



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 30, 2023

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Traffic Change TODAY

Silent Auction TODAY with the  
Congregational Meeting at 11:35am

Deep Canvassing TODAY 12-3 at  
Aloha United Methodist Church

Women's Retreat May 5-7



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# TODAY

## Church: Keeping Faith with the Goodness of the World



**“The goodness of God is infinitely  
more wonderful than we will  
ever be able to comprehend.”**

**– Aiden Wilson Tozer**

## PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Sonata Op. 2 #3,  
Movement 3 (Scherzo) by Beethoven

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LAY READER

Michelle James

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"If you give your all and it still doesn't work out in your favor, trust that God has something better."

— Germany Kent

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says God, our Creator..**

**Send down the cleansing fire of your justice.**

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

**Send down the rain of your love.**

Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

**Send down your Spirit, breathe life into us, your people, young and old.**

"In those days, I will pour out my spirit"

**May we become people of God.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OPENING HYMN

#65 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number.

## THEME READING

"Some people you don't give up on. Not because you can tell what they'll be or what will happen. Not because of that. It's because something inside you insists that you shouldn't---something knows more or knows better, stubbornly holds its ground, even while the the rest of the world and a million statistics and your own rational brain buzzes around you, chanting that you're a fool. And maybe they're right. Maybe you ARE a fool. But what if you're not? Can you give up without knowing if that voice was right all along? Where's the peace in that?"

—Jennifer DeLucy

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Anthem

by William Billings (1746-1800)

## SERMON

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Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#792 There is a Balm in Gilead

## 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

Great is Your Faithfulness, arr. by Matt Schinske

## 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

#292 As The Wind Song

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, arr. by Jeff Bennett

## FELLOWSHIP

