



SOUTHMINSTER Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

TODAY *One Darn Thing After Another*



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Welcome Back Sunday - TODAY after service at 11 am
- Water to Wine Sunday, September 10 at 2 pm at Craig and Karen Butler's home
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- Church Painting Saturday, September 16 at 8 am
- Interfaith Event (rescheduled) Sunday, September 17, 10:00-11:00 am in the Cedar Hills United Church of Christ sanctuary for worship then at 11:00-12:00 discussion in Amistad Hall at CHUCC
- Beverley Galvan memorial at St. John the Baptist Episcopal, O.E.S. campus on September 23 at 11:30 am
- Southminster Reads Saving Grace with Kirsten Powers on Sunday, September 24 after Service

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True belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self- acceptance.

BRENE BROWN



PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

How Majestic is Your Name,
arr. by Lloyd Larson

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LAY READER

Ashley Fernandez

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be..."

~ John Lennon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, in this place,

God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, preserve us!' in every situation.

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

#744 "Arise Your Light is Come!"

CHILDREN'S TIME

It's a Small World performed by the Children's Bells

Children and youth are dismissed.

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Now [Jacob] loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And [Jacob] said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."



Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

THEME READING

"Fate is like a strange, unpopular restaurant filled with odd little waiters who bring you things you never asked for and don't always like." ~ Lemony Snicket

SPECIAL MUSIC

Total Praise

Words & Music by Richard Smallwood;
Chancel Choir & Kenn Willson, piano

SERMON

One Darn Thing After Another
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
verses 1-3



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

I Am Bound for the Promised Land,
arr. by John Purifoy

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

#853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
2 times Once in English/Once in Zulu

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

No, Not One,
arr. by John Bennett

FELLOWSHIP

