



**SOUTHMINSTER**

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

# TODAY

## *The Essential Freedom of Grace*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Spokane Mission Trip:  
June 24 thru July 1

FROG Camp - June 26-30

Rummage Sale July 20-22

Southminster Reads Coming Soon

**What are God's  
promises on  
grace?**

It means no matter what we endure, no matter how hard or exhausting the situation, God gives us more than enough grace for us to bathe in joy and contentment right now, no matter what we're facing. We can endure hard things, and we can endure them well because of God's grace.



## PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

On Eagle's Wings arr. Mark Hayes

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spokane Mission Trip - June 24 thru July 1
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- Per Capita Remittance \$45.60
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## LAY READER

Greg Jones

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Love is holy because it is like grace - the worthiness of its object is never really what matters."

— Marilynne Robinson, Gilead

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God,

**who makes streams flow from rock,**  
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,

who sends the rain from heaven

**and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.**

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,

**so we thirst for You, O God.**

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,  
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

~ Christine Longhurst

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OPENING HYMN

#49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## BAPTISM OF

**DANIEL THOMAS HORMANN**

## COMMISSIONING OF SPOKANE MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Children and youth are dismissed.

## HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him.

When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

## THEME READING

"I have had to experience so much stupidity, so many vices, so much error, so much nausea, disillusionment and sorrow, just in order to become a child again and begin anew. I had to experience despair, I had to sink to the greatest mental depths, to thoughts of suicide, in order to experience grace."

— Hermann Hesse, Siddhartha

## SPECIAL MUSIC

#488 I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

## SERMON

*The Essential Freedom of Grace*

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"  
(verses 1-4)

## 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. by 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

#475 "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" (vs 1&3)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Tune: MADRID arr. by Mark Hayes

## FELLOWSHIP