



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023

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



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Southminster Workday May 20

Water to Wine Gathering May 21 at
2 pm at Steve and Debbie Wilkins'
home

Children's Garden Day May 28

Family Promise Giving Week May
28 - June 3

FROG Camp June 26-30

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A Taste for Wonder



**A flower
blossoms for
its own joy.
- Oscar Wilde**





PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT
Sonata in a-minor K. 378, D. Scarlatti

OPENING HYMN
#372 O For A World

- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Please sign and date friendship pads
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CHILDREN'S TIME
Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING
Acts 17: 19-28a
Then they took [Paul] and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)
Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. God gives everyone life and breath and everything else. God did this so that they would seek God and perhaps reach out for God and find God, though God is not far from any one of us. 'For in God we live and move and have our being.'"

LAY READER
Diane Bender

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION
"To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour." — William Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP
We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.
We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.
We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,
we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

THEME READING
"We are going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people are never going to die because they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been here in my place but who will in fact never see the light of day outnumber the sand grains of Arabia. Certainly those unborn ghosts include greater poets than Keats, scientists greater than Newton. We know this because the set of possible people allowed by our DNA so massively exceeds the set of actual people. In the teeth of these stupefying odds it is you and I, in our ordinariness, that are here. We privileged few, who won the lottery of birth against all odds."
— Richard Dawkins Unweaving the Rainbow

SPECIAL MUSIC
Hallelujah from "Mount of Olives"
by Beethoven (1770-1827)
arr. Russell Robinson

SERMON
A Taste for Wonder Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN
#32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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
Sonata in Bb K. 333, W.A. Mozart (excerpt)

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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God

CLOSING HYMN
#611 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Holy, Holy, Holy, arr. by John Dykes

FELLOWSHIP

