



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

The Spiritual Discipline of Remembrance

RESPONSIVE HYMN

We Shall Overcome #379

(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

CORPORATE PRAYER

Prayer of Reflection (based on prayer
from Gifts of Many Cultures)

-Shining, Surprising, Grace – full God,
for the times we avoid the searchlight
of your desire for us; for the times we
turn away from your dream; Forgive
us.

-For preferring the safe, the familiar
and the certain to the risky, the
unknown and mysterious future to
which you call us; Forgive us.

-For failing to believe in the dream of
justice; for allowing our own pain to fill
us with bitterness towards others;
Forgive us.

-For fearing those who are different
from ourselves and projecting onto
them what we cannot accept within
our own depths; Forgive us.
-For times we allow the hopelessness
or discouragement of our past to pull
us astray from God's path; Forgive us.
-Set us free, we pray, to be whole
human beings; to live lives of
graciousness and justice; to lift our
voices and hearts in praise and joy.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

May the God of Hope Go With Us #765
(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For those who are able, please stand

- Please sign Friendship Pads.
- Save the date! Trunk-or-Treat Halloween after worship service.
- Family Promise update
- Sunday Starter is back in action.

CENTERING & LIGHTING
CANDLES

Lay Reader: Janet Cruz
Pianist: Michael Hawkins
Flowers: Sue Warninghoff

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Oscar Wilde

"It is perfectly possible to get what you think you want [in life] and be miserable ... In this world, there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All are welcome to this common sacred space.

Common, because we are all welcome.

Sacred, because here we transform the ordinary and attend to the profound.

We carry with us our regrets, doubts, fears, stories, laughter; may they inspire our worship.

Above all, may we each meet what we need most to find,

On this day, in this common, sacred space.

*OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In #401
(please don't sing in the sanctuary)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are dismissed, youth remain in worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Oregon's Racist Legacy and Our Response"
Joanne Wakeland and Claire Schrader

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.
We belong to God.
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READING FROM THE HEBREW
TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 8:4-21a

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have

done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men¹ and your donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day.”

But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, that we also may

be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.”

THEME READING

Who Stole My Bible by Jennifer Butler

"God charges us to have historical empathy. In other words, the faithful are to examine history from the reality of those who were at the bottom of the power pyramid--the slaves, the strangers, the immigrants, the poor, the widows. This is how God is revealed to us. This frees us from the deception of inevitability, the naïve idea that humanity is always progressing. Instead Scripture teaches us to be vigilant so we can help advance God's vision for humanity."

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pizzicato Bells by Sallie Lloyd
Southminster Handbell Choir
Directed by Dan Anajovich

Elegy by Susan T. Nelson
Southminster Handbell Choir
Featuring Sandy Ruff on flute
Directed by Dan Anajovich

SERMON

The Spiritual Discipline of Remembrance
Rev. Don Ludwig

(Order of Worship continues on back...)