



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

TODAY

Your One Wild Precious Life



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Family Promise hosting week is November 19 - 25
- Children's Handbells Sunday, November 26 Rehearsal
- Hanging of the Greens Saturday, December 2 from 9 - 1 pm
- Advent Fair Sunday, December 3 at 11 am
- Grief Support Group Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Children's Pageant and Lunch Sunday, December 10 at 11 am
- Christmas Trains December 20, 27, and 29



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Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. - Albert Einstein

PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

Now Thank We All Our God,
arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Southminster 101 TODAY at 11:30 am (after worship) in the Sanctuary.
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- Minute for Mission

LAY READER

Julie Ray

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"Scared is what you're feeling. Brave is what you're doing." ~ Emma Donoghue

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ Nancy C. Townley

The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

We have brought our gifts to God our Creator.

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.
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

Hymn of Promise By Natalie Sleeth

Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

OPENING HYMN

#19 God of Great and God of Small

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

THEME READING

"I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain."

~ Frank Herbert, "Dune"

SPECIAL MUSIC

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Gratitude by Alex Guebert

SERMON

Your One Wild Precious Life

Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#177 I Will Come To You

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

With Thanksgiving and Praise
arr. Lloyd Larson

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

#74 When God Restored Our Common Life

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, arr. Jeff Bennett

FELLOWSHIP

