



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Art Show TODAY after Service

Women's Retreat Registration Now Open

Water to Wine Gathering March 12 at 2pm

Mariners Gathering March 17 at 6pm

"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 Being Smug



One should not feel smug about our own goodness, but should rather try to forget our own good deeds.

Matthew 6:3

Arrogance and smugness are often a reflection of limited life experience, and feeling concerned that those with greater life experience "have got something over them." Rather than seeking to find out more through questions and learning (actions viewed by them as showing vulnerability), arrogant people tend to generalize from their limited, narrow life experiences and try to impose their small worldview on others.



PRELUDE

Lord I Need You
arr. John Cumberland

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Art Show TODAY
- Women's Retreat Registration Open
- 'Sweetie Pie' Auction March 19
- Rebuilding Together Workday April 29

CENTERING & LIGHTING CANDLES

Lay Leader: Audrey Scheidler
Choir Director: Steven Schaefer
Pianist: Kenn Willson
Technical Director: Moses Ram

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Moral voices can also become sanctimonious bullies.”
Nicholas Kristof

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to me, all you who sit in darkness
fearing the shadow of death!

On us the light shines!

Jesus Christ lights the world;

**the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot put it out!**

Jesus said,

“I am the resurrection and the life.

I am the bright and morning star.”

**We join with angels in hymns of
praise;**

**Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace, Alleluia!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise” #49

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-12

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?



THEME READING

Mike Correll on why Cajuns stay in hurricane country.

“Abandoned residential homes are common in the area—often the casualties of severe damage from hurricanes—but what I find fascinating is the mettle of the Cajuns we encountered and befriended. They may lose their roof and be forced to abandon their home, but it is a near surety that they will remain in the same area, raising a family. There is great cultural pride in these resourceful people, and it is evidenced by the tenacity of those who face the power of Gulf hurricanes every year, and yet remain.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blessed Assurance by Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908) arr. Robert Sterling

SERMON

Giving Up Being Smug

#2 in a sermon series:

“Give It Up” for Lent

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land” #52



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 in e-minor, Op. 28 #4, Chopin

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

“You Shall Go Out with Joy” #80

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise of “You Shall Go Out with Joy”
- stack a chair on your way out!!

FELLOWSHIP

ARTSHOW

{Pieces Courtesy; Jodi Everts (far left)
Donna Beekoy(left)}