

## **Sunday Worship Service: On Becoming Antiracist**

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

<https://www.southmin.org/2020/06/14/on-becoming-antiracist/>

Dear “Virtual” Southminster Members,

Welcome to this Sunday edition of Virtual worship! My hope is that as you worship and take time to care for your spirit, the Great Spirit and Southminster will fill you with hope and comfort and resilience.

Ibram X. Kendi, an American author and historian who teaches at American University, recently wrote a best selling book entitled [How to Be an Antiracist](#). I highly recommend it. It is a powerful read. In an article in *The Atlantic*, Kendi writes: *“Black Americans are constantly stepping into the souls of the dead. Because they know that it could have been them; they are them. Because they know it is dangerous to be African in America, because racist Americans see blacks as dangerous.”*

Today, I invited you to a Zoom Sunday Starter (Adult Discussion Group): Sunday, June 14 - 9:00-10:00 a.m. -- “Black Lives Matter.” We will view a short video on the history of “Black Lives Matter” (15 minutes) before discussing our own knowledge of systemic racism and what can be done at Southminster to support the current uprising that calls for change. Here is the zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98045819725?pwd=SGFmU0RreXhLZzdPMkIjRT1JxazI4UT09>

The virtual worship and my sermon will also explore the topic of racism and our missional response. As always, give me a call if you need anything from me or the community. I can be reached at 503.819.2442 or [ludwigpdx@gmail.com](mailto:ludwigpdx@gmail.com).

Virtual Pastor Don

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## **Sunday, June 14th, 2020 -- Virtual Worship Guide**

### **FOR REFLECTION**

"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings,  
we pay ourselves the highest tribute."

Thurgood Marshall

**CALL TO WORSHIP Bishop Desmond Tutu.**

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice,

**you have chosen the side of the oppressor.**

If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral,

**the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”**

Insead, Jesus calls us to act boldly for mercy and justice,

**Let us worship the God of many names and no name at all--the God of Justice..**

#### **OPENING HYMN We Are Called - Haas | Notre Dame Folk Choir**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgomtfc1\\_yc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgomtfc1_yc)

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Pastor Don:** May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation at Home:** And also with you.

**Pastor Don:** Consider three ways that you can extend peace to one another this week through a phone call, text or email.

#### **CHRISTIAN READING Acts 10:34-38**

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

#### **RACIAL THEMED RAP VIDEO by Beacon Light - Color Blind | Break These Chains**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXnXQVtZ6MA>

#### **THEME READING Ibram X. Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist***

“The opposite of racist isn't 'not racist.' It is 'anti-racist.' What's the difference? One endorses either the idea of a racial hierarchy as a racist, or racial equality as an anti-racist. One either believes problems are rooted in groups of people, as a racist, or locates the roots of problems in power and policies, as an anti-racist. One either allows racial inequities to persevere, as a racist, or confronts racial inequities, as an anti-racist. There is no in-between safe space of 'not racist.’”

## **SERMON**

### **"On Becoming Antiracist"**

**Rev. Don Ludwig**

<https://youtu.be/XLGtMDXILDw>

If you prefer to read the sermon text, [click here](#).

## **RESPONSIVE THEME / ANTHEM**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (arr. Arnold Sevier)  
Performed by the Aeolians of Oakwood University

<https://youtu.be/GcOs5kSFqvo>

## **LYRICS**

*Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on through the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord*

*And lead me home  
When my way grows dreary  
Precious Lord, lead me near  
When my life is almost gone  
At the river I will stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
And lead me home*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear” (Psalms 46:1-2).

Spirit of life and of love, god of many names and no name at all, hear our prayers. Be with us, spirit, in these times that would trouble—that should trouble—us all. Call us to say no to hatred, to racism, to all that would hold some of us—and ultimately all of us—back.

May we see in our coming together a path forward, and may we see ourselves on this journey together. Grant us courage, grant us wisdom, grant us perseverance. When words are not enough, call us to act in love and compassion in all that we do, that we might build that Beloved Community and that it might help all of us to find our way, together, to freedom—to justice—to equity—for all. **A-men.**

## KEEPING IN PRAYER

With the community of Southminster, take a moment to offer up your own prayers of joy and concern (*take a moment to silently pray*)... Spirit of Life and Love, empower each of them with strength and joy and purpose. May the winds of your flame provide the spark of peace and comfort

- 0. Judy Yeakey as she recovers from knee replacement surgery this past Monday.
- 0. Andy Carlson fell and fractured his upper right arm. June and Andy are planning to move back to Beaverton in October.
- 0. Joanne Wakeland’s mother died. Please keep Joanne and her family in your prayers.
- 0. Matt Schulze’s last remaining Aunt, Margaret Schultz, passed from health complications. Please keep him and the family in prayer.
- 0. Denise Ackerman’s father had a stroke and is now recovering at home.

## TIME FOR OFFERING

As we reflect on all of our blessings, individually and as a community, may we consider how we may give of ourselves so that the work of Christ's love and peace may continue throughout our world. (Please contact Marisa, [staff@southmin.org](mailto:staff@southmin.org), or one of our Trustees to discover simple ways you may give electronically or via mail. Thank you for supporting the staff and on-going ministries of Southminster Presbyterian Church).

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing by J. Rosamund Johnson (Glory to God #339)

[https://youtu.be/ONgOH\\_tq7-Q](https://youtu.be/ONgOH_tq7-Q)

Sheet music: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/339>

## **FINAL BLESSING BENEDICTION**

Friends, We are resilient people. WE GOT THIS! Please let me know if there is anything that you need as we continue to imagine a world of health, hope, peace, and solidarity.

Now, as you enter a new week, have hope, good people of Southminster.  
Have hope that the way will emerge. Have hope that we will move forward.  
Have hope in a world of equity and justice for all.  
And live each day by *that hope* -- this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

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