

# Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

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

## FOR REFLECTION

*"...the doctrine of the Trinity means that creation, saving revelation, and sanctification are brought about by one and the same God, operating in one and the same way—the way of love, which is the way of persuasion, not coercive force."*

*--David Ray Griffin*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hafiz

**How  
Did the rose  
Ever open its heart**

**And give to this world  
All its  
Beauty?**

**It felt the encouragement of light  
Against its  
Being,**

**Otherwise,  
We all remain  
Too  
Frightened.**

### \*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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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**

Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

*Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
'To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.*

*The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**READING**

John 16:12-15

*I still have a lot to tell you, but you can't handle it just now. When the advocate comes, the spirit of truth, he will guide you to the complete truth. he will not speak on his own authority, but will tell only what he hears and will disclose to you what is going to happen. He will glorify me because he will disclose to you what he gets from. Me.*

*Everything the father has belongs to me that's why I told you, 'He will disclose to you what he gets from me.' After a time you won't see me anymore, and then again a little later you will see me."*

**READING**

Qur'an Surah 97

*In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful.*

*Verily we revealed it (Qur'an) in the Night of Qadr (Power).*

*What can make you know what the Night of Qadr is?*

*The Night Qadr is better than a thousand months,*

*The angels and the spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord  
with decrees of all affairs.*

*Peace is the whole Night till dawn-break.*

**SERMON**

The Trinity: The Church's Parable for God

John Shuck

**\*HYMN**

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF LIFE**

Father Earth

Clarissa Pinkola Estes<sup>ii</sup>

**There's a two-million year old man**

**No one knows.**

**They cut into his rivers**

**Peeled wide pieces of hide**

**From his legs**

**Left scorch marks**

**On his buttocks.**

**He did not cry out.**

**No matter what they did, he held firm.**

**Now he raises his stabbed hands  
and whispers that we can heal him yet.**

**We begin with bandages,**

**The rolls of gauze,**

**The unguents, the gut,**

**The needle, the grafts.**

**We slowly, carefully turn his body**

**Face up,**

**And under him,**

**His lifelong lover, the old woman,**

**Is perfect and unmarked**

**He has laid upon**

**His two-million year old woman**

**All this time, protecting her**

**With his old back, his old scarred back.**

**And the soil beneath her**

**Is black with her tears.**

**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**

A Modern Lord's Prayer

Katherine Lyddon<sup>iii</sup>

**God, who made the earth, sky, sea,  
planets, stars, animals and people.**

**You are pretty amazing.**

**Help us to look after the world,  
be kind and respectful to others and,  
help us all to reach our full potential.**

**Provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless,  
friends for the lonely and healing for those who are not very well.**

**Help us to say sorry when we have hurt others,  
and to not hold grudges to those who have hurt or upset us.**

**Help us always, to try and do what is right  
and not to be led into things that make you and others sad.**

**With your help, all things are possible,  
today, tomorrow, next week and for ever.**

**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.**

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKS**

**\*HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River

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**\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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<sup>i</sup> David Ray Griffin, *Two Great Truths: A New Synthesis of Scientific Naturalis and Christian Faith* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004), pp. 104-5.

<sup>ii</sup> Matthew Fox, *The Hidden Spirituality of Men: Ten Metaphors to Awaken the Sacred Masculine* (Navato, CA: New World, 2008), p. 182

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.slideshare.net/katherinelyddon/a-modern-lords-prayer>