

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

Prelude: Madi Zuro

- Reopening Task Force Update
- Pastor Scott Come 'n Go tomorrow (July 5) 9-11am at SW Watson and First St.
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: *In Defense of Kindness...*
- Families this summer - something for Children & Youth every Sunday except TODAY
- Save the date: All church picnic July 25 at noon - Shiffler Park AND the Rummage Sale August 5-7. Donations now being accepted.

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Louis Payne

Pianist: Madi Zuro

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Viet Thanh Nguyen, The Sympathizer

“A person’s strength is always his weakness, and vice versa.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Hawker

Those who want to save their lives **have good health insurance, pay their bills on time, exercise and eat right.**

Those who want to save their lives will lose them.

Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God

who abandon the world's values, who live generously and faithfully, who listen to a voice beyond.

Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God will find life.

May we learn the value of loss.

May we know the value of life. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory #307

SUNG RESPONSIVE CHORUS

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.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Common English Bible

I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. I don't know whether it was in the body or out of the body. God knows. I know that this man was caught up into paradise and that he heard unspeakable words that were things no one is allowed to repeat. I don't know whether it was in the body or apart from the body. God knows. I'll brag

about this man, but I won't brag about myself, except to brag about my weaknesses.

If I did want to brag, I wouldn't make a fool of myself because I'd tell the truth. I'm holding back from bragging so that no one will give me any more credit than what anyone sees or hears about me. I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited.

I pleaded with God three times for it to leave me alone. God said to me, “My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness.” So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore, I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

THEME READING

Anthon St. Maarten

“Highly sensitive people are too often perceived as weaklings or damaged goods. To feel intensely is not a symptom of weakness, it is the trademark of the truly alive and compassionate. It is not the empath who is broken, it is society that has become dysfunctional and emotionally disabled. Those who are at times described as being a 'hot mess' or having 'too many issues' are the very fabric of what keeps the dream alive for a more caring, humane world.”

SERMON

"The Supple Sail of Faith"

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

God of the Sparrow #22

CORPORATE PRAYER

a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration. May Your light be experienced in our hearts.

Your Heavenly Domain approaches. Let Your will come true - in the universe and on earth. Give us wisdom for our daily needs, detach the fetters of faults that bind us, as we do our best to let go of the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things, but let us be freed from that which keeps us from our true purpose. From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth, confirm it in this, your community.

*CLOSING SONG

"Shalom, My Friends" by Tarris Rosell

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

On Zoom or outside!