

## Order of Worship

*\*All who are able please stand*

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

### FOR REFLECTION

*But I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things.*

*--Vincent van Gogh*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Qur'an 93 al-Duha, The Morning Brightness

By the morning brightness, and by the night when still,  
Thy Lord has not forsaken thee; nor does God despise.  
And hereafter shall be better for thee than this life.

**And surely thy Lord shall give unto thee,  
and thou shalt be content.**

Did God not find thee an orphan and shelter,  
find thee astray and guide,  
and find thee in need and enrich?

**So as for the orphan, scorn not.**

**And as for one who requests, repel not.**

**And as for the blessing of thy Lord, proclaim!**

#### **\*HYMN**

Let Us Build a House

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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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the*

*king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;*

*Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.*

*And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.*

## **READING**

Luke 16:19-31

*'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the*

*dead."*

**ANTHEM**                      Poor Man Lazarus                      Chancel Choir

**SERMON**                      While It's Still Not Too Late                      John Shuck

**\*HYMN**                      Touch the Earth Lightly                      #713

**\*AFFIRMATION OF LIFE**                      Buddha from the *Dhammapada*

**Do not consider the faults of others  
Or what they have or haven't done.  
Consider rather  
What you yourself have or haven't done.**

**Like a beautiful flower,  
Brightly colored but lacking scent,  
So are well-spoken words  
Fruitless when not carried out.**

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Brightly colored and with scent,  
So are well-spoken words  
Fruitful when carried out.**

#### **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**

**\*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**

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**