



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

TODAY

"Swiftly Shaping Souls: Embracing Taylor Swift's Passion and Influence"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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- Special Congregational Hybrid Meeting in the Sanctuary after service Sunday, November 12 at 11:15 am
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PRELUDE & BRINGING OF THE LIGHT
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- Children's Handbells November 5, 19, and 26

LAY READER

Kari Stuhmer

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love."
~William Sloan Coffin

CALL TO WORSHIP

"*Rivers do not Drink...*" Pope Francis
Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature. We are born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is. Life is good when you are happy but much better when others are happy because of you.

Let us remember that pain is a sign that we are alive, problems are a sign that we are strong and prayer is a sign that we are not alone.

If we can acknowledge these truths and condition our hearts and minds, our lives will be more meaningful, different and worthwhile. Let us join together in worship.

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

#761 Called As Partners in Christ's Service

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbis. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one is your Abba on earth, for you have one Abba God — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.

THEME READING

"*The Man*" by Poet Taylor Alison Swift

I'm so sick of running as fast as I can
Wondering if I'd get there quicker
If I was a man
And I'm so sick of them coming at me again
'Cause if I was a man
Then I'd be the man
I'd be the man
I'd be the man
What's it like to brag about
Raking in dollars
And getting bitches and models
And it's all good if you're bad
And it's okay if you're mad
If I was out flashing my dollars
I'd be a bitch, not a baller
They paint me out to be bad
So it's okay that I'm mad

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"*Swiftly Shaping Souls: Embracing Taylor Swift's Passion and Influence*"

Dr. Rev. Don Ludwig

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#772 Live Into Hope

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

Sonata in E, K. 380, by D. Scarlatti

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

#300 They Will Know We Are Christians By
Our Love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O When the Saints- arr. by Mark Hayes

