

# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 7, 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 May 5-7

Southminster Workday May 20

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



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**A single prayer moves heaven.**

**- Japanese Proverb**



**PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT**

Mercy, arr. by John Cumberland

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**LAY READER**

Marylou Belknap-Jones

**PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**

"A thing is not necessarily true because [someone] dies for it."

— Oscar Wilde

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and worship, all you who love and serve God—

**outsiders and insiders,**

old-timers and newcomers,

**the young, old and the in-**

**between.**

Come as you are,

**for this is God's house—a house**

**of prayer for all people,**

and God welcomes each one who comes.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN**

#409 God Is Here (vs 1-3)

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Children and youth are dismissed.

**GREEK TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 7:55-60

But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One standing at God's right side!" At this, they shrieked and covered their ears.

Together, they charged at him, threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died. (Common English Bible)

**THEME READING**

"There is a difference between exercising religious beliefs and imposing them on others. Our Constitution fiercely protects the former and expressly prohibits the latter."

— Joseph P. Kennedy III

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Chariot's Comin'!

Traditional Spiritual

Adapted and Arranged by Don Besig and

Nancy Price

**SERMON**

*If There is Any Fixed Star*

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

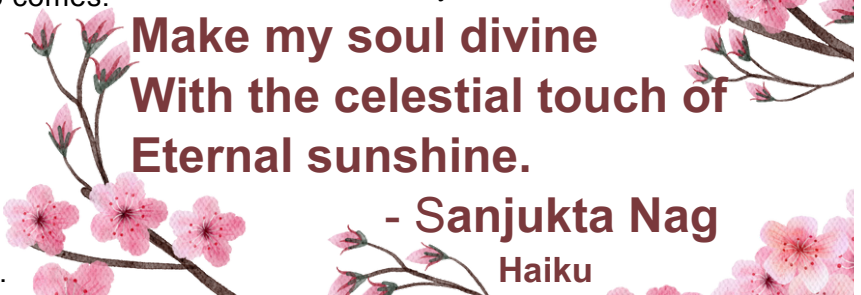
**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

#819 Be Still My Soul

**Make my soul divine  
With the celestial touch of  
Eternal sunshine.**

**- Sanjukta Nag**

Haiku



**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**

TUNE: Diademata, arr. by Matt Hyzer

**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**

#741 Guide My Feet

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

TUNES: Laude Anima and Lobe Den Herren,

arr. by Faye Lopez

**FELLOWSHIP**

