



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

TODAY

Responsibility #3

What Does It Mean to be True to Ourselves?

**“Be yourself;
everyone else
is already
taken.”**
— **Oscar Wilde**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Adult Ed TODAY: Let's Talk About Race – the American Caste System Presented by Joanne Wakeland after service in the sanctuary
- Kindness Kits for Blanchet House collecting during October
- Family Promise Dine Out Fundraiser Monday, October 16
- Volunteer Appreciation event Monday, - October 16 at Westside United Methodist Church from 4:30-6:00 pm
- Night Without a Bed taking place here at Southminster from 6:30 pm Saturday, October 21 until 8:00 am Sunday, October 22
- Adult Ed Saturday, October 28: The Magical History Tour from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Congregational Trunk or Treat Event! Sunday, October 29 from 11-12:30 pm

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PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAY READER

Sandy Wilson

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Because no matter what they say, you always have a choice. You just don't always have the guts to make it."

~ Ray N. Kuili, Awakening

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Katherine Hawker

There is a space in the pew beside us.

There is an empty seat at our table at home.

There is room in our car, on our couch, in our lives.

Whom then shall we invite?

The doctor the lawyer the banker?

The mother the neighbor the friend?

The homeless the outcast the poor?

Whom then shall we invite?

Maybe we prefer to dine alone.

**Maybe, just maybe,
we are ready to
encounter the kingdom of God.**

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Handbell Choir
Hashivenu "Rise Up and Sing,"
A song of resilience
Traditional Israeli Folk Song
Arranged by Brenda E. Austin

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

OPENING HYMN

343 Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life (vs 1-4)

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

THEME READING

"If nothing else in this long and short life, let me be true to my conscience, to the dignity of my own heart. Let me act in a way that says, I have honored my spirit as truly as I have honored others'. Let me stand tall and rooted as a mountain in the face of a quaking world."

~ Jennifer DeLucy

SPECIAL MUSIC

Southminster Handbell Choir
Simplicity Matthew Compton

SERMON

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What Does It Mean to be True to Ourselves?

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#435 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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

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

#775 I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP