

Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

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

FOR REFLECTION

"Our choice is to be in love or to be in fear. But to choose to be in love means to have a mountain inside of you, means to have the heart of the world inside you, means you will feel another's suffering inside your own body and you will weep. You will have no protection from the world's pain because it will be your own."

--China Galland

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** In Flanders Fields

John McRae¹

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

**We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**

***HYMN** For All the Saints

#326

***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 "All the Species That Went Extinct in 2018, and Ones on the Brink for 2019"
--Drew McFarlaneⁱⁱ

In 2018, scientists announced that three bird species vanished from the Earth for good, and more species on the brink could disappear forever in 2019.

Dissimilar to mass extinctions in the past, our current extinction crisis is almost solely caused by humans — specifically activities that cause loss of habitat, introduce alien species and contribute to the changing climate.

While last year in particular didn't see much wildlife extinction, the Earth is losing animal species at 1,000 to 10,000 times the natural rate, and as many as 30 to 50 percent of the planet's species may be extinct by 2050, the Center for Biological Diversity describes. The natural rate is around one to five species lost each year.

"Our planet is now in the midst of its sixth mass extinction of plants and animals — the sixth wave of extinctions in the past half-billion years," the center stated. "We're currently experiencing the worst spate of species die-offs since the loss of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago."

Here is a list of the species that we lost last year, and some that we're on the brink of losing:

Po'ouli

A small songbird native to Hawaii, the Po'ouli was discovered over 45 years ago. In 1981, its population topped some 150 birds, but saw a decline driven by invasive alien species, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Habitat destruction by feral pigs, being hunted by mongooses, cats and rats, mosquito-spread diseases and competition with birds introduced in the area all were factors in the Po'ouli's extinction.

The last wild sighting of Hawaii's Po'ouli was in 2004, according to BirdLife International.

Alagoas Foliage-gleaner and Cryptic Treehunter

A pair of songbirds, the similar species called a sliver of the dense forest in northeastern Brazil home before deforestation ran wild in the region. The Alagoas Foliage-gleaner was discovered in 1975,...and it wasn't until 2002 that researchers discovered the Cryptic Treehunter was a new species of its own.

When the treehunter was discovered, it was immediately placed into the "Critically Endangered" category, like other unique birds in the region.

The last sighting of the Cryptic Treehunter was in 2007, while the Alagoas Foliage-gleaner was last seen in 2011.

Spix's Macaw

The list's most vibrant bird, Spix's Macaw — a blue parrot native to Brazil and known for its onscreen role in 20th Century Fox's "Rio" — is believed to have gone extinct in the wild.

The creation of a dam, trapping for trade and deforestation drove the decline in the Spix's Macaw wild population, but an estimated 60 to 80 still live in captivity.

A 2016 sighting brought hope that the then-critically endangered species was still alive in the wild, but it was later believed to be one that escaped captivity.

On the Brink

Vaquita

Discovered in 1958, the vaquita is the world's rarest marine mammal and could go extinct any day, according to the World Wildlife Foundation. A small porpoise, the vaquita is the smallest cetacean species and calls the northern Gulf of California home.

The vaquita's decline in population largely stems from being caught and drowned in illegal gillnet fishing equipment.

Vaquita are the only of seven porpoise species that live in warm waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean, sporting dark circles around their eyes and mouth.

Less than 30 vaquita remain in the wild.

Northern White Rhino

In March 2018, Sudan, the last remaining male northern white rhino, died at the age of 45. With Sudan's passing, the total number remaining northern white rhinos dropped to just two — both of which are female and incapable of natural reproduction, according to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya.

Scientists have found that assisted reproduction is possible, but the fate of the subspecies relies on expensive and difficult procedures never before used in rhinos.

[According to the World Wildlife Foundation], the population's decline was caused by extensive poaching for their horns.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

READING

John 14:22-29

Judas (not Iscariot) says to him, "Master, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us but not to the world?"

Jesus replied to him, "Those who love me will heed what I tell them, and my Father will love them, and we'll come to them and make our home with them. Those who don't love me won't obey my words. Of course, the things you heard me say are not mine but come from the Father who sent me.

I have told you these things while I am still here with you. Yet the advocate, the spirit the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything I told you. Peace is what I leave behind for you; my peace is what I give you. What I give you is not a worldly gift. Don't give in to your distress or be overcome by terror. You heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and I'm going to return to you.' If you loved me, you'd be glad that I'm going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am. I have now told you all this ahead of time so you will believe when it happens.

SERMON

Memory and Hope

John Shuck

***HYMN**

The Summons

#726

***INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Introductions

Deacon Class of 2022

Suzanne Angelo (renewing)

Judy Yeakey (renewing)

Jean Wakefield (ordained and installed)

Kate Nelson (installed)

Linda Ingala (installed)

2021 Molly Cherry (installed to fill 2 year vacancy)

Session Class of 2022:

Dave Pierce (renewing)
Mary Gehr (renewing)
Pam Brown (ordained and installed)
Kristin Moreno (ordained and installed)
Karen Butler (installed)

2021 Kathie Huddleston (installed to fill 2 year vacancy)

Questions to Officers and Congregation Prayer

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").

TOLLING OF THE BELL AND REMEMBERING THE NAMES

(We remember service women and service men who have died in service to their countries and to their ideals. In addition, we remember non-violent peacemakers and truth-tellers and we remember others close to us. We also remember animals and plants and in particular those species of life that have gone extinct. After the names are read, the microphone will be passed throughout the sanctuary for you to add a name).

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Po'ouli
Alagoas Foliage-gleaner
Cryptic Treehunter
Spix's Macaw
Vaquita
Northern White Rhino

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Sylvan Kamnens and Rabbi Jack

Riemerⁱⁱⁱ

At the rising of the sun and at its going down

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;

for they are now a part of us

as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;

for they are now a part of us

as we remember them.

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

Chancel 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.

***PRAYER OF THANKS**

***HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

#36

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

ⁱ John McCrae, a Canadian doctor and teacher who is best known for his memorial poem “In Flanders Fields,” was born on November 30, 1872, in Guelph, Ontario.

<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/flanders-fields>

ⁱⁱ <https://weather.com/science/environment/news/2019-01-02-extinct-animal-species-2018>

ⁱⁱⁱ “We Remember Them” Jewish Prayer Book. <http://hmd.org.uk/resources/poetry/we-remember-them-sylvan-kamens-rabbi-jack-riemer>