



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

# TODAY

## *“Forgiveness: What it is and what it isn’t”*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, September 27, from 12-5 pm  
FLC Hornings Hideout Event
- Saturday, October 4, at 7:30 pm,  
PFS Presents Jenner Fox & Jeremy
- Sunday, October 5 at 11:15 am in the  
Sanctuary, Congregational Meeting for the  
purposes of electing elders and approving  
Pastor Scott's retirement.
- Sunday, October 5, from 4-6 pm, FLC Curriculum  
and Visioning
- Sunday, October 12 at 2 pm Water to Wine  
at the Boundary Club  
Matt & Val Schulze hosting

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**Definition of Ubuntu:**

**A person is only a person through other people.**

## PRELUDE

The Days of Wine and Roses  
By Henry Mancini

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign the friendship pads.
- TODAY Southminster Reads Discussion in Sanctuary and on Zoom: "The Book of Forgiving"
- YOUTH EVENTS - for details, contact Jenn Winquist at youth@southmin.org
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- Minute for Mission Frances King, Public Relations Specialist for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Mission Committee request from Diane Bender
- Lay Reader: Kay Gifford

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"There is a certain kind of dignity we admire, and to which we aspire, in the person who refuses to meet anger with anger, violence with violence, or hatred with hatred."

~ Mpho and Desmond Tutu

## CALL TO WORSHIP

~ based on liturgy by  
Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson  
This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living God.

**With bright eyes,  
let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

**With engaged minds,  
let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Holy Spirit.

**With compassionate hearts,  
let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to our Higher Power.

**With solid devotion,  
let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve that which is larger than ourselves.

**With humble intention,  
let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise Life itself.

**With strong voices,  
let us sing.**

## 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.

## OPENING HYMN

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed afterwards.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:21-33

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the reign of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

## THEME READING

"When we are uncaring, when we lack compassion, when we are unforgiving, we will always pay the price for it. It is not, however, we alone who suffer. Our whole community suffers, and ultimately our whole world suffers. We are made to exist in a delicate network of interdependence. We are sisters and brothers, whether we like it or not. To treat anyone as if they were less than human, less than a brother or a sister, no matter what they have done, is to contravene the very laws of our humanity. And those who shred the web of interconnectedness cannot escape the consequences of their actions."

~ Desmond and Mpho Tutu,  
*The Book of Forgiveness*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration by Fred Gramann  
Southminster Handbell Choir

## SERMON

*"Forgiveness: What it is and what it isn't"*  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## CORPORATE PRAYER

#471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer  
(Repeat twice)

## OFFERTORY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,  
Arr. Bob Burroughs  
Southminster Handbell Choir

## CLOSING HYMN

#775 I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"All of Me"*  
By Gerald Marks & Seymour Simons

## FELLOWSHIP

**SOUTHMINSTER READS IN THE  
SANCTUARY AND ON ZOOM.  
CHILDCARE NOW AVAILABLE**