

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand
Prelude

- Southminster Reads 2021 book: *In Defense of Kindness...*
- *Families this summer - something every Sunday!*
- *Rummage Sale: August 5-7. Volunteers and donations needed!*
- *Music over the summer opportunities*

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Aleta Parker

Pianist: Madi Zuro

Flowers: Aleta Parker

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Fran Lebowitz, *The Fran Lebowitz Reader*

“Think before you speak. Read before you think.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
a life filled with service and meekness.

**We come to build up this community,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love,
a life of peace grounded in the Spirit.**

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
a life worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.

**We gather as God's family
at the Table prepared for us,
waiting to be fed the Bread of life.**

*OPENING HYMN

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table
#769

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children & Youth are dismissed for
outside programming.

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.

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GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16 Revised Common
Lectionary

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg
you to lead a life worthy of the calling to
which you have been called, with all
humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love, making
every effort to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one
body and one Spirit, just as you were
called to the one hope of your calling, one
Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and
Parent of all, who is above all and through
all and in all.

We must no longer be children, tossed to
and fro and blown about by every wind of
doctrine, by people's trickery, by their
craftiness in deceitful scheming. But
speaking the truth in love, we must grow
up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ, from whom the whole body,
joined and knit together by every
ligament with which it is equipped, as
each part is working properly, promotes
the body's growth in building itself up in
love.

THEME READING

Rev. Jim Petersen, Pastor Emeritus

The word communication derives from
the root "to commune." It has at least two
levels - sharing information and
connecting with others. For the spiritually
minded, overtones of "to commune"
suggest that people connect with each
other and with whatever is basic to our
humanity at a level deeper than thought.
It brings to mind the adage - "you can't be
human alone." There is something in
community that has the power to make
us whole. Many approaches to psychology
affirm this with different language by
suggesting that unconditional
acceptance by the therapist supports
growth and change in the counselee. I
have been touched and have grown when
real people listened to me that way.

SERMON

Q & A with Rev. Jim Petersen, Pastor
Emeritus

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Gehr

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

-Invitation to the Table
-Breaking of the Bread
-Sharing the Elements
-Prayer of Thanksgiving
-Jesus Prayer

O God, our Divine Parent, may your
presence be ever revered. May your
peace and justice dwell among us. May
your love and compassion live within and
between us. Nourish us daily with the
necessities of life; sustenance for our
bodies, and inspiration for our spirits. And
may the forgiveness we give be that
which we receive; the kindness we show
be that which we perceive. Lead us on
virtuous paths, and distance us from evil.
For your world is our world, and your
reign our reign; then, now, and always. A-
men.

*COMMUNION HYMN

Let It Be Paul McCartney

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Join Pastor Scott, Pastor Don, and Rev.
Jim Petersen in the Petersen Gallery for
coffee and fellowship.