



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30, 2023

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

TODAY Community to Community

Alone we
can do so
little;
together,
we can do
so much.

Helen Keller



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saying Goodbye to Margherita TODAY
- Parking Lot Cleanup Wednesday, August 2 from 9 am to 3 pm
- Bert Schmidt Celebration of Life Saturday, August 12 at 2 pm
- All Church Summer Potluck and Barbecue Sunday, August 13
- Westside Interfaith Neighbors (WIN) Dessert Potluck August 13 at 2:30 pm
- Water to Wine Sunday, August 20 at Suzanne Angelo's at 2 pm

STAFF

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PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Sonata in E, K. 480, D. Scarlatti

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"No 'person' is an island, entire of itself; every 'person' is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." -- John Donne

LAY READER

Jaki Schmunk

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- Southminster Reads *Saving Grace*
- Per Capita \$46.50 per member

CALL TO WORSHIP

Drawn by God's presence...

...we gather.

Inspired by God's spirit...

...we worship.

Empowered by God's grace...

...we live.

Opened by God's love...

...we share.

written by Roger Lynn, 2014

OPENING HYMN

#318 "In Christ, There is No East or West"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please offer to each other a sign of peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

CHRISTIAN READING

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

THEME READING

"Turning to One Another"

We have never wanted to be alone. But today, we are alone. We are more fragmented and isolated from one another than ever before. Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes it as 'a radical brokenness in all of existence,' We move at frantic speed, spinning out into greater isolation. We seek consolation in everything except each other. The entire world seems hypnotized in the wrong direction--encouraging us to love things rather than people, to embrace everything new without noticing what's lost or wrong, to choose fear instead of peace. We promised ourselves everything except each other.

—Margaret Wheatley



SPECIAL MUSIC

Allemande from French Suite #5
by J. S. Bach

SERMON

Community to Community
Margherita Ni Fhlatharta

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#300 They'll Know We Are Christians by
Our Love

CORPORATE PRAYER

The 'Jesus' Prayer

written by Rev. Bret S. Myers, 2016
O God, our Divine Parent, may your presence be ever revered. May your peace and justice dwell among us. May your love and compassion live within and between us. Nourish us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our bodies, and inspiration for our spirits. And may the forgiveness we give be that which we receive; the kindness we show be that which we perceive. Lead us on virtuous paths, and distance us from evil. For your world is our world, and your reign our reign; then, now, and always. A-men.

OFFERTORY

Sonatina Op. 123, Movement 2,
Tomas Svoboda

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.
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CLOSING HYMN

#69 "Here I Am Lord"

BENEDICTION

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
-- Coretta Scott King

POSTLUDE

Sonata in D, K. 96, D. Scarlatti

FELLOWSHIP



**Celebrating our Summer College Intern:
Margherita**

We will gather in the Petersen Gallery following the service for a finger-food reception provided by the Family Life Committee as we wish Margherita Ni Fhlatharta, our summer youth intern farewell.

Margherita will be returning to her home in Ireland to spend time with family before heading back to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix as the school year begins.

As a way to thank her for the excellent leadership she provided to the youth program and other ministries in the church this summer, monetary gifts can be given. Please make checks payable to Southminster and place in the offering plate or give to Rayin in the church office.