



SOUTHMINSTER Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 6, 2022

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



Today

Bloom Where You Are Planted!

CLOSING HYMN

In The Midst of New Dimensions
Hymn #315 verses 1, 3, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There is a Redeemer
arr. Lloyd Larson

FELLOWSHIP

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday & Saturday, November 18-19
Session Retreat and Session
Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, November 20
2pm service for Ed Alora

Friday, November 25
10am service for Frank Angelo

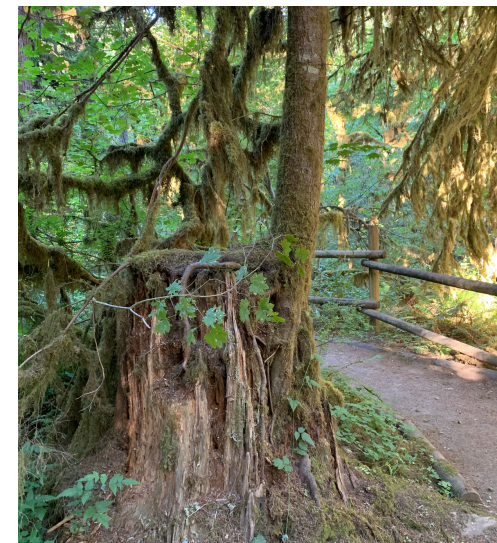
Saturday, November 26
10am Hanging the Greens

Friday, December 2
11am pick up poinsettias

Sunday, December 4
after services Advent Fair!

Nursery Logs

The forest is a highly dynamic system, with generations of plants and other organisms living, dying, and being replaced all the time. Fallen and decaying trees can provide resources in greater abundance than the forest floor, so they are preferred germination areas for new trees and shrubs. Once germinated, the seedlings find that these fallen and decaying logs continue to provide a favorable environment for further growth. We call such logs nurse logs.



PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship
arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Family Promise
- Advent Fair
- Adult Ed Class: Economic Justice conversation continues
- Admin assistant needed!
- Hanging greens volunteers?
- Last day to order poinsettias

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Reader: Claire Schrader
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Technical Director: Moses Ram

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Maxine Hong Kingston

In a time of destruction, create something.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Henrietta Stith

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us **and we can trust the promise.**

OPENING HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City
Hymn #351 all verses

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and Youth are dismissed.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29: 1-11

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. (This was after King Jehoiachin and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said:

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too

may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord. This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.

THEME READING

J.R.R. Tolkien

The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Agnus Dei

music by Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

SERMON

Bloom Where You Are Planted
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of the Sparrow
Hymn #268 all verses

CORPORATE PRAYER

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
trad. Irish Tune

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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