



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026
10:00am, Sanctuary

<https://https://zoom.us/j/738059997>
<http://www.facebook.com/standrewspdx/live>

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.

The season of Lent is a 40-day period of reflection in preparation for a remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

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.)

Call to Worship, Prayer of Preparation, and Assurance of Pardon prepared by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson-Doughty.

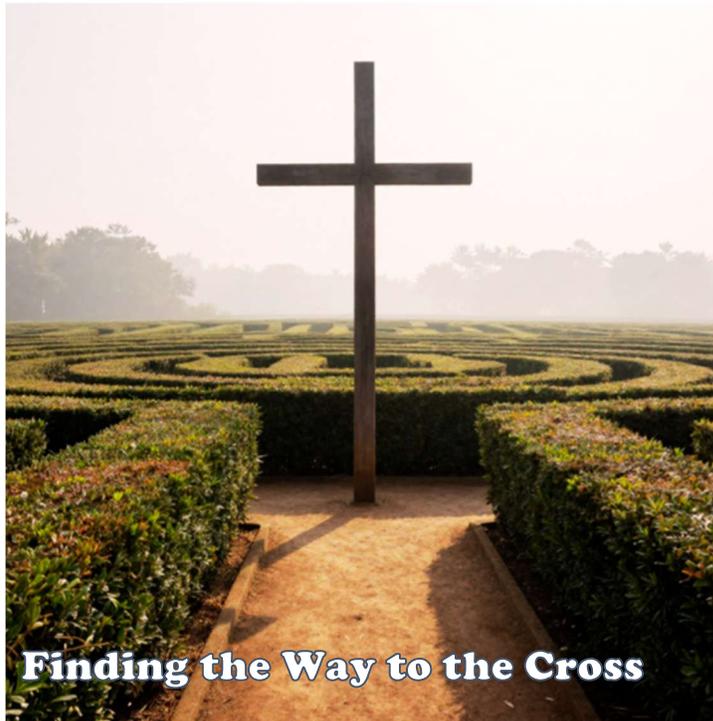
GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Time to Center



Call to Worship

We are nearing the end of the maze today, still seeking the way to the cross.

We aren't sure if we can keep on keeping on.

We will put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving forward.

But what if we hit a dead end?

We will turn around and seek another path.

Am I alone?

Did you know there are paragraphs beneath each hymn in our hymnal explaining their origins or interesting features? Maybe worth checking out

Prayer of Confession by the Rev. Teri Peterson, prepared for the Bible Worm Collective in which Pastor Amy is a member.

No, never, we are in this maze together and we have Jesus right here with us.
Does Jesus know the way?
Jesus IS the way. Keep going.
Let us worship God.

Song | *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Glory to God #775

Call to Confession

If we wish to keep moving forward, we need to lay aside burdens that weigh us down.
Unburden your hearts with honest prayers of confession, to draw closer to the Way.
Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

***God of justice,
these stories of injustice are so hard for us to read.
We long for a different way,
where truth triumphs and suffering is avoided.
Yet we confess that we continue to let this story happen all around us.
We too prefer power and position to justice.
We too prioritize our own comfort over others' lives.
We too look the other way when people are abused in our name.
We too try to keep the peace by looking the other way.
We too abdicate our responsibility and pass the buck.***

***Forgive us, O God.
We have no excuses to make,
only a plea for your transforming grace to be at work in us,
right now.
You are the One with power to change things,
and to change us,
so we pray to be made new today,
in Jesus' name. Amen.***

Silent Prayers of Confession

...In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Though from our perspective the path is winding
and unclear,

Jesus sees from above and is the way.

Jesus has cleared the way for us.

Friends, believe the good news,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise | *I Want to Walk as a Child of the
Light (v. 1 only)***

Glory to God #377

***Passing the Peace**

... The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Preparation

Jesus, you are the Word

and we pray that we might encounter you

in the words of scripture today. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Psalms

Psalm 146

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Gospel According to John

John 19:1-16a

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Delaney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn | *O, Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Glory to God #221

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings
Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Anthem | *My Savior's Love*

Music by Brad Nix

Words by Charles H. Gabriel & Charles Wesley

Song of Praise | *In the Lord, I'll be Ever Thankful

Glory to God #654

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of the wilderness,
We give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.
We give these offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.
We give these offerings in hope,
*knowing you can use them to spread your love in
this world.*
And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
*May we live with generous hearts,
with open hands.*
Amen

Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ
Announcements

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response | *Sent Out In Jesus' Name

St. A's Songbook #193

Postlude

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!



Connecting with Christ and each other to Serve Our Neighbors

Welcome Home! We are so glad you are here.

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00am, in person or online (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, Bridge Pastor;
Don Feeley, Director of Music; Eric Chavez, worship assistant; Nancy Goering, song leader;
Caroline Sanderson-Doherty, AV tech assistant; and Larry Patterson, sound technician.



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Mission Updates

*See your eNews, Upcoming Events in this bulletin,
or contact the office for full details.*

Neighborhood House - Current legislation, drastic cuts to food assistance and Head Start programs, price increases for food (and gas to get to stores) have created more hardship to the people this organization 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 spreading the word to increase awareness of this crisis to our most vulnerable neighbors. Visit their website for more ways to help -- www.nhpd.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 April 4th, 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, and reimbursement is available. Casseroles are dropped off at the first Saturday Ziploc event (April 4th).

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.

Children's Ministry

See your eNews for full details.

Supper Church - This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship, as well as fun for the kiddos. We meet in the lounge/chapel from 5:00-6:30pm and children in attendance hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson that week. Guests are always welcome! RSVP using the SignUp Genius link in your eNews. Contact Roberta Schlechter for more info.

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.

March Birthdays

Amy Tanous - March 1

Shirley McIntyre - March 7

Roland Zapata - March 7

Shirley Tormey - March 9

Kevin Sanderson-Doughty - March 12

Laura Hays - March 12

Eric Chavez - March 14

Janet Berg - March 15

Clee Lloyd - March 16

Pat Quesnel - March 25

Diana Zapata - March 28

March Anniversaries

Larry & Carol Patterson - March 19

Diane & John Calhoun - March 19

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. ***See You Tonight!***
- **Sanctuary Choir** - Rehearsal will be held after service today in the chapel.
- **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** - We will not be meeting on April 1st, as it is Holy Week. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we conclude our discussion of the first seven days of Creation through the lens of Celtic Spirituality on Wednesday, April 15th from 12:30-2:00pm in the lounge.

Upcoming Events

<p style="text-align: center;">March 22 10:00am Hybrid Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 22 5:00pm Supper Church St. Andrew’s</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 22 11:00am Sanctuary Choir St. Andrew’s</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 29 10:30am Palm Sunday Service Multnomah Presbyterian Church (livestream via YouTube)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 29 Palm Sunday City-Wide Faith Action 3:00-5:00pm Terry Schrunk Plaza 431 SW Madison St, Portland</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 4 10:30am First Saturday Ziploc Ministry St. Andrew’s</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 5 (Easter Sunday!) Dedication of “One Great Hour of Sharing” Special Offering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 8 9:30-11:30am Quilters Group St. Andrew’s</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 11 SW Hope 5k 9:45am Kids Fun Run / Bunny Chase 10:15am 5k Run / Walk Oregon Episcopal School 6300 SW Nicol Rd, Portland Register Today!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 15 12:30-2:00pm Spiritual Formation Group St. Andrew’s</p>
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New News & Announcements

See your eNews for full details

ABOUT OUR FOCAL IMAGE

Our Lenten image shows a maze in the foreground with a cross seen through fog in the distance, reflecting that our Lenten journey will not be a straight and simple march to the cross. In Week 5, we have reached the center of the maze and see the cross before us.

In our readings from John's gospel, we'll encounter Jesus opening the eyes of his friends and disciples to who he is and what he is calling them to do, and then the cowardice of Peter's denial of Jesus and of Pilate's giving in to the crowd's call for crucifixion. We invite you to consider your own faith journey and what Lent means to you as we conclude our Lenten series.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are partnering with our kindred churches to share Holy Week services, reflecting our belief that we are truly one body in Christ. By rotating locations, we remind ourselves that the road to the cross—and ultimately the empty tomb — is not a journey taken alone. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

- Palm Sunday (March 29) - 10:30am service at Multnomah PC
- Maundy Thursday (April 2) - 6:00pm meal, followed by service 6:30pm at Valley Community PC
- Good Friday (April 3) - 7:30pm service at Multnomah PC
- Easter Sunday (April 5) - 10:00am at St. Andrew's PC

COME ADORN THE CROSS WITH FLOWERS

As is our Easter tradition, you are welcome to bring flowers from your garden on Easter morning to decorate the cross. If you don't have any to bring, no worries — there are always plenty to share with you.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will be dedicating this Special Offering on Easter Sunday (April 5) as a “response to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world” —*The Presbyterian Church (USA)*. Materials providing more information about this Special Offering are found inserted in today's bulletin and also available in the church office. Please give as you are able.

Thoughts from Pastor Amy (Written March 19th)

Dear friends in Christ,

This week marks one month with you as your Bridge Pastor. It is the first of three months in my contract. The time is flying by - and we are getting a lot done!

This Sunday in worship is a bit unusual. Our gospel reading for the day, John 19: 1-16a, is one usually read either on Palm Sunday, when Passion Sunday is celebrated, or on Good Friday. It is the conclusion of Jesus' trial with Pilate, which ends in Jesus being taken to the cross. It is a somber reading, and one that still speaks to us today.

After worship this Sunday, we will have a Town Hall meeting regarding the AE Sloane report. Please plan on staying for a few extra minutes Sunday to learn about the results of the process we undertook last year. The consultants helped us to better understand who we are at this moment in time, and those results helped us to present an honest portrait of the congregation in our search for a Transitional Pastor.

By the time you read this, Session will have met and acted on a position description for a Transitional Pastor. We are seeking a pastor to serve St. Andrew's on a 12-month contract. While we love our Presbyterian system of government, some things, like searching for and calling a new pastor, take time. The Transitional Pastor can be hired more quickly. Along with the assistance of the great people in the Presbytery of the Cascades, this pastor will guide the transition and support the congregation until a new and more permanent pastor is in place.

Finally, don't forget that we will be joining Multnomah for Palm Sunday at 10:30am on 3/29, followed by Maundy Thursday at Valley and Good Friday at Multnomah. It is a blessing to share these services with each other. We will return to St. Andrew's to celebrate Easter on April 5th at 10am.

With thanks for your prayers,

Pastor Amy, Your Bridge Pastor