



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 24 2023

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

TODAY
*Expanding the
Footprint of our Heart*

**The best and most
beautiful things in the
world cannot be seen or
even touched - they must
be felt with the heart...**

- Helen Keller



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Handbell Rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6-7:30 pm
- Southminster Reads "Saving Grace" with Kirsten Powers TODAY after worship 11:15-12:15 pm
- Celebration of Creativity planning meeting and potluck Thursday, October 5th at 6 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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PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Sonata Op. 31 #3, Movt. 1, Beethoven

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peacemaking Offering Karen Butler

LAY READER

Audrey Scheidler

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."
~ John Holmes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come!
Come to worship,
You who woke early and you who slept late
You who come often, and you who don't show.

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God's kingdom, and more than enough grace to go around.

Let's worship God all 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

#664 "Morning Has Broken"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the reign of God is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

THEME READING

"It's important to have the hard conversations with the people in your life about racism, misogyny, and other forms of bigotry. At the same time, everyone needs to create space for bridge builders to do this work and not attack them or shame them for having relationships with people from opposing political and ideological camps. We all have different roles to play in the world."
~ Kirstin Powers, *Saving Grace*

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Call to Joyful Praise by Joseph M. Martin

SERMON

Expanding the Footprint of our Heart
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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

Allemande from Partita #6, 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.
We belong to God.
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CLOSING HYMN

#339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee,
arr. by Marilyn Ham

FELLOWSHIP

