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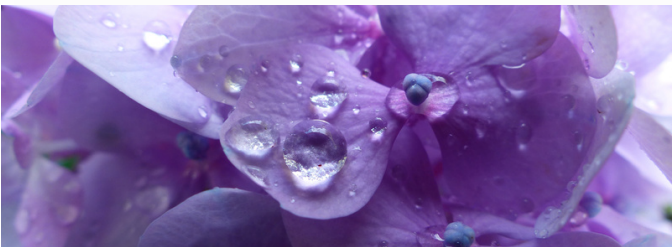
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 8 2023

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

## **TODAY** Responsibility #2

### Jesus's Take on What We "Own"



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Water to Wine gathering at Randy and Julie Ray's home TODAY at 2 pm

- Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation event Monday, October 16 at Westside United Methodist Church from 4:30-6:00 pm

- Family Promise Night Without a Bed taking place here at Southminster from 6:30 pm Saturday, October 21 until 8:00 am Sunday, October 22



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**"Give your  
life to the  
one who  
already owns  
your breath  
and your  
moments."  
- Rumi**







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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Water to Wine gathering at Randy and Julie Ray's home TODAY at 2 pm
- Kindness Kits for Blanchet House
- Visit Family Promise at: <http://familypromisegwc.org/>
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**LAY READER**

Diane Bender

**PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**

“The mark of the immature human is that he or she wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature human is that he or she wants to live humbly for one.”  
~ J.D. Salinger

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
Your precepts, O God, are perfect, reviving our souls,  
**and your commandments are sure, instructing our hearts.**  
Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable to you,  
**O God, our rock and our redeemer!**

**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**

#345 In An Age of Twisted Values

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Children and youth are dismissed.

**GREEK TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 21:33-46  
“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”  
Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the reign of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”  
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**THEME READING**

“I don't want to be a man,” said Jace. “I want to be an angst-ridden teenager who can't confront his own inner demons and takes it out verbally on other people instead.”  
“Well,” said Luke, “you're doing a fantastic job.” ~ Cassandra Clare

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Meditations of My Heart by Elaine Hagenberg

**SERMON**

*Responsibility #2*  
*Jesus's Take on What We “Own”*  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

#351 All Who Love and Serve Your City



**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**

Based on Promised Land 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**

#66 Every Time I Feel The Spirit

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Gigue from French Suite #5, by J. S. Bach

**FELLOWSHIP**

“Raise your words, not voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.” — Rumi