

Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

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

FOR REFLECTION

*It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work,
and when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.*

--Wendell Berry

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

For Courage

John O'Donohue

When the light around you lessens
And your thoughts darken until
Your body feels fear turn
Cold as a stone inside

When you find yourself bereft
Of any belief in yourself
And all you unknowingly
Leaned on has fallen

When one voice commands
Your whole heart,
And it is raven dark,

Steady yourself and see
That it is your own thinking
That darkens your world

**Search and you will find
A diamond-thought of light,**

**Know that you are not alone
And that this darkness has purpose
Gradually it will school your eyes
To find the one gift your life requires
Hidden within this night-corner.**

Invoke the learning

Of every suffering
You have suffered.

Close your eyes
Gather all the kindling
About your heart
To create one spark.
That is all you need
To nourish the flame
That will cleanse the dark
Of its weight of festered fear.

**A new confidence will come alive
To urge you towards higher ground
Where your imagination
Will learn to engage difficulty
As its most rewarding threshold!**

***HYMN**

Seek Ye First

#175

***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

Psalms 85:10-13

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Justice and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
And justice will look down from the sky.*

*The Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its increase.
Justice will go before them,
And will make a path for their steps.*

READING

Daylight (ad-Duha) Surah 93

Qur'an

In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

*By the bright morning light,
By the light when it darkens:
Your Lord (O Muhammad) has not forsaken you,
nor has the Lord been displeased with you!
Verily the end is better for you than the beginning,
And soon your Lord will grant you till you are well-pleased.
Did God not find you an orphan and sheltered you?
And God found you in loss and guided you?
And God found you in need and made you independent?
So do not oppress the orphan,
And as to the beggar, do not chide him:
And as to the bounties of your Lord, announce them to others.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adagio and Vivace from Sonata for Flute C.P.E. Bach
Ross Miller and Matt Thompson-Aue

READING

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

SERMON One Egg Please, Hold the Scorpion John Shuck

***HYMN** When We Are Tested #783

***AFFIRMATION OF LIFE** Guidance Joyce Rupp

**Trusted Guide,
you are my Mentor, my Inspiration,
my Home of good choices and decisions.
You help me to search with confidence
as I find my way to inner peace.**

**Please gather your wisdom around me.
Guide me carefully as I make choices
about how to use my energy positively.
Place your discerning touch on my mind
so that I will think clearly.
Place your loving fingers on my heart
so I will be more fully attentive
to what is really of value.**

**Teach me how to hear your voice,
to be aware of what is in my mind and heart,
to attend to your wisdom in those around me,
to acknowledge my intuitions and ponder my dreams,
to listen to the earth and all of life,
for in each piece of my existence you are guiding me.**

**Guide of my life,
thank you for all you have given to me.
Reveal my spiritual path
and direct me in the living of it.
Lead me to inner peace and oneness with you.**

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 Selection from Tango Etudes for Flute by Astor Piazzolla
Ross Miller and Matt Thompson-Aue

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

***HYMN** For the Bread which You Have Broken #516

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**