

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand
Prelude

- The Reopening Task Force is strongly encouraging those who participate in indoor church activities to wear a mask.
- Please sign the Friendship Pads.
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: *In Defense of Kindness...*
- Families this summer - something every Sunday!
- Youth Sunday is August 22
- Welcome Back Sunday: September 12

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Matt Schulze

Keyboardists: Dan Rasmussen and

Michael Hawkins

Flowers:

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Mark Twain

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority it is time to pause and reflect.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Loving

Come, let us delight in the wisdom of our Creator.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

*OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham #49

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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HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 3:3-14

-Now Solomon loved God by walking in the laws of his father David, with the exception that he also sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines.

-The king went to the great shrine at Gibeon in order to sacrifice there. He used to offer a thousand entirely burned offerings on that altar. The Lord appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask whatever you wish, and I’ll give it to you.”

-Solomon responded, “You showed so much kindness to your servant my father David when he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and with a heart true to you. You’ve kept this great loyalty and kindness for him and have now given him a son to sit on his throne. And now, Lord

my God, you have made me, your servant, king in my father David’s place. But I’m young and inexperienced. I know next to nothing. But I’m here, your servant, in the middle of the people you have chosen, a large population that can’t be numbered or counted due to its vast size. Please give your servant a discerning mind in order to govern your people and to distinguish good from evil, because no one is able to govern this important people of yours without your help.”

-It pleased the Lord that Solomon had made this request. God said to him, “Because you have asked for this instead of requesting long life, wealth, or victory over your enemies—asking for discernment so as to acquire good judgment—I will now do just what you said. Look, I hereby give you a wise and understanding mind. There has been no one like you before now, nor will there be anyone like you afterward. I now also give you what you didn’t ask for: wealth and fame. There won’t be a king like you as long as you live. And if you walk in my ways and obey my laws and commands, just as your father David did, then I will give you a very long life.”

THEME READING

Virginia Woolfe, “Mrs. Dalloway”

The compensation of growing old, Peter Walsh thought, coming out of Regent’s Park, and holding his hat in hand, was simply this: that the passions remain as strong as ever, but one had gained -- at last!-- the power of taking hold of experience, of turning it round slowly, in the light.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sandy Ruff and Michael Hawkins
The Lord’s Prayer by Albert Malotte

SERMON

Sitting at the Feet of Your Own Life
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore #721

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 HYMN

Guide My Feet #741

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP