

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*For those who are able, please stand  
Prelude

- Pastor Scott Come 'n Go tomorrow 630pm-8pm SW Watson and 1st
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: *In Defense of Kindness...*
- *Something every Sunday this summer for Children and Youth.*
- *Save the date: All church picnic July 25 at noon - Schiffler Park.*
- *Rummage Sale: August 5-7.*
- *Women's Retreat: April 29-May 1, 2022*

## CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Brent Jacobs

Pianist: Michael Hawkins & Calvin Taylor

Flowers: Sandy Ruff

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Jack Kerouac

"There's nothing to be afraid of and nothing to be glad about. I know this from staring at mountains months on end. They never show any expression, they are like empty space. Do you think the emptiness of space will ever crumble away? Mountains will crumble, but the emptiness of space, which is the one universal essence of mind, the vast awakenerhood, empty and awake, will never crumble away because it was never born."

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Hawker

We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy.

**We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death.

**We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share.**

We come clinging to our meager lunches;

**bless them, and us. break them, and us. share them, and us.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #803

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

Mark 6:30-44 Common English Bible

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

Late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place, and it's already late in the day. Send them away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something to eat for themselves."

He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said to him, "Should we go off and buy bread worth almost eight months' pay[a] and give it to them to eat?"

He said to them, "How much bread do you have? Take a look."

After checking, they said, "Five loaves of bread and two fish."

He directed the disciples to seat all the people in groups as though they were having a banquet on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Everyone ate until they were full. They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. About five thousand had eaten.

## THEME READING

from the Tao Te Ching

Fill your bowl to the brim and it will spill.  
Keep sharpening your knife and it will blunt.  
Chase after money and security and your heart will never unclench.  
Care about people's approval and you will be their prisoner.

Do your work, then step back.  
[This is] the only path to serenity

## SERMON

WHEN WE FEEL INADEQUATE:

The Miracle of Emptiness

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## \*RESPONSIVE HYMN

When Israel Was In Egypt's Land #52

## 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 for light coffee in the Petersen Gallery!