



SOUTHMINSTER
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 16 2021

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

"I've been looking forward to this day for what seems like forever...."

Dear "Virtual" Southminster Members,

Here we go! I've been looking forward to this day for what seems like forever. I'm all moved in, a citizen of Beaverton, and, can you believe it, I can walk to the library and the Farmer's Market? How great is that?

For the very first time, let me invite you to worship this morning where we are welcoming special guest pianist and musician, Michael Hawkins. In the last few weeks I've planned sermons based on texts from the Revised Common Lectionary through the end of June. The Biblical reading is a familiar word of Jesus from the gospel of John, and the supplemental reading is a marvelous excerpt about what freedom is and isn't from Tricycle, a popular Buddhist 'zine you may know.

Look for me to be somewhat personal and forthcoming in today's sermon as a way of breaking the ice as we begin to get acquainted at this special place called Southminster.

At the conclusion of today's service, Pastor Don and I will be outside for fellowship and introductions. I look forward to meeting more of you, and visiting with those of you I have already met.

Grace, and Peace, too,

Pastor Scott



MEET PASTOR SCOTT

Get acquainted with Pastor Scott -- Monday morning (tomorrow) from 9:00am to 11:00am. Stop by the outdoor seating area on SW Watson and 1st in downtown Beaverton (by Lionheart Coffee.)

Scott will be there to visit with anyone who wants to sit down and chat.

ABOUT RESERVATIONS

An email with a link to the upcoming Sunday service will be sent each Monday. If you have questions or need help making a reservation, please call Lisa at 503.644.2073 and she will get you on the list!

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig
Choir Director: Jason Sabino
Handbell Choir Director: Dan Anajovich
Administrative Assist: Lisa McQuilliam

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - typically 8am-noon
Tuesday - Thursday: typically 8am - 5pm, with a lunch closure 11:30-1:30
Friday: typically 11am - 3pm

HOW TO REACH US

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Prelude: Michael Hawkins on Piano
- Today's worship on website tomorrow
 - Reopening Task Force Update
 - Pastor Scott Come 'n Go Monday 9-11am
 - Stay tuned for updates on Karen Wittenburg's memorial service
 - Farm Day Sunday, May 23

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Flowers provided by Barbara Walker

LAY READER

Diane Bender

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Joseph Campbell

“It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life. Where you stumble there lies your treasure. The very cave you are afraid to enter turns out to be the source of what you are looking for.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:
May our joy be complete!
Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all
to teach us a fresh way of living:
Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join forces.:
No longer servants but friends!
Come, let us worship,
Rejoicing in the grace of God.

OPENING HYMN

#760 "Bring Many Names" by Brian Wren

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering by Diane Bender

There are so many exciting ways that God is working through each of us and in this community. As we consider our receiving and our giving to the works of ministry in this place and in the world, may we remember that we belong to God. Let us sing...

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbells: "Aria" by Cynthia Dobrinski

GOSPEL READING

Revised Common Lectionary John 15:9-16

“As God loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept God’s commandments and remain in God’s love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don’t call you servants any longer, because servants don’t know what their master is doing.

Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from God I have made known to you. You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last.

THEME READING

"Getting Free" by Ram Dass

“I would say that the thrust of my life has been initially about getting free, and then realizing that my freedom is not independent of everybody else. Then I am arriving at that circle where one works on oneself as a gift to other people so that one doesn't create more suffering. I help people as a work on myself and I work on myself to help people.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

#247 "Now The Green Blade Rises" by the Virtual Chancel Choir

SERMON

"Choosing vs. Chosen" - Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#340 "This Is My Song" by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

GUIDED MEDITATION & PRAYER

CORPORATE PRAYER

written by John Shimminger 2014

Creator God, you are the Spirit and Breath of the Universe. You are the Center towards whom we journey and the Way leading to wholeness. We see your world of abundance and blessing all around us. We hear your call to be your eyes, your ears, your hands, to experience this creation and care for it, expressing our wonder in thankfulness and praise.

We come together as a community of faith and compassion. We open our hearts and minds to you. Come, inspire us, dwell with us, and make us one in your Spirit.

A-men.

CLOSING SONG

"Shalom My Friends" by Tarris Rosell

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Zoom participants are invited to stay in the room for a few minutes to connect with one another. In person participants, please exit the building and visit (and maintain physical distancing) outside.

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JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY WHEN WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME THE CHILDREN BACK TO CHURCH!

Next Sunday is Farm Fun Day at Southminster. There will be a special children's message, followed by a time to meet animals, play games, eat donuts!