

## Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

*Please contact an usher or greeter to obtain an assisted hearing device*

### FOR REFLECTION

*Coming to his senses...he got up and returned to his father.*

*--Luke 15:17a, 20a*

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      The Dhammapada      Buddha

**Those who**

**Fully cultivate the Factors of Awakening,**

**Give up grasping,**

**Enjoy non-clinging,**

**And have destroyed the toxins,**

**Are luminous,**

**And completely liberated in this life.**

**\*HYMN**      God of the Sparrow      #22

### **\*GREETING OF PEACE**

May the Spirit of peace and wisdom be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*(After the children's time children are dismissed for Godly Play & Joyful Path;  
Youth for Connections & Everyday Leadership)*

**Parents: If this is your first time at Southminster Sunday School, please go with your children (age 3-4th grade) and sign them in. Thank you.**

**READING**      Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**ANTHEM**      Chancel Choir

**READING**      Raids on the Unspeakable, pp. 46-49      Thomas Merton

*It is the sane ones, the well-adapted ones, who can without qualms and without nausea aim the missiles and press the buttons that will initiate the great festival of destruction that they, the sane ones, have prepared. What makes us so sure, after all, that the danger comes from a psychotic getting into position to fire the first shot in a nuclear war? Psychotics will be suspect. The sane ones will keep them far from the button. No one suspects the sane, and the sane ones will have perfectly good reasons, logical, well-adjusted reasons, for firing the shot. They will be obeying sane orders that have come sanely down the chain of command. And because of their sanity they will have no qualms at all. When the missiles take off, then, it will be no mistake.*

*We can no longer assume that because a man is "sane" he is therefore in his "right mind." The whole concept of sanity in a society where spiritual values have lost their meaning is itself meaningless. A man can be "sane" in the limited sense that he is not impeded by his disordered emotions from acting in a cool, orderly manner, according to the needs and dictates of the social situation in which he finds himself. He can be perfectly "adjusted." God knows, perhaps such people can be perfectly adjusted even in hell itself.*

*And so I ask myself: what is the meaning of a concept of sanity that excludes love, considers it irrelevant, and destroys our capacity to love other human beings, to respond to their needs and their sufferings, to recognize them also as persons to apprehend their pain as one's own? ...*

*I am beginning to realize that "sanity" is no longer a value or an end in itself. The "sanity" of modern man is about as useful to him as the huge bulk and muscles of the dinosaur. If he were a little less sane, a little more doubtful, a little more aware of his absurdities and contradictions, perhaps there might be a possibility of his survival. But if he is sane, too sane...perhaps we must say that in a society like ours the worst insanity is to be totally without anxiety, totally "sane."*

**SERMON**

Coming to Our Senses

John Shuck

**\*HYMN**

A Woman and A Coin

#173

**\*AFFIRMATION OF LIFE**

Thomas Berry

**Our fulfillment is not in our isolated human grandeur,  
but in our intimacy with the larger earth community,  
for this is also the larger dimension of our being.  
Our human destiny is integral with the destiny of the earth.**

**SUNG PRAYER**

"Ubi Caritas" – (sing four times)

*Ubi caritas*

*Et amore*

*Ubi caritas*

*Deus ibi est*

*("Where there is love and kindness, there is God").*

## **MEDITATION AND NAMING**

### **COMMUNAL PRAYER**

The Lord's Prayer Revised

**Indwelling God, who art infused throughout all existence,  
we hallow thee with many names.  
Thy Kingdom is within the human heart.  
We accept life for all that it can be,  
on Earth as throughout all creation.  
May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,  
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.  
May we ever move from separation toward union,  
to live in grace, with love in our hearts, forever and ever. Amen**

### **A TIME FOR OFFERING**

#### **INVITATION TO GIVE**

#### **MUSIC FOR OFFERING**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
We belong to God.  
We belong to God.  
We belong to God.  
We belong to God.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKS**

#### **\*HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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#### **\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

#### **\*MUSIC FOR LEAVING**