



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

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

TODAY

*Jesus Restoring
Us to Ourselves*



DATES TO REMEMBER

- South Africa Mission Trip fundraiser potluck Sunday, February 11 after Service
- Water to Wine gathering Sunday, February 18 at 2 pm at the home of Kirstin Fredrickson and Martin Baker
- The SILENT AUCTION to support the South Africa Mission Trip is April 28: Donations will be accepted in February.
- Women's Retreat May 3-5, 2024
- Save the Dates: All Church Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 27-29



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**Everybody has losses - it's unavoidable
in life. Sharing our pain is very healing.**

~ Isabel Allende (Chilean Author)

PRELUDE

Worship, arr. by Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Adult Ed - TODAY after Service
- “Constantine & The Beginning of Mystical Christianity” with Pastor Scott
- Soup-er Bowl South Africa Mission Trip fundraiser potluck Sunday, February 11 after Service
- Water to Wine gathering Sunday, February 18 at 2 pm at the home of Kirstin Fredrickson and Martin Baker
- The SILENT AUCTION to support the South Africa Mission Trip is April 28: Donations will be accepted in February.
- WOMEN'S RETREAT - May 3-5, 2024. We hope you can join us! Registration forms available soon.
- All Church Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 27-29
- Lay Reader: Kathy Ayers

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“The wound is the place where the Light enters you.” ~ Rumi

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God restores us to ourselves.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!



OPENING HYMN

#26 Earth and All Stars!

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.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.



THEME READING

“And I felt like my heart had been so thoroughly and irreparably broken that there could be no real joy again, that at best there might eventually be a little contentment. Everyone wanted me to get help and rejoin life, pick up the pieces and move on, and I tried to, I wanted to, but I just had to lie in the mud with my arms wrapped around myself, eyes closed, grieving, until I didn't have to anymore.”

~ Anne Lamott

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Everything That Hath Breath
by Dr. Jeffrey Ames (b. 1969)

SERMON

Jesus Restoring Us to Ourselves
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arr. by Phillip Keveren

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.
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SERVICE OF WORLD COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of time and space.
Heaven is here and earth, too,
and the space between them, thin.
Here are those bound by time
and those blessed by eternity,
the Church above and the Church below,
Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses
are here,
Amos and Jeremiah, Simeon and Anna,
Peter and Paul, Martha and all the Marys,
Stephen and Perpetua, Bonhoeffer and Romero,
Francis of Assisi and Julian of Norwich,
Martin Luther King and Mother Theresa,
saints from far back
and those who left not long ago,
Only sight prevents our seeing them.
here at your table.
Heaven is here, and earth, and you, great God,
who made them!
And so, we join in the unending hymn of praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

#205 Ubi Caritas

PRAYER IN OUR CLOSING CIRCLE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Excerpt” from Brahms 1st Symphony,
Movement 4, arr. by Barrie Carson Turner

FELLOWSHIP