

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

William Byrd  
Agnus Dei  
(from Mass for Four Voices)

Sung by  
Krista Schaeffer Madi Zuro  
Beatriz Abella Tim Galloway  
Jason Sabino

## 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

## THANKFULNESS

We are sad to see Jason leave his positions with us as our Choir Director and all things technical. We wish him massive luck with his new position with Beaverton School District as music teacher for all levels at Aloha-Huber School. Jason will always be welcome at Southminster. His last day is Sunday, October 3. You are invited to send financial gifts as we show our appreciation, support, and thankfulness to Jason. You can send a gift in the regular mail or drop it off at the church on or before Monday, September 27. Please address your checks to Southminster and make a note specifically "for Jason" or "Jason: in Appreciation."

## STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Scott Dalgarno  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Ludwig  
Choir Director: Jason Sabino  
Handbell Director: Dan Anajovich  
Administrative Assist: Lisa McQuilliam

## OFFICE HOURS

This week, Monday and Tuesday mornings, Wednesday-Thursday from 8am until 5pm, with two hour lunch.

## HOW TO REACH US

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# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

## Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and  
there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for  
mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of  
Zion!”  
How could we sing the Lord’s  
song  
in a foreign land?

## TODAY

### The Bible's Beginning

by Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## LAST WEEK

### Little Levers of Kindness

What acts of kindness...  
Have you practiced?  
Have you seen?  
Have scared you?  
Will you do?  
Did you receive?  
Would you like to experience?

## 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.
- 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: Cindy Bartholomew

Pianist: Madi Zuro

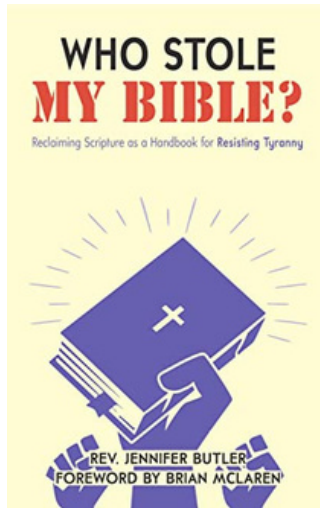
Flowers: Jennie Jacobs

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Who Stole My Bible?

By Rev. Jennifer Butler

"Scripture was written by people with often flawed perspectives, translated by people with agendas, and is preached by people with blind spots. The overarching theme of Scripture is God's intervention in history as One who hears the groans of oppressed people and acts. We understand the Bible best when we try to join that story."



## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy C. Townley

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

**Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.**

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

**In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

**Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is our God #275  
*(please don't sing in the sanctuary)*

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children and Youth are dismissed for outdoor activities.

**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

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when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.

For there our captors  
asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing the Lord's song  
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my  
mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy.

Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem's fall,  
how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down!  
Down to its foundations!"

O daughter Babylon, you devastator!  
Happy shall they be who pay you back  
what you have done to us!

Happy shall they be who take your little  
ones  
and dash them against the rock!

## THEME READING

Walter Brueggemann Ph.D

"Most people think the Bible is about personal happiness, personal well-being, being with God when you die and being privately moral. But that's not what the Bible is about. The prophets are moral teachers, but what they're talking about is public morality. You can open the books of the prophets anywhere and you'll find them talking about widows, orphans, immigrants and poor people. They talk about wages; they talk about unjust scales; they talk about the greed that skews the economy. They say that injustice will lead to destruction — it's an unavoidable message. So it's just amazing how, in our habitual reading, we have siphoned off the energy from those accent points into stuff that is less demanding and less costly."

## SPECIAL MUSIC

The 23rd Psalm by Bobby McFerrin

## SERMON

The Bible's Beginning

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of the Sparrow #22  
*(please don't sing in the sanctuary)*

*(Order of Worship continues on back)*