

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*For those who are able, please stand

- So sorry to have to mention this, but for the safety of all, please do not sing in the sanctuary.
- Test the Waters class
- Grubby Saturday is happening the 25th at 9am.
- Sunday Starter returns September 26 at a new time - 8:45am.

## CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Sue Warninghoff

Pianist: Madi Zuro

Flowers:

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Roy T. Bennett,  
The Light in the Heart

“Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people.”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Hawker

The first shall be last.

**We come to worship as we are.**

The last shall be first.

**We come with confidence.**

The first shall be last.

**We come with questions.**

The last shall be first.

**We come burdened by failure.**

The first shall be last.

**We come celebrating success.**

The last shall be first.

**We come fearful of the future.**

The first shall be last

and the last shall be first

**and a little child shall lead them.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus #630

*(please don't sing in the sanctuary)*

## 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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## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:33-37 (CEB)

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about during the journey?” They didn’t respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one

of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

## THEME READING

Bruce Reyes-Chow

“Risk stepping into the mess because, more times than not, on the other side of the tension there are new beginnings, strengthened relationships, and the knowledge that conflict is not something to avoid, but a means to a deeper, stronger, and kinder world.”

## SPECIAL MUSIC

A Simple Celebration by Brian Johnson

Southminster Handbell Choir

directed by Dan Anajovich

## SERMON

Little Levers of Kindness

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me #775

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

A Ringer's Prayer by Judy Hunnicutt

Southminster Handbell Choir

directed by Dan Anajovich

## 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

*(please don't sing in the sanctuary)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## FELLOWSHIP

In person or on Zoom.

*Share your experience witnessing kindness and uplift others. We'll include them in the Thursday newsletter. To share your story, send it to [staff@southmin.org](mailto:staff@southmin.org).*