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SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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

TODAY *Silent No More*

***STILL WE RISE: Wrestling with God—
and Resisting Silence—in a World on Fire***



We are glad you are here.



PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“We are linked, not ranked.”
— Gloria Steinem

INSTRUMENTAL CALL

Centering by Rod Lloyd
Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign the friendship pads.
- Friday, September 18: Mariners Gathering at 6 pm at the home of Sharon & Roger D.
- Saturday, September 19: IMlrJ Movie Night
- Sunday, September 20: Water to Wine at 2 pm at the Boundary Club
- Saturday, October 3: Friends of Trees Native Plant Giveaway, 8 am to 3 pm in the back parking lot of the church.
- Lay Reader: Debbie Wilkins

CALL TO WORSHIP *

ONE: God of Many Names and
No Name,
ALL: you are as near to us as our breath.
ONE: Touch our eyes,
ALL: that we may see you in one another.
ONE: Open our ears,
ALL: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.
ONE: Enter our hearts,
ALL: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.
ONE: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.
ALL: Show us how to use our privilege for good. Grant us the courage to be people that offer hope to those who experience injustice and oppression in all its forms.

◦ Please stand in body or spirit

OPENING HYMN *

These Are Our Neighbors
(Refugees are Welcome Here)
Written by Penny Stone
Sung in a Round, Gabi to Lead

PASSING OF THE PEACE *

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Songs of Worship and Praise
By Sharon Elery Rogers
Handbell Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

Stronger Together
Children are dismissed afterward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–32
The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So, Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore, to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:21–24
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will always be hopeful.”

AFFIRMATION

#38 Great is Your Faithfulness

ANOTHER VOICE

Excerpt from Gloria Steinem’s Historic Women’s Speech March on Washington, January 21, 2017

SERMON

Silent No More
Rev. Dr. Don Ludwig

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

#761 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The ‘Jesus’ Prayer
written by Rev. Bret S. Myers, 2016

A TIME OF OFFERING

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

Imagine by John Lennon
In the style of Frédéric Chopin
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#822 vs 2 When We Are Living
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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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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CLOSING SONG *

#366 Christ Has Called Us To New Visions
Tune: Hyfrydol #2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let There be Peace on Earth
By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to stay and enjoy our annual Welcome Back Sunday in the Petersen Gallery.

LUDWIG FAMILY UPDATE

Rev. Dr. Don Ludwig is delighted to return to Southminster, the congregation he served for 18½ years before stepping away in November 2024. Don continues as a tenured Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Clark College, where he taught in Berlin, Germany, this past spring and was honored with Clark’s 2026 Exceptional Faculty Award this year.

He also remains active in the presbytery of the Cascades, leading the youth delegation to Triennium in summer 2025 and serving on two committees. In October, Don will travel to Matanzas, Cuba, with Marilyn Palumbo to participate in Encuentro alongside church leaders and global partners as representatives of the Cascades Presbytery.

Don and his wife, Kathy, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in July. Kathy continues as Superintendent of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District and travels regularly to the East Coast to spend time with her mother, Audrey. Their son, Tony, is beginning his third year at Western Oregon University, where he is studying business and finance, while their daughters, Ciera and Evy, continue pursuing their own paths with life and work, bringing joy to others.