

## Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

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

### FOR REFLECTION

*Who makes these changes?  
I shoot an arrow right.  
It lands left.  
I ride after a deer and find myself  
Chased by a hog.  
I plot to get what I want  
And end up in prison.  
I dig pits to trap others  
And fall in.*

*I should be suspicious  
Of what I want.  
--Rumi*

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bhagavad Gita

Water flows continually into the ocean  
But the ocean is never disturbed:  
Desire flows into the mind of the seer  
But s/he is never disturbed.

#### **The seer knows peace.**

One who stirs up lusts  
Can never know peace.

**S/he knows peace who has forgotten desire.**

**S/he lives without craving:**

**Free from ego, free from pride.**

#### **\*HYMN**

Peace Like a River

#623

#### **\*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 Peace of Wild Things

Wendell Berry

*When despair grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting for their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

### ANTHEM

Nearer, My God to Thee arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

*German:*

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,  
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.  
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,  
der für uns könnte streiten,  
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.*

*English Translation:*

*In these our days so perilous,  
Lord, peace in mercy send us;  
No God but thee can fight for us,  
No God but thee defend us;  
Thou our only God and Saviour.*

### READING

Luke 9:28-43 Scholars' Version

*Jesus took Peter and John and James along with him and climbed up the mountain to pray. And it came to pass as he was praying that his face took on a strange appearance, and his clothing turned dazzling white. The next thing you know, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and were discussing his departure, which he was destined to accomplish in Jerusalem.*

*Now Peter and those with him were half asleep at the time. But they came wide awake when they saw his glory and the two men standing next to him. And it came to pass as the men were leaving him that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it's a good thing we're*

*here. How about we set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah?" (He didn't know what he was saying.)*

*While he was still speaking, a cloud moved in and cast a shadow over them. And their fear increased as they entered the cloud. And out of the cloud a voice spoke: "This is my son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was perceived to be alone. And they were speechless and told no one back then anything of what they had seen.*

*It came to pass on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, that a huge crowd met him. Suddenly a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, for he is my only child. Without warning a spirit gets hold of him, and all of a sudden he screams; it throws him into convulsions, causing him to foam at the mouth; and it leaves him only after abusing him. I begged our disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."*

*In response Jesus said, "You distrustful and perverted generation, how much longer do I have to be around you and put up with you? Bring your son here."*

*But as the boy approached, the demon knocked him down and threw him into convulsions. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.*

*And everybody was astounded at the majesty of God.*

**SERMON**

Knowing Peace

John Shuck

**\*HYMN**

When Peace Like A River

#840

**\*AFFIRMATION OF LIFE**

Qur'an 9:72

**God has promised the believing men and women gardens beneath which rivers flow to abide therein forever, and excellent mansions in the gardens of Eden. But the good-will of God is the greatest; that is the grand achievement.**

**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**

**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, the power,  
And the glory forever.  
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**

When We Are Living

#822

**\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*MUSIC FOR LEAVING**