



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

TODAY

Forgiving From the Heart



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Handbell Rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6-7:30 pm
- Adult Education "Let's Talk About Race - Part 1" Sunday, September 17 after worship 11:15-12:15 pm
- Family Promise Fundraiser at Panda Express on Canyon Rd. Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
- 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 worship 11:15-12:15 pm
- Interfaith Event (rescheduled) Sunday, November 12, 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



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"If we
really
want to
love, we
must
learn how
to
forgive."
Mother Teresa



PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT
Sonata Op. 31 #3, Movt. 3,
Menuetto, Beethoven

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Aloha Church of God Food Pantry with Donna Coonrod

LAY READER

Kay Gifford

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." ~ Oscar Wilde

CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?

**My help comes from my Creator,
who made heaven and earth.**

We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or Earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered before
that which is larger than life,

God is there.

Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of People, the God of Community..

**Let us worship together in
humility.**

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

#65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pie Jesu by Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr by
Douglas E. Wagner - Handbells

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also God will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



THEME READING

"Any fool knows men and women think differently at times, but the biggest difference is this. Men forget, but never forgive; women forgive, but never forget."
~ Robert Jordan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)
by Jean Sibelius,
arr by Matthew Compton - Handbells

SERMON

Forgiving From the Heart
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RESPONSIVE HYMN

#435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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

Gavotte from French Suite #5 by Bach

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

#611 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gigue from Partita #6 by Bach—feel free to
clap on the offbeats as we did a few weeks
ago!!

FELLOWSHIP

