

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*For those who are able, please stand

- Please wear masks inside and outside.
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: In Defense of Kindness...
- Sunday Starter returns September 26 at a new time - 8:45am.
- Please sign Friendship Pads.

## CENTERING & LIGHTING

### CANDLES

Lay Reader: Cindy Bartholomew

Pianist: Madi Zuro

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"I need you in order to be me, and you need me in order to be you."

The Zulu Philosophy of Ubuntu

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Eliza Buchakjian

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.

**What does God command of us?**

**To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as  
ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.

**Let us worship the God who  
believes in us,  
and trusts in us, and abides with us.  
Let us worship the God who will  
ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of  
the way.**

\*OPENING HYMN

My Lord What a Morning

#352

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

**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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## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-30 (NIV)

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

## THEME READING

Dean Koontz

"None of us can ever save himself; we are the instruments of one another's salvation, and only by the hope that we give to others do we lift ourselves out of the darkness into light."

## SERMON

Desperate Measures

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy  
#435

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



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