



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Women's Retreat Registration
Now Open

Ramadan Dinner - Iftar
Celebration TONIGHT at 6:30 pm
at Christ United Methodist

Reflections on Selma with Julie
Ray April 2, after worship

Easter Egg hunt during Sunday School
April 9

Rebuilding Together Workday
April 29

Silent Auction April 30 with the
Congregational Meeting at 11:35am



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TODAY

Giving Up the Idea that the Abundant Life Jesus Promises Is Only About Eternity

“I searched for
God and found
only myself. I
searched for
myself and found
only God.”

- Rumi



PRELUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus/Vocalise,
by Williams/Rachmaninoff, arr. Marilyn
Ham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAY READER

Sandy Wilson

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"When you can live forever what do you
live for?"
— Stephenie Meyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-13)

For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under
heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant, and a time to pluck
up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to
build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to keep and a time to throw
away.

**A time to be silent and a time to
speak up.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its
time.

**God has put a sense of past and
future into our minds.**

Whatever God does, endures forever.

— Rev. Thomas Weitzel

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel: 37 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and
God brought me out by the spirit of the
Lord and set me down in the middle of a
valley; it was full of bones. God led me all
around them; there were very many lying
in the valley, and they were very dry. God
said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"
I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then
God said to me, "Prophesy to these bones
and say to them: O dry bones, hear the
word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God
to these bones: I will cause breath to enter
you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on
you and will cause flesh to come upon you
and cover you with skin and put breath in
you, and you shall live, and you shall know
that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been
commanded, and as I prophesied,
suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and
the bones came together, bone to its bone.
I looked, and there were sinews on them,
and flesh had come upon them, and skin
had covered them, but there was no
breath in them. Then God said to me,
"Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal,
and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord
God: Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these slain, that they
may live." I prophesied as God
commanded me, and the breath came
into them, and they lived and stood on
their feet, a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones
are the whole house of Israel. They say,
'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is
lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore
prophesy and say to them: Thus says the
Lord God: I am going to open your graves
and bring you up from your graves, O my
people, and I will bring you back to the
land of Israel. And you shall know that I am
the Lord when I open your graves and
bring you up from your graves, O my
people. I will put my spirit within you, and
you shall live, and I will place you on your
own soil; then you shall know that I, the
Lord, have spoken and will act, says the
Lord."

THEME READING

"We are travelers on a cosmic journey,
stardust, swirling and dancing in the
eddies and whirlpools of infinity. Life is
eternal. We have stopped for a
moment to encounter each other, to
meet, to love, to share. This is a
precious moment. It is a little
parenthesis in eternity."

—Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tenebrae factae sunt

(In the Darkness of Night) sung in Latin
Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

SERMON

Giving Up the Idea that the Abundant Life
Jesus Promises Is Only About Eternity
#5 in a sermon series: "Give It Up" for Lent
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#194 "When Jesus Wept"

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

Prelude Op. 28 #20, Frederic Chopin

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

#834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Somewhere Over the Rainbow by

Harold Arlen, arr. Dan Coates

FELLOWSHIP

