



**SOUTHMINSTER**

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 13, 2023

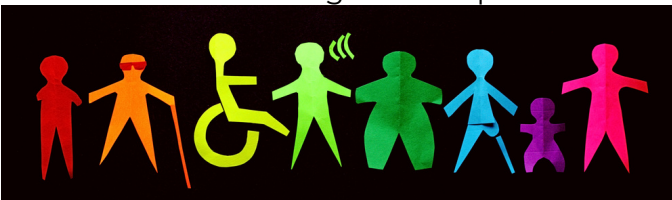
AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.  
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

# **TODAY** *The Sound of Sheer Silence*



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- All church summer Potluck and Barbecue TODAY 12:00-1:30 pm at Schiffler Park - Bring Side Dish...
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  - Family Promise Fundraiser at MOD Pizza Thursday, August 17
- Mariners gathering at the Carey/Ruff home on Friday, August 18 at 6 pm
- Water to Wine Sunday, August 20 at Suzanne Angelo's at 1 pm



## **STAFF**

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**"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.**  
~ Mother Teresa





## PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Tune: Hyfrydol, arr. by Craig Curry

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- Southminster Reads *Saving Grace*

## LAY READER

Sue Warninghoff

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence."  
— Huston Smith

(speaking of the existence or nonexistence of God)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

**it is enough, for us, that God comes  
in a soft, summer shower.**

When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

**it is enough, for us, that God opens  
up the fountains of faith for us.**

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

**it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of  
grace.**

— Thom Shuman

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

## OPENING HYMN

#65 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 19:9-18

At that place [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## THEME READING

"Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are god. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are gods."

— Christopher Hitchens

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Make Me A Channel of your Peace by Sebastian Temple, arr. by Anthony Giamanco.

Sandy Ruff- Flute

Kenn Willson- Piano

## SERMON

*"The Sound of Sheer Silence"*

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#821 My Life Flows On



## 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 f-minor, L. 118, D. Scarlatti

## 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

#834 Precious Lord

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Tune: Pisgah, arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

## FELLOWSHIP