



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 1 2023

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

TODAY

World Communion Sunday

Responsibility #1: When Push Comes to Shove



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Celebration of Creativity planning meeting and potluck Thursday, October 5th at 6 pm
- Water to Wine gathering at Randy and Julie Ray's home on Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm
- Interfaith Event (rescheduled) Sunday, November 12

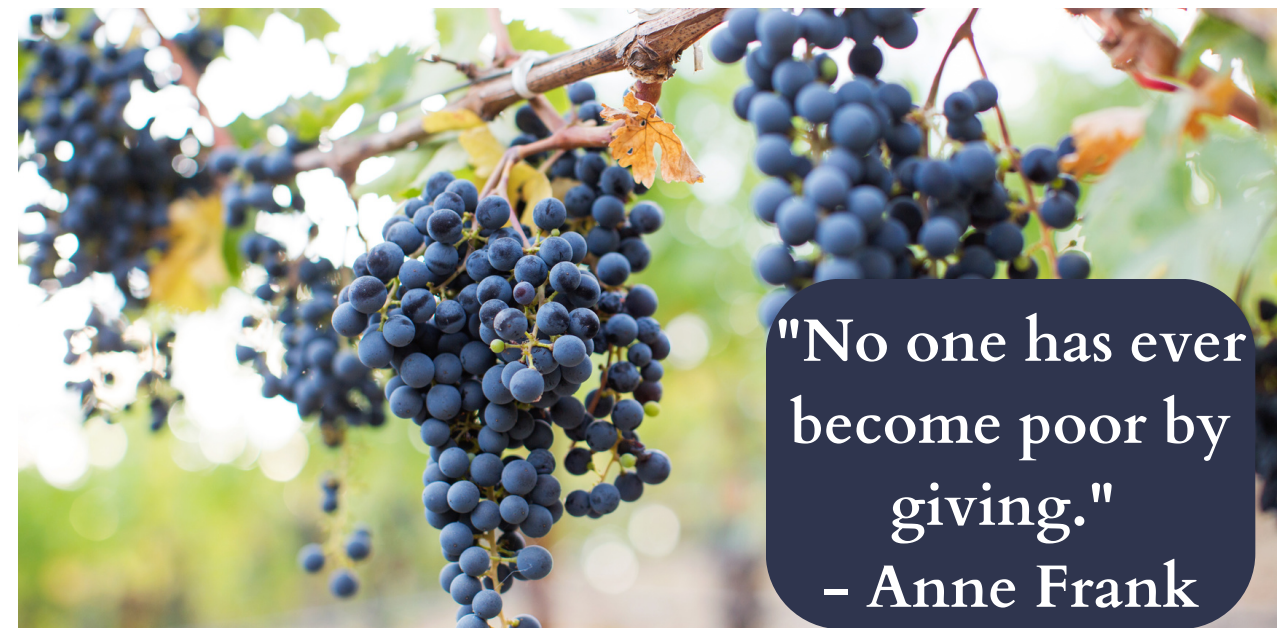


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"No one has ever become poor by giving."
- Anne Frank

POSTLUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT
Sonata in b-minor, D. Scarlatti

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LAY READER

Larry Porter

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Craig Butler

WIYAALA - WOYAYA (WE ARE GOING) - OSIBISA'S INSPIRATIONAL HIT SONG

SETTING THE TABLE FOR WORLD COMMUNION

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

~ Rev. Howard Thurman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us delight in the mysteries of creation.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the feast of the people of God in every land.

Together let us worship the One who invites us to commune and be at peace;

The one who wills us all to thrive.

Amen

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

#340 This Is My Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.



THEME READING

"Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility."

~ Sigmund Freud

SPECIAL MUSIC

City Called Heaven arr., Josephine Poelinitz; Vocal Solo by Gabi Marcus Hernandez

SERMON

Responsibility #1:

When Push Comes to Shove

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#530 One Bread, One Body

OFFERTORY

Sonata in d-minor (Aria), 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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SERVICE OF WORLD COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of time and space. Heaven is here and earth, too, and the space between them, thin. Here are those bound by time and those blessed by eternity, the Church above and the Church below, Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses are here, Amos and Jeremiah, Simeon and Anna, Peter and Paul, Martha and all the Marys, Stephen and Perpetua, Bonhoeffer and Romero, Francis of Assisi and Julian of Norwich, Martin Luther King and Mother Theresa, saints from far back and those who left not long ago, Only sight prevents our seeing them. here at your table.

Heaven is here, and earth, and you, great God, who made them!

And so, we join in the unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

#205 Ubi Caritas

PRAYER IN OUR CLOSING CIRCLE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Air" from Partita #6, J. S. Bach

POPCORN FELLOWSHIP (ZOOM)