

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Sunday Starter is back in action.
- Sign up to bring flowers or help with coffee on Sundays.
- Please sign Friendship Pads.

CENTERING & LIGHTING
CANDLES

Lay Reader: Vicki March
Pianist: Madi Zuro
Flowers: Val Schulze

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

William Sloan Coffin

"The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As followers of Jesus, we are called to bring
a hopeful understanding of our world
declaring that God called the created universe "good."
**We are called to bring this hope in God
with us wherever we go
declaring that God makes all things new again.**
Jesus taught that we should love God
and love one another.
**Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and give thanks.**

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken #664
(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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READING FROM THE HEBREW
TESTAMENT

Psalms 73

Truly God is good to the upright,
to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant;
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pain;
their bodies are sound and sleek.

They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not plagued like other people.

Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them like a garment.

Their eyes swell out with fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.

They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.

They set their mouths against heaven,
and their tongues range over the earth.

Therefore the people turn and praise them
and find no fault in them

And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Such are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.

All in vain I have kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.

For all day long I have been plagued,
and am punished every morning.

If I had said, "I will talk on in this way,"
I would have been untrue to the circle of your

But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,

until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I perceived their end.

Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.

How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!

They are like a dream when one awakes;
on awaking you despise their phantoms.

When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

I was stupid and ignorant;
I was like a brute beast toward you.

Nevertheless I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me with honor

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

THEME READING

David Foster Wallace

"In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship—be it JC or Allah, be it YHWH or the Wiccan Mother Goddess, or the Four Noble Truths, or some inviolable set of ethical principles—is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive."

(Order of Worship continues on back...)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Road Home by Stephen Paulus
Madi Zuro, soloist

SERMON

The Critical Importance of What We Worship
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

For Everyone Born #769
(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

SERVICE OF WORLD
COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Breaking of the Bread

*COMMUNION HYMN

Ubi Caritas #205
(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wondrous Love
arr. Alice Parker / Robert Shaw
(Chancel Choir)

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Join us as we celebrate Jason and all that he has brought to Southminster.
We wish him well.

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