



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Water to Wine Gathering TODAY at
2pm

Women's Retreat Registration Now
Open

"Sweetie Pie" auction March 19
Petersen Gallery

Rebuilding Together Workday April
29

Silent Auction April 30
Congregational Meeting at 11:35am

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TODAY

Giving Up the Idea of Home as a Physical Place

"Home is the starting place
of love, hope and dreams."

"The magic thing about
home is that it feels good to
leave, and it feels even
better to come back."

"Home is where love resides,
memories are created,
friends always belong, and
laughter never ends." "A
house is made of bricks and
beams.

-Anonymous



LENT

PRELUDE

Nocturne in c-sharp minor Posthumous
1830- Chopin (Continued celebration of
Chopin's birth month)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Leader: Mary Gehr
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Technical Director: Moses Ram

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Robin Hobb in Fool's Fate
"Home is people. Not a place. If you go
back there after the people are gone,
then all you can see is what is not there
anymore."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst—come to the water!
**You who long for the water of life—
come and drink!**

Dip your soul in the river of God's
goodness;

**quench your thirst at God's well of
grace.**

For God is here among us,
**offering living water to all who would
drink!**

Let's worship God together!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah #65

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole
congregation of the Israelites journeyed
by stages, as the Lord commanded.

They camped at Rephidim, but there
was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses and
said, "Give us water to drink." Moses
said to them, "Why do you quarrel with
me? Why do you test the Lord?" But
the people thirsted there for water, and
the people complained against Moses
and said, "Why did you bring us out of
Egypt, to kill us and our children and
livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried
out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this
people? They are almost ready to stone
me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on
ahead of the people and take some of
the elders of Israel with you; take in
your hand the staff with which you
struck the Nile and go. I will be
standing there in front of you on the
rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and
water will come out of it, so that the
people may drink." Moses did so, in the
sight of the elders of Israel. He called
the place Massah and Meribah, because
the Israelites quarreled and tested the
Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or
not?"

THEME READING

Sarah Dessen

"Home wasn't a set house, or a single
town on a map. It was wherever the
people who loved you were, whenever
you were together. Not a place, but a
moment, and then another, building on
each other like bricks to create a solid
shelter that you take with you for your
entire life, wherever you may go."

SPECIAL MUSIC

For God So Loved the World
based on John 3:16, words and music
by Joseph M. Martin

SERMON

Giving Up the Idea of Home as a
Physical Place

#3 in a sermon series:

"Give It Up" for Lent

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(vs 1,2,4,5) #494

CORPORATE PRAYER

from the New Zealand Book of 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

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus
arr. by Mary McDonald

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
#440

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Polonaise Op. 40 #1 in A- Excerpt,
Chopin

FELLOWSHIP

