

Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

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

FOR REFLECTION

*We are the night ocean filled
With glints of light. We are the space
Between the fish and the moon,
While we sit here together.
--Rumi*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

*HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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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

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

READING

Qur'an 8:27-30

O you who believe! Betray not God and the Messenger, and betray not your trusts knowingly. And know that your property and your children are only a trial, and that God—with Him is a great reward. O you who believe! If you reverence God, He will make for you a criterion, and absolve you of your evil deeds, and forgive you. And God is possessed of tremendous bounty. And remember when those who disbelieve plotted against thee, to capture thee, or to slay thee, or to expel thee. They plotted, and God plotted. And God is the best of plotters.

READING

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

But Jesus said to him, "Mister, who appointed me your judge or arbiter?"

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on guard against greed in all its forms; after all, possessions, even in abundance, don't guarantee you life."

Then he told them a parable:

There was a rich man whose field produced a bumper crop. "What do I do now?" he

asked himself, "since I don't have any place to store my crops. I know!" he said. "I'll tear down my barns and build larger ones so I can store all my grain and my goods. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty put away for years to come. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you. All this stuff you've collected—whose will it be now?"

That's the way it is with those who save up for themselves, but aren't rich where God is concerned.

SERMON

The Best of Plotters

John Shuck

***HYMN**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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

"Bethena - A Concert Waltz" by Scott Joplin
Sandy Ruff 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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Welcome

Hafiz

*Just sit there right now.
Don't do a thing.
Just rest.*

*For your separation from God
Is the hardest work in this world.*

*Let me bring you trays of food
And something
That you like to drink.*

*You can use my soft words
As a cushion
For your*

Head.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

To My Son

Unknownⁱ

I will not say to you, "This is the Way; walk in it."

For I do not know your way or where the Spirit may call you.

It may be to paths I have never trod or ships on the sea leading to
unimagined lands afar,

Or haply, to a star!

Or yet again

Through dark and perilous places racked with pain and full of fear

Your road may lead you far away from me or near—

I cannot guess or guide, but only stand aside.

Just this I say:

I know for every truth there is a way for each to walk, a right for
each to choose, a truth to use.

And though you wander far, your soul will know that true path when
you find it.

Therefore, go!

I will fear nothing for you day or night!

I will not grieve at all because your light is called by some new name;

Truth is the same!

It matters nothing to call it star or sun—

All light is one.

Words of Institution

from the Didacheⁱⁱ

Concerning the cup:

**We thank you, our Father and Mother, for the holy vine of David your
servant, which You made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be
the glory forever.**

And concerning the broken bread:

**We thank you, our Father and Mother, for the life and knowledge which You
made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory forever.
Even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered
together and became one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the
ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power
through Jesus Christ forever.**

Partaking in the Bread and Cup

*(All are welcome. No exceptions. Come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and
partake in the bread and cup. Join the circle around the sanctuary to honor the Spirit of*

Love that transforms us into community).

***CLOSING SONG**

“Ubi Caritas” – (sing four times)

Ubi caritas

Et amore

Ubi caritas

Deus ibi est

(“Where there is love and kindness, there is God”).

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ⁱ Hazel Felleman, ed., *Poems That Live Forever* (New York: Doubleday, 1965), p. 338.

ⁱⁱ The Didache, discovered in 1883, is an ancient Christian worship resource.
<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-roberts.html>