



**SOUTHMINSTER**

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

# TODAY

## *Unfinished Business*

**Can anything be sadder than  
work left unfinished?  
Yes, work never begun.  
~ Christina Rossetti**



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Congregational Trunk or Treat Event! TODAY from 11-12:30 pm
- Let's Talk About Racial Reconciliation with Special Guest Taylor Stewart on Sunday, November 5 on Zoom after worship
- Beginner's Adult Handbell group to start Wednesday, November 1 at 5 pm
- Hank Quinnett Celebration of Life on Friday, November 10 at 2:30 pm
- Water to Wine at the home of Donna Bekooy on Sunday, November 12 at 2 pm
- Southminster 101 Sundays, November 12 and 19, 11:30 am (after worship) in the Sanctuary.

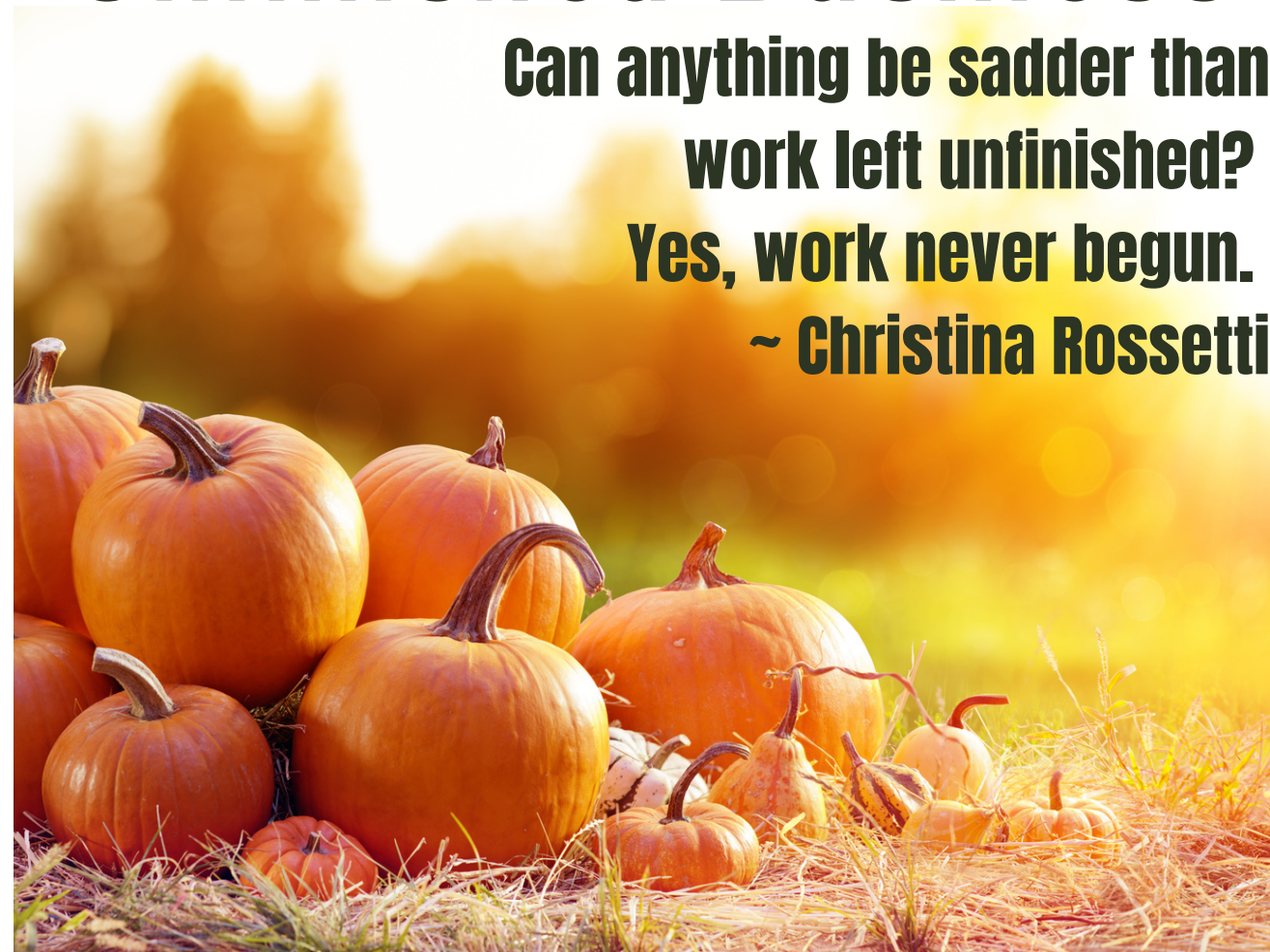


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## PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

A Mighty Fortress is Our God,  
arr. by Mark Hayes

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LAY READER

Kathy Ayers

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"So, what is my story? I don't know. It's long and twisted and not quite finished yet."  
~ Caitlyn Paige

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

**That it is not we who chose Jesus, but Jesus who chooses us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness

**but because of Jesus's graciousness,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**but to allow Jesus's teachings to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained

**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

~ Bruce Prewer

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## OPENING HYMN

#760 Bring Many Names

## GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-9

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

## THEME READING

"When we live each day with kindness, compassion, and communicative love, there is no business left unfinished. There are no regrets or words we should have said, but didn't. There is no need for closure or forgiveness or apology of any kind."  
~ Tyler Henry, *Between Two Worlds: Lessons From the Other Side*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Danse Macabre, by Saint-Saëns  
arr. for 1 piano/4 hands by E. Guiraud  
Primo - Steven Schaefer  
Secondo - Kenn Willson

## SERMON

*Unfinished Business*  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#808 When Memory Fades



## CORPORATE PRAYER

by Fred F. Keip  
Indwelling God,  
infused throughout all existence,  
we honor you with many names.  
Your realm is within the human heart.  
We accept life for all that it can be,  
on earth as throughout all creation.  
May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,  
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.  
May we ever move from separation toward union,  
to live in grace, with love in our hearts,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## OFFERTORY

Ode to Joy, by Beethoven, compilation  
by Kenn Willson

## 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

#250 In The Bulb There is a Flower

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Corrente from Partita #6 by Bach

## FELLOWSHIP