



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

This week: **Who Do YOU Say That I Am?** by Rev. Scott Dalgarno

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(continued)

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

JOIN US FOR

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!

Order your Kona Ice and win prizes!

STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig
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OFFICE HOURS

This week, Monday - Thursday 8am -
5pm, with two hour lunch closure

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Please hold meetings via Zoom whenever possible.
- Join us for Welcome Back Sunday after the service!
- Southminster Reads 2021 book: In Defense of Kindness...
- Grubby Saturday is happening the 25th at 9am.
- Sunday Starter returns September 26 at a new time - 8:45am.
- Please sign Friendship Pads.

CENTERING & LIGHTING
CANDLES

Lay Reader: June Carlson
Pianist: Madi Zuro
Flowers: Sue Warninghoff in honor of Grandparents Day!

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Franz Kafka on Jesus

“He is an abyss filled with light. One must close one’s eyes if one is not to fall into it.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joanna Harader

We come to worship this morning from different places.
O God, do not be far from us.
We come to worship this morning for different reasons.
O God, do not be far from us.
We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.
O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus’ words with different ears.
O God, do not be far from us.
“Deny yourselves.”
O God, do not be far from us.
“Take up your cross.”
O God, do not be far from us.
“Follow me.”
O God,
we thank you for drawing near to us
in this place,
in our lives.
Amen.

*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 8:27-38 (CEB)

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

They told him, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.”
He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”
Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.” After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

THEME READING

Thích Nhất Hạnh, Living Buddha, Living Christ

“Twenty years ago at a conference I attended of theologians and professors of religion, an Indian Christian friend told the

assembly, “We are going to hear about the beauties of several traditions, but that does not mean that we are going to make a fruit salad.” When it came my turn to speak, I said, “Fruit salad can be delicious! I have shared the Eucharist with Father Daniel Berrigan, and our worship became possible because of the sufferings we Vietnamese and Americans shared over many years.” Some of the Buddhists present were shocked to hear I had participated in the Eucharist, and many Christians seemed truly horrified. To me, religious life is life. I do not see any reason to spend one’s whole life tasting just one kind of fruit. We human beings can be nourished by the best values of many traditions.”

SERMON

Who Do YOU Say That I Am?
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. *(continues on back)*