

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*For those who are able, please stand

Prelude

- Pastor Scott Come 'n Go tomorrow 630pm-8pm at SW Watson and 1st
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: *In Defense of Kindness...*
- ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT NOON - Schiffler Park. Maps are available.
- Rummage Sale: August 5-7.
- Music over the summer opportunities

## CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Kay Gifford

Pianist: Madi Zuro

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Peter Kreeft

“The most total opposite of pleasure is not pain but boredom, for we are willing to risk pain to make a boring life interesting.”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Prewer

We come here today not because we are clever

but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,

**and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ’s school.**

O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts

**and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken #664

## 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. We belong to God. We belong to God. We belong to God.**

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 6:30-44 Common English Bible

In the spring, when kings go off to war, David sent Joab, along with his servants and all the Israelites, and they destroyed the Ammonites, attacking the city of Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

One evening, David got up from his couch and was pacing back and forth on the roof of the palace. From the roof he

saw a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone and inquired about the woman. The report came back: “Isn’t this Eliam’s daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” So David sent messengers to take her. When she came to him, he had sex with her. (Now she had been purifying herself after her monthly period.) Then she returned home. The woman conceived and sent word to David.

“I’m pregnant,” she said.

Then David sent a message to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” So Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked about the welfare of Joab and the army and how the battle was going. Then David told Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.”

Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. However, Uriah slept at the palace entrance with all his master’s servants. He didn’t go down to his own house. David was told, “Uriah didn’t go down to his own house,” so David asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just returned from a journey? Why didn’t you go home?”

“The chest and Israel and Judah are all living in tents,” Uriah told David. “And my master Joab and my master’s troops are camping in the open field. How could I go home and eat, drink, and have sex with my wife? I swear on your very life, I will not do that!”

Then David told Uriah, “Stay here one more day. Tomorrow I’ll send you back.”

So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day. The next day David called for him, and he ate and drank, and David got him drunk. In the evening Uriah went out to sleep in the same place, alongside his master’s servants, but he did not go down to his own home.

The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. He wrote in the letter, “Place Uriah at the front of the fiercest battle, and then pull back from him so that he will be struck down and die.”

## THEME READING

Arthur Schopenhauer

Boredom is just the reverse side of fascination: both depend on being outside rather than inside a situation, and one leads to the other.

## SERMON

Looking Life in the Eye  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## \*RESPONSIVE HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah #65

## 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

Guide My Feet #741

## \*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

## FELLOWSHIP

Join us at Schiffler Park at noon! There’s a BBQ, fellowship, food to share and a reacquainting of friends new and old!

-BYO chair if you would like. There will be some picnic table seating.  
-Bring food to share for 8 people.  
-In an attempt to be earth friendly we are asking people to bring their own cups or drinks. We will provide lemonade, water, and sweet tea.  
-Limited street parking near the picnic shelter. You may want to carpool. A map of parking options will be available and youth will help carry your stuff.