



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Rebuilding Together Workday
April 29

Traffic Change April 30

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

Women's Retreat May 5-7

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TODAY
What It Takes To Be A
Survivor Is What It Takes
To Be A Saint

**“Success is not final,
failure is not fatal: it is
the courage to continue
that counts.”**

— Winston S. Churchill



POSTLUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT
Morning Has Broken, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and date friendship pads
- Rebuilding Together Workday April 29 contact Diana Bennett
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LAY READER

Vicki March

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but God does what is still more wonderful: God makes saints out of sinners."
— Soren Kierkegaard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

**For when our spirits seem empty,
the Holy Spirit becomes our spirit.**

Blessed are those who mourn.

**For even when we have no joy,
the joy of finding the tomb empty
becomes our joy.**

Blessed are the meek.

**For even when we have no courage,
the courage of facing the cross
becomes our courage.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**For when there is no justice,
the justice we uphold becomes our
own justice.**

Blessed are the merciful.

**For when the world is full of
suffering,
the mercy we show others becomes
the mercy shown to us, too.**

Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.

**For even in death,
the incarnation of God becomes their
transcendence.**

**the mortality of Christ becomes their
immortality.**

**the humanity of Spirit becomes their
divinity.**

~ by Harrison Adams

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#401 "Here in This Place"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 2:1-21

Joshua secretly sent two men as spies from Shittim. He said, "Go. Look over the land, especially Jericho." They set out and entered the house of a sex worker named Rahab. They bedded down there. Someone told the king of Jericho, "Men from the Israelites have come here tonight to spy on the land." So the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab: "Send out the men who came to you because they have come to spy on the entire land."

Then she said, "Of course the men came to me. But I didn't know where they were from. The men left when it was time to close the gate at dark, but I don't know where they went. Hurry! Chase after them! You might catch up with them."

But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the flax stalks that she had laid out on the roof. The men from Jericho chased after them in the direction of the Jordan up to the fords.

Before the spies bedded down, Rahab went up to them on the roof. She said to the men, "I know that God has given you the land. Terror over you has overwhelmed us. The entire population of the land has melted down in fear because of you. We have heard how God dried up the water of the Reed Sea in front of you when you left Egypt. We heard this and our hearts turned to water. Because of you, people can no longer work up their courage. This is because your God is God in heaven and on earth. Now, I have been loyal to you. So pledge to me by your God that you in turn will deal loyally with my family. Give me a sign of good faith. Spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, and sisters, along with everything they own. Rescue us from death."

The men said to her, "We swear by our own lives to secure yours. If you don't reveal our mission, we will deal loyally and faithfully with you."

So she lowered the spies on a rope through the window. Her house was on the outer side of the city wall, and she lived inside the wall. Then she said to them, "Go toward the highlands so that those chasing you don't run into you." The men said to her, "Tie this red woven cord in the window through which you lowered us. Gather your father, your mother and your whole family into the house with you... If anyone lays a hand on those who are with you in the house we will take the blame for their death. But if you reveal our mission, we won't be responsible for this pledge you made us swear." She said, "These things will happen just like you said." She sent them away and they went off. Then she tied the red cord in the window.

THEME READING

"Saint Anthony said, in his solitude, he sometimes encountered devils who looked like angels, and other times he found angels who looked like devils. When asked how he could tell the difference, the saint said that you can only tell which is which by the way you feel after the creature has left your company."

—Elizabeth Gilbert in *Eat, Pray, Love*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Consolation # 4 by Franz Liszt,
Kenn Willson, piano

SERMON

What It Takes To Be A Survivor Is What It Takes To Be A Saint
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#275 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
(vs, 1,2,4)



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

For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Pepper Choplin

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

#80 You Shall Go Out with Joy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord I Need You, arr. John Cumberland

FELLOWSHIP