. Hold onto the bread and cup until all have received so we might receive as one body with our kindred at home.

... bless this fruit of the vine.
***Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be open,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst,
indeed in one another.
Come, holy Spirit, come. Amen.***

Prayers of the People & the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Holy, gracious, God,
Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.
***We have rested in the depth of your love;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing
presence;
We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life
you offer.
And we give you thanks.***

SENDING

Closing Hymn | *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Glory to God #435

Our Ministry in Christ
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *You Shall Go Out with Joy
Glory to God #80

Postlude

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We give thanks for the gift of life and love as we celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of our church family this month, praying for God's continued grace and joy in every new year ahead.

August Birthdays

Jocelyn Errico - August 1
Laura Planck - August 4
August Dew - August 6
Kara Errico - August 11
Ron Grover - August 13
Charlie Heniken - August 17
Bev Shaw - August 18
Wesley Tanous - August 20
Carolyn Gazeley - August 22
Tracy Gerhardt - August 22
Barb Leahey - August 22
Sydney Herb - August 23
Joy Moss - August 23
Carol Stanfield - August 25
Jim Leahey - August 26
Katherine Van Allen - August 26
Irene Fowler - August 30

August Anniversaries

Dwain & Sharleen Peterson - August 3
Diana & Roland Zapata - August 13
Anne & Larry Dewey - August 16
Adam & Emily Dew - August 22
Linda & Todd Jessell - August 30

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.
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



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



Today's worship leadership includes the Rev. Amy Delaney, Guest Preacher;
Don Feeley, Director of Music; Marie Dolson, worship assistant;
Nancy Goering, songlead; Caroline Sanderson-Doughty, AV tech assistant;
and Steve Ihrig, sound technician.



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Mission Updates

***For full details about mission and ministry work, contact the office, and refer
to your eNews and Upcoming Events in this bulletin for special events.***

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.nhpd.org.

Ziploc Ministry - This ministry meets monthly to fill bags with hygiene and personal items to be distributed to our unhoused neighbors. **Please note: We are taking a break for the summer. Check your eNews for updates regarding our Fall kickoff date and times.**

West Women & Children's Shelter - We prepare and deliver homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter throughout the year. Recipes and instructions are provided; reimbursement is available. **Please note: We are taking a break for the summer. Check your eNews for updates.**

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.

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed for Sundays. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.
- **Family Fellowship** - Please join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month after service in Friendship Hall (the gym) for an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided). Children in attendance will hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. Guests are always welcome!
- **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.

Upcoming Events

August 2 & 9

10:00am Hybrid Worship

August 9

11:00am Family Fellowship
St. Andrew's

August 12

9:30-11:30am Quilters Group
St. Andrew's

August 7 & 14

10:00-12:00pm Virtual Coffee Chat
Zoom

New News & Announcements
See your eNews for full details

UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We continue to lift up the family of Sue Malter as they process their loss. Sue's memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's in the Fall.

GIVING STATEMENTS

You should have received your Giving Statement this past week. If you have questions, please contact Krissy (bookkeeper@standrewspdx.com).

Thoughts from Your Session
(Written July 29th)

Dear friends in Christ,

It's been a busy week at St. A's, as we finalize preparations for Gwen Wildfong's memorial service this Saturday. The family has some wonderful pictures to share during the service and a jazz band will be playing several pieces that Gwen requested, including the OSU Fight Song. It should be a wonderful day to reflect on a life well lived!

In other church news, we recently finished our training of individuals who will act as liaisons if ICE agents should enter our building. Kara Errico will be the liaison during posted office hours. Marie Dolson, Sally Miller, Marilyn Palumbo, and David Wu have volunteered to act as liaisons on Sunday mornings. Our thanks to all of them for taking on this task. If you have not had a chance to review our policy on ICE encounters, or would like to volunteer to be a liaison, please contact the church office or Gail Planck.

The Transitional Search Team reports the following:

"In our search for a Transitional Pastor, we have interviewed two active candidates and are now checking their references. Stay tuned!"

As we look towards the final month of summer and start planning for the Fall, there is much to reflect upon and be thankful for. We hope you will be able to join us this Saturday to express thanks for member Gwen Wildfong at a memorial service that is sure to elicit both smiles and tears as we reflect back on the many wonderful moments we shared with her.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session