



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

TODAY *7 Stops on the Road To Resurrection Week Two: Reformation*

LENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Adult Ed Sundays at 7 pm
TODAY through March 4
- Art Show February 29 - March 3
- Mariners gathering Friday, March 15
at 6 pm at the home of
Greg and Marylou Belknap-Jones
- Sweetie Pie Pie Auction Sunday, March 24
- Silent Auction Sunday, April 28
- Women's Retreat May 3 - 5
- Rummage Sale June 27 - 29

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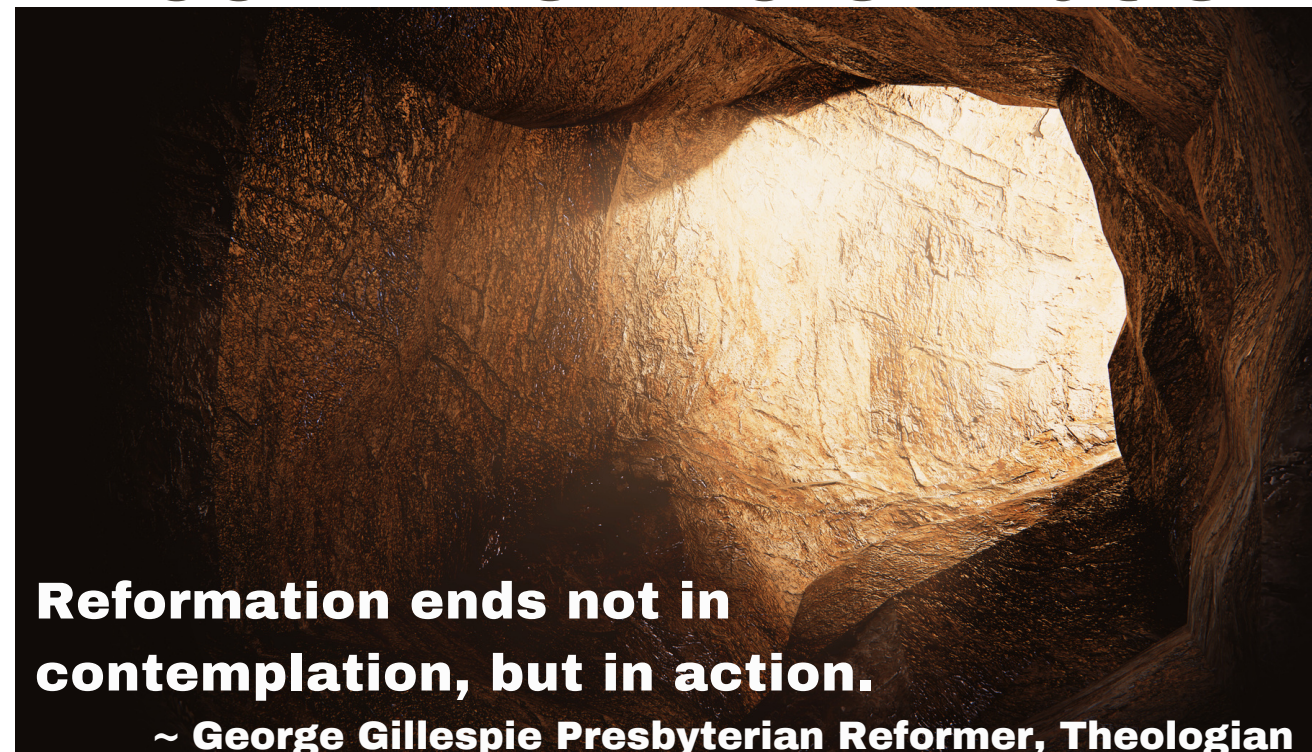
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**Reformation ends not in
contemplation, but in action.**

~ George Gillespie Presbyterian Reformer, Theologian



PRELUDE
To God Be the Glory, arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Adult Ed Series TODAY through March 24: “Getting to Know the Christian Mystics” with Pastor Scott on Zoom, Sunday evenings 7-8 pm
- Celebration of Creativity February 29th through March 3rd. We need volunteers, large vases, and flowering branch cuttings!
- Mariners gathering 6 pm Friday, March 15 at the home of Greg and Marylou Belknap-Jones
- Sweetie Pie Pie Auction Sunday, March 24
- The SILENT AUCTION to support the South Africa Mission Trip is on April 28: Donations accepted in February
- Women’s Retreat - May 3-5, 2024
- Rummage Sale June 27-29
- Lay Reader: Brent Jacobs

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda,” meaning “the church reformed, always reforming.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Antiphon by Arnold B. Sherman
Southminster Handbell Choir

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

#401 Gather Us In (vs 1,2,4 only)

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who comes from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the reign of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the reign of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can this be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the

serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

THEME READING

“The church simply can’t afford to forget the lesson of the Reformation about the utter supremacy of the gospel in everything the church does.”

~ Stephen J. Nichols, *The Reformation: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord

by Dan Schutte, arr. by Arnold B. Sherman
Southminster Handbell Choir

SERMON

7 Stops on the Road To Resurrection
Week Two: Reformation
Rev. Don Ludwig

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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

TUNE: NICAEA, arr. by C.E. Walz

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.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
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CLOSING HYMN

#727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TUNE: SURRENDER, arr. by Mark Hayes

FELLOWSHIP

