

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 20, 2024

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Welcome

Time to Center

Opening Song *Together (video)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IcQHOFe3b4>

Call to Worship- A Responsive Reading from Psalm 139

High Voices: You are the one
who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still
in my mother's womb.

*Low voices: I give thanks to you
that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—
I know that very well.*

High Voices: My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together
in the deep parts of the earth.

*Low voices: Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written
that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.*

High Voices: God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!

*Low voices: If I tried to count them—
they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—
I'd still be with you.*

All: ***We praise God for
we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Each of us complex beings, knit together by God.
All of us knit together as one by the Spirit.
Let us worship God together.***

Silent Prayers of Unburdening

Find your feet on the floor. Take three deep breaths, in through your nose and out through your mouth. If you are feeling at all distant, separate, fragmented, take this moment to confess this to God and seek to be knit together anew.

Words of Assurance

Though the world would pull us apart,
God in Christ knits us together again through the gift of forgiveness.
Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia, Amen!

Song of Praise *Heleluyan, We Are Singing (refrain only)*
Glory to God #642

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Pastor Sarah will gather prayers verbally and on Zoom.
She will repeat prayers shared
concluding with "This is his/her/my/their prayer"
and all are invited to respond "**This is our prayer**"*

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to Generosity

We strengthen our connections in Christ, the strands by which we are knit together, through gratitude embodied in generosity. You will find a basket/plate on your table. I invite you to pass that around the table and share signs of your gratitude- the fulfillment of your pledge, the honoring of a commitment to tithe, a free gift shared out of your abundance.

Offertory

Sung Response *Take, O Take Me As I Am* Glory to God #698

STORY TELLING IN COMMUNITY

Introduction and Centering

Story Sharing

There is a small ball of yarn on your table. When someone is ready to share they may take the ball and share and then, holding on to the string, toss the ball to someone else at the table. If you are not ready to share when you receive the ball, simply hold the string and toss it to someone else.

Prompts for Story Sharing

Pick one

- 1) Share one experience at St. A's that has helped you to feel more closely knit together with the St. A's family.*
- 2) Tell a story about the difference it has made in your life to have been knit together into one in Christ's church.*

Reflection on Our Experience

There should be a web connect you all, one strand that links you all. Feel free to lay this web on the table, and if you have a camera with you, to take a picture of it to remind you of your connections in Christ.

Prayer

***Thank you, God for knitting us together in community.
May our connections grow stronger, and our fabric hold.
May we provide warmth to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

SENDING

Song *We are One in the Spirit* Glory to God #300

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge and Sung Benediction

And All the People Say

Postlude