



Sunday, March 15, 2026

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PRELUDE

Always
by Irving Berlin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign our friendship pads!
- TODAY at 3 pm OWL Orientation
- Saturday, March 28 8:30-11:00 am, Grubby Saturday at Southmin
- Thursday, April 2, at 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service and Communion
- April 5-11, Family Promise Hosting Week. Sign up to host on www.Southmin.org
- Sunday, April 12, at 11:15 am, Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary & Silent Auction in the Petersen Gallery
- Saturday, April 25th, 8 am to 5 pm, Rebuilding Together workday
- Audrey Scheidler
 - 2026 Women's Retreat
- Katie Standish
 - Family Life Committee Events

Lay Leader: Kay Gifford
Poetry Reader: Julie Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP

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God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer signs and words of Christ's peace to one another.

OPENING HYMN

#157 Lord of the Dance

POETRY READING

Unwritten Agreement

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ANTHEM

I Am a Poor Wayfarin' Stranger

Arr. By Tammy Waldrop

Southminster Handbell Choir

Ethan Foster, Bass

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children & Youth Dismissed After

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 19:13-15

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

"You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. "When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

SERMON

**The good news is ...
protection & care
for the vulnerable**

Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise

Arr. Nata

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#822 vs 2 When We Are Living

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars.

We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.

We believe in a with-us God.

We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

So even when our knees shake,

even when our voice trembles,

even when fear is all around us,

we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.

We will look for God in our midst.

We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.

We have seen the longest night,

and we have seen unimaginable love.

So still, we believe. Amen.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESPONSE

SENDING HYMN

#450 Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Freedom

by Oscar Peterson

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in the Petersen Gallery for coffee, cookies, and conversation.