



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

Today: Counting the Cost

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

WELCOME BACK &
STAFF SUNDAY!

Next Sunday will serve as a formal welcome Sunday – Just as the “school year” used to begin officially the Tuesday after Labor Day, the church year sort of begins then, too. Please make it a priority to be here.

You are encouraged to consider ways you might show appreciation to our exceptional staff through cards and notes and affirmations. The staff will be featured in worship and a coffee hour will be held in their honor. There will be a table with a basket for each staff member for you to drop in your notes and cards.



PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
arr. Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Water to Wine September 11
- Welcome Back and Staff Sunday, September 11 - please join us!
- Children's Craft Fair THANK YOU!
- Please help keep the kitchen clean
- Please sign friendship pads

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Kari Stuhmer
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Flowers: Cliff Stevens

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Elie Wiesel

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence.

May that presence give us courage and a fresh love for justice and truth.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In
#401 all verses

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and Youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

THEME READING

Donna Goddard
The Love of Devotion

Courage is the starting point of everything good. To love another is to automatically feed the fire of courage. We cannot be humiliated when we are fighting for someone or something we love. We will not give up when we are fighting for loved ones. As we evolve, our loved ones extend out from our family to include all of humanity.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Viva Vivaldi!
by Robert Vandall
for one piano/4 hands

SERMON

Counting the Cost
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

When Israel Was In Egypt's Land
#52 all verses

CORPORATE PRAYER

a transliteration of the Jesus Prayer
by Bret S. Myers

O God, our Divine Parent, may your presence be ever revered. May your peace and justice dwell among us. May your love and compassion live within and between us. Nourish us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our bodies, and inspiration for our spirits.

And may the forgiveness we give be that which we receive; the kindness we show be that which we perceive. Lead us on virtuous paths, and distance us from evil. For your world is our world, and your reign our reign; then, now, and always. A-men.

OFFERTORY

Consolation #1
Franz Liszt

DOXOLOGY

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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CLOSING HYMN

Come! Live in the Light!
#749 all verses

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bagatelle #25, WoO 59
Beethoven

FELLOWSHIP

