

## Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

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

### FOR REFLECTION

*"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being, first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole."*

*--Malcom X*

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Harriet Tubman

If you hear the dogs,

**keep going.**

If you see the torches in the woods,

**keep going.**

If there's shouting after you,

**keep going.**

Don't ever stop.

**Keep going.**

If you want a taste of freedom,

**keep going.**

#### \*HYMN

We All Need More Kindness in this World<sup>i</sup>

*We all need more kindness in this world*

*we all need more kindness in this world*

*You may look high and low,*

*but there's no place else to go—*

*we all need more kindness in this world*

*We all need more hugging in this world*

*we all need more hugging in this world*

*You may look high and low,*

*but there's no place else to go—*

*we all need more hugging in this world*

*We all need more laughing in this world*

*we all need more laughing in this world*

*You may look high and low,*

*but there's no place else to go—*

*we all need more laughing in this world*

*We all need more sunshine in this world  
we all need more sunshine in this world  
You may look high and low,  
but there's no place else to go—  
we all need more sunshine in this world*

*We all need more peace-times in this world  
we all need more peace-times in this world  
You may look high and low,  
but there's no place else to go—  
we all need more peace-times in this world*

*We all need more friendship in this world  
we all need more friendship in this world  
You may look high and low,  
but there's no place else to go—  
we all need more friendship in this world*

#### **\*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** The Example of Esaa (Jesus) Imam Ali (son-in-law of Prophet Mohammad)<sup>ii</sup>  
*If you desire I will tell you about Esaa (peace be upon him). He used a stone for his pillow, put on coarse clothes and ate rough food. His condiment was hunger. His lamp at night was the moon. His shade during the winter was just the expanse of earth eastward and westward. His fruits and flowers were only what grows from the earth for the cattle. He had no wife to allure him, nor any son to give him grief, nor wealth to deviate (his attention), nor greed to disgrace him. His two feet were his conveyance and his two hands his servant.*

**READING** Ain't I A Woman! Sojourner Truth, 1797-1883<sup>iii</sup>  
*That man over there say a woman needs to be helped into carriages and lifted over ditches and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helped me into carriages or over mud puddles and gives me a best place...*

*And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me!...*

*And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?...*

*Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him.*

*If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down, all alone, together women ought to be able to turn it rightside up again.*

## **ANTHEM**

Somebody's Knocking At Your Door

Bell Choir

## **READING**

Luke 6:17-31 (Scholars Version)

*On the way down with them, Jesus stopped at a level place. There was a huge crowd of his disciples and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd tried to touch him, since power would flow out from him and heal them all. Then he would look squarely at his disciples and say:*

*"Congratulations, you poor!  
God's empire belongs to you.  
Congratulations, you hungry!  
You will have a feast.  
Congratulations, you who weep now!  
You will laugh."*

*"Congratulations to you when people hate you, and when they ostracize you and spread malicious gossip about you and scorn your name as evil, because of the Human One! Rejoice on that day and jump for joy! Because look: your reward is great in heaven. Bear in mind that their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way."*

*"Damn you rich!  
You already have your consolation.  
Damn you who are well-fed now!  
You will know hunger.  
Damn you who laugh now!  
You will learn to weep and grieve."*

*"Damn you when everybody speaks well of you! Bear in mind that their ancestors treated the phony prophets in the same way.*

*But to you who listen I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for your abusers.*

*When someone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well. If someone takes away your coat, don't prevent him from taking your shirt along with it.*

*Give to everyone who begs from you; and when someone takes your things, don't ask for them back.*

*Treat people the same way you want them to treat you."*

<b>SERMON</b>	The Example of Jesus	John Shuck
<b>*HYMN</b>	Blest Are They	#172

**A TIME FOR OFFERING  
INVITATION TO GIVE  
MUSIC FOR OFFERING**

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Bell Choir

**\*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.**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

***Welcome***

John O'Donohue<sup>iv</sup>

*May all that unforgiven in you be released.  
May your fears yield their deepest tranquillities.  
May all that is un-lived in you blossom into a future  
Graced with love.*

***Prayer for Communion***

Book of Common Worship

*Holy God, You challenge the powers that rule this world and show favor to the oppressed. Instill in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail. We pray in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to*

*pray...*

**Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen.**

***Words of Institution***

from the Didache<sup>v</sup>

Concerning the cup:

**We thank you, our Father [and Mother], for the holy vine of David your servant, which You made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory forever.**

And concerning the broken bread:

**We thank you, our Father [and Mother], for the life and knowledge which You made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory forever. Even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.**

***Partaking in the Bread and Cup***

*(**All** are welcome. No exceptions. Come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake in the bread and cup. Join the circle around the sanctuary to honor the Spirit of Love that transforms us into community).*

**\*CLOSING SONG**

"Ubi Caritas" – (sing four times)

*Ubi caritas  
Et amore  
Ubi caritas  
Deus ibi est*

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

**\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*MUSIC FOR LEAVING**

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<sup>i</sup> Guy Davis, lyrics.

<sup>ii</sup> Sayyid Ali Reza, trans., *Najjol-Balagha (Peak of Eloquence): Sermons, Letters. & Sayings of Imaam Ali bn Abi-Taalib* (Qum, Islamic Republic of Iran: Ansariyan Publications, 2005), pp. 346-7.

<sup>iii</sup> Illona Linthwaite, ed., *Ain't I A Woman! A Book of Women's Poetry from around The World* (New York: Wings Books, 1987), back cover.

<sup>iv</sup> John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings* (New York: Convergent, 2008), p. 97.

<sup>v</sup> The Didache, discovered in 1883, is an ancient Christian worship resource.

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-roberts.html>