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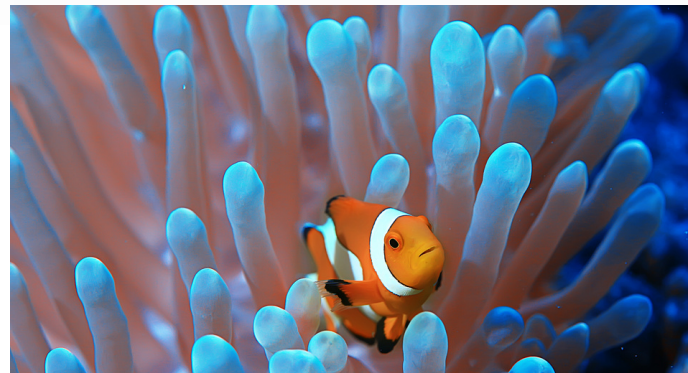
## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 27, 2023

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

# TODAY

## *An Abyss Filled with Light*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- TODAY after service Youth & Family Brunch at the Ludwig home
- Welcome Back Sunday - September 10 after service
- Beverley Galvan memorial at St. John the Baptist Episcopal, O.E.S. campus on September 23 at 11:30 am

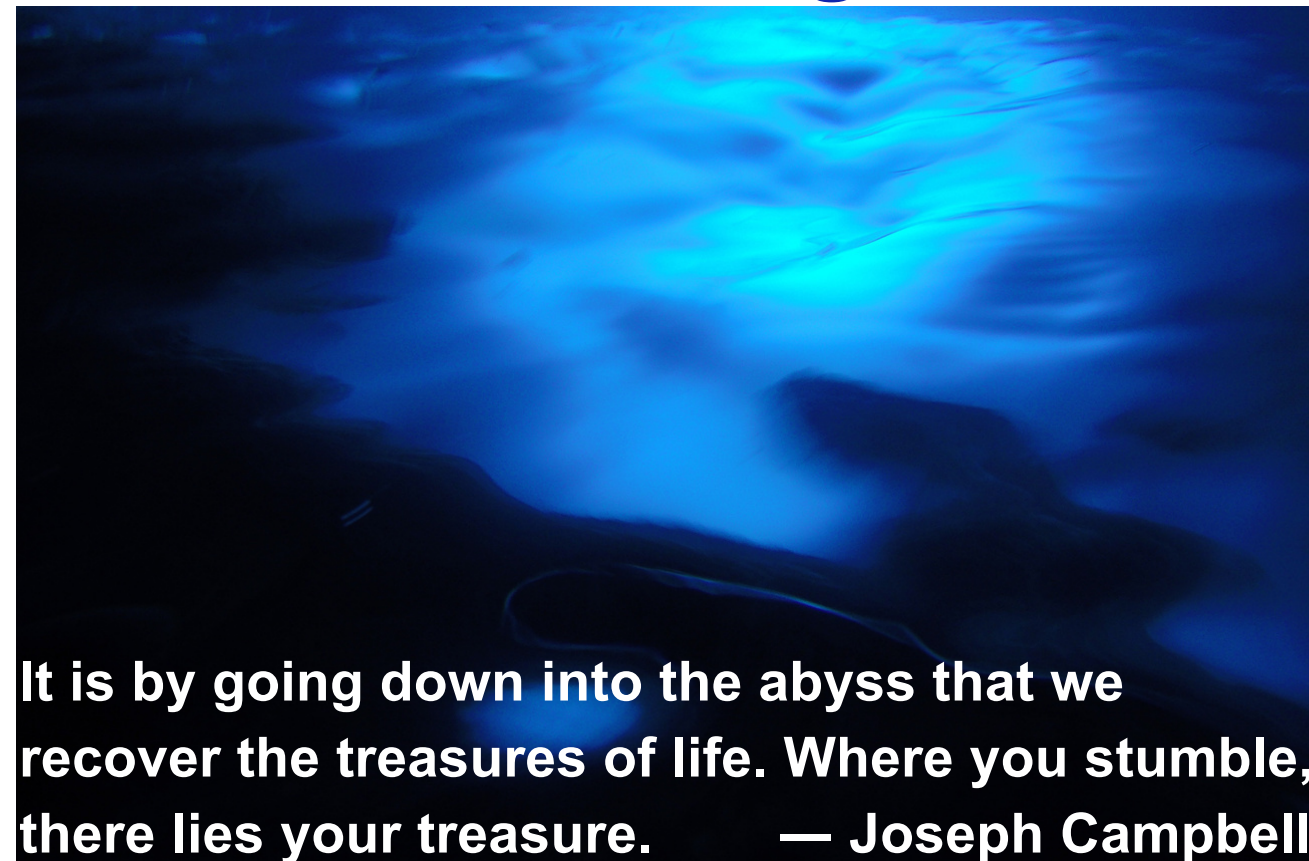


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**It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life. Where you stumble, there lies your treasure. — Joseph Campbell**



## PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY after service Youth & Family Brunch at the Ludwig home
- Welcome Back Sunday - September 10 after service
- Southminster Reads: Saving Grace

## LAY READER

Val Shulze

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God." ~ Rob Bell



## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—

**the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—**

who hears the cries of God's people and comes to their aid;

**who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;**

who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,

**take up our cross,**

and discover what it means to truly live.

**Let's worship together.**

## 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

#440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul (vs 1,2,4)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my God in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## THEME READING

"Jesus promised his disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble." — William Barclay

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Voluntary (Fugue in A Minor)  
by George Frederic Handel

## SERMON

*An Abyss Filled with Light*  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#475 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

## 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer,  
arr. by Barbara Heastings

## 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

#700  
I'm Going To Live So God Can Use Me

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Gigue from Partita # 6 by J. S. Bach

## FELLOWSHIP