

Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

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

FOR REFLECTION

*Out of a great need we are all holding hands and climbing. Not loving is a letting go.
Listen, the terrain around here is far too dangerous for that.*

--Hafiz

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rumi

I called through your door,
"The mystics are gathering in the street. Come out!"

"Leave me alone. I'm sick."

"I don't care if you're dead!
Jesus is here, and he wants to resurrect somebody!"

*HYMN

I Will Come to You

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*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

Amos 8:1-8

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. 2He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,'

*says the Lord God;
'the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!'*

*4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
5 saying, 'When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
6 buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'*

*7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
8 Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?*

READING

Qur'an 5:8

O you who believe! Be always upright for God, bearing witness to justice, and do not let the hatred of a people incite you not to act equitably; act equitably, that is nearer to piety; fear God, verily God is fully aware of all what you do.

READING

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went along, he came to this village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. And she had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Master's feet and listened to his words. But Martha kept getting distracted because she was doing all the serving. So she went up to Jesus and said, "Master, doesn't it matter to you that my sister has left me with all the serving? Tell her to give me a hand!"

But the Master answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about a lot of things. But only one thing is necessary. Mary has made the better choice and it's something she will never lose."

READING

sisters

lucille clifton

*me and you be sisters.
we be the same.
me and you
coming from the same place.*

*me and you
be greasing our legs
touching up our edges.
me and you
be scared of rats
be stepping on roaches.
me and you
come running high down purdy street one time
and mama laugh and shake her head at
me and you.
me and you
got babies
got thirty-five
got black
let our hair go back
be loving ourselves
be loving ourselves
be sisters.
only where you sing,
I poet.*

SERMON

Martha, Martha, Martha!

John Shuck

***HYMN**

For All the Faithful Women

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***AFFIRMATION OF LIFE**

The Lunatic

Caitlin Johnstone

**Buried under an Everest of leather straps
Fastened tightly and bolted to steel,
The madman grins
And sings of peace**

TIME FOR MEDITATION AND NAMING

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").

CORPORATE PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

New Zealand Prayerbook

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

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

Harriet Adkins

***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.
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***PRAYER OF THANKS**

***HYMN**

Heaven Shall Not Wait

#773

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**