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

TODAY

Tending to the Soul by Telling Our Story



INSTRUMENTAL CALL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign the friendship pads.
- Today Trunk or Treat and mini-concert to follow worship
- Sunday, November 1 through Saturday, November 7: Family Promise Hosting Week. Sign up on www.southmin.org
- Saturday, November 14: Grubby Saturday, 8:30 until 11 am
- Minute with the Trustees for 2027 Stewardship

Lay Reader: Dan Thompson-Aue

PRELUDE

We Tell Each Other Stories
Craig Hella Johnson
Josee Patten, *soprano solo*
Diane Bender, *alto*
Gabi Marcus, *tenor*
Dan Thompson-Aue, *baritone*
Dan Rasmussen, bass

WORD OF GRACE

Joseph Campbell, The Hero's Journey: Joseph Campbell on His Life and Work

"The journey of the hero is about the courage to seek the depths; the image of creative rebirth; the eternal cycle of change within us; the uncanny discovery that the seeker is the mystery which the seeker seeks to know. The hero journey is a symbol that binds … two distant ideas, the spiritual quest of the ancients with the modern search for identity."

- *Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP *

One: Once upon a time, God created the heavens and the earth;
ALL: there were stars, planets, mountains, algae, and eventually animals.
One: Christ was with God from the beginning and, at one point, became human,
ALL: full of grace and truth, and lived among us for a while.
One: Meanwhile, the Spirit of God was hovering over the earth and is still hovering.
ALL: Not the end.

OPENING HYMN *

#401 Here in This Place

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

Gospel Mass, mvmt. II Gloria:
Glory to God in the Highest
Robert Ray
Saeeda Wright, *vocal solo*
Ethan Kibbee, *drums*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed afterward.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 6:16-19

Joshua said to the whole assembly, "This is the word of YHWH, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Torah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates and worshiped other gods. But I took your ancestors Sarah and Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led them through the entire region of Canaan. I made Sarah and Abraham's descendants numerous: there was Isaac, and to Rebecca and Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I assigned the hill country of Seir, while Jacob and his family went down to Egypt. Later I sent Moses and Aaron, where I struck the Egyptians with plagues—you know well what I did to them—and after that I liberated you from Egypt. By the time your ancestors reached the Sea of Reeds, the Egyptians were in hot pursuit with their chariots and cavalry. When your ancestors cried out for my help, I put darkness between them and the Egyptians and made the sea engulf them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. You dwelt in the wilderness for a long time, and then I brought you into the land of the Amorites living on the east side of the Jordan. They greeted you with hostility, but I delivered them into your power. And you took possession of their land. Balak, the ruler of Moab ben-Zippor, waged war against Israel. Balak sent for Balaam ben-Beor to curse you, but I refused to listen to Balaam. On the contrary, Balaam was forced to bless you, and I saved you from his power.

SERMON

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HYMN OF RESPONSE *

#703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer,
Arr. By Susan W. Henry & Jason S. Henry
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#647 Give Thanks

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

#544 Bless the Lord

CLOSING SONG

#462 I Love to Tell the Story

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Storm is Passing Over
Arr. Barbara Baker
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us in the Petersen Gallery for our all-church transitional discussion and refreshments.

See you next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.