



Southminster Presbyterian Church

“A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ...”

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Third Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of Worship June 18, 2023 10 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

As Jesus sent the disciples out into the communities,
So we are sent to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.
We are eager to share your love, without expecting a reward.
We realize we will not always be made welcome.
When that happens, let us move on,
because there are many more places that need to receive
your grace.
May your Spirit speak through us in truth.
Lord Jesus, equip us for the journey, we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude on “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Michael Burkhardt

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Don Ewing

* Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: With loving kindness, God blesses our days.

People: By night God’s song is with us.

Leader: O God, my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds.

People: We will proclaim and tell of them to all your people.

* Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

* Prayer of Adoration

Don Ewing

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God,

We confess that we don't always understand our own actions.

**We clearly know what is right – what you expect of us –
but we don't always do it.**

**We also clearly know what is wrong –
the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you –
but we do these things anyway.**

Forgive us!

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin
that controls us.**

(Moment for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to God

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Announcements

Fred Barnes

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

Time With the Young Church

Laura Bentley

Prayer for Illumination

Don Ewing

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

p. 917

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

p. 790

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Shake the Dust Off of Your Feet”

Don Ewing

* Hymn #466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God’s grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean, Christ’s blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

Ordination & Installation of Officers – Class of 2026

Don Ewing & Laura Bentley

Elders

Chris Edwards
Jennifer Floyd
Suzanne Gruneberg
Steve Jones

Cheryl Polito
Cecile Usner
Marcie West

Deacons

Alice May Burger
Sarah Buffington
Ken Dobbins
Patti Dobbins

John Erskine
Wendy Heleen
Eileen Kinner

Blessing of Youth and College Mission Trip

Don Ewing & Laura Bentley

Prayers of God’s People

Don Ewing

The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*In Unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Fred Barnes

Offertory

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place
Summer Choir

Carl Schalk

* Praise to God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #435

We All Are One in Mission

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We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

* Charge and Blessing

Don Ewing & Laura Bentley

* Postlude

Festal Postlude

Robert J. Powell

* *If you are able, please stand.*

If you are visiting with us this morning, WELCOME! Please complete a CONNECT Card
so we can be in touch with you.
Thank you for sharing Worship with us.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Laura A. Bentley, Designated Associate Pastor
Mr. Frederic D. Barnes, Pastoral Care Associate & Director of AIC
Mr. Richard B. Pinkerton, Minister of Music
Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children's Ministry
Mrs. Lea Anderson-Smith, Clerk of Session
Mr. H.K. Hilner, Crossings Music Director
Ms. Trish O'Connell, Bookkeeper
Mrs. Sue Remely, Church Hostess
Mrs. Cheryl Polito, Wedding Coordinator
Mr. Raymond Clayton, Facilities Superintendent
Ms. Eileen Kinner, Coordinator of Communication Technologies and Facilities Associate
Mr. Anthony Maiorano, Facilities Associate
Mrs. Michele Brado, Director Southminster Early Learning Academy
Ms. Bonnie Kline, Director Southminster Child Care Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 18, 2023

WELCOME. In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to this Celebration of Worship. May we, each one, by the power of the Holy Spirit, experience a *close communion* with God and a *warm fellowship* with one another.

THE FLOWERS in the *Sanctuary* this morning, are given in loving memory of loved ones given by Luetta Waddell.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE: is available from 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Room 409 for infants to 4 yrs. old.

PRAISE PACKS for children are available at all Sanctuary entrances and Crossings worship. Please return the bags at the end of worship.

SUMMER WORSHIP begins today. Crossings Worship will be held at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and the Celebration of Worship will move to 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Both services can be viewed via Livestream.

LEMONADE IN THE BREEZEWAY will be served today, immediately following the 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship. Stop by for a cool drink, a cookie, and fellowship. Children are encouraged to play on the playground, but please keep food in the Breezeway.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth.

THE JUNE HUNGER OFFERING will support **Community 341** which provides free weekly meals to the community in Brookline. In addition, free clothing & hygiene products are also offered along with conversation and fellowship. The gathering is held each Wednesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Hall on Brookline Blvd. The **Hunger Offering** will be received today and throughout the month of **June**. You can give online using the Donate Now button or mail a check to the Church Office.



BIBLE STUDY BUDDIES – JUNE 23RD for kids who have finished grades one--three will meet in Southminster Church on Friday morning, June 23rd from 10:00--11:30. Teachers will meet children at the top of the ramp on Castle Shannon Blvd. across from Southminster House. We'll study a Bible story, do some Bible activities, complete a craft, sing some songs, and have a snack. Come join in the fun and become more familiar with your Bible!

CHANCEL FLOWERS. Would you like to honor or memorialize someone with flowers on the chancel? We have openings next month, on July 2, 9, and 30. The cost is \$60. Please contact Gwen Hepler at eslgwen@yahoo.com for details.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – JULY 24TH – 28TH, 2023 -

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Ready to cook up some fun? This year's VBS, Food Truck Party, invites children ages 4 years old through 5th grade to get on a roll with God as Food Trucks roll into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Kids will learn from the food truck's Chefs, Sous Chefs, and DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Lessons), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to

turn to God to meet our needs. There will also be music, crafts, fun activities, and food! Take advantage of early registration now! Cost: \$15/child, \$30 maximum/family. (Now through June 12, 2023). After June 12th VBS Cost: \$20/child, \$40 maximum/family. To register, please go to www.myvbs.org/southminster/ or contact the church office for assistance. For more information, contact the Director of Children's Ministry, Jennifer Stampfel at info@spchurch.org. Registration closes July 10, 2023.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS. We are looking forward to a fun-filled time at VBS, and we're planning for a crowd! So, we need volunteers to help us make this a success. We need YOU! Children who have completed 5th grade may volunteer to be a junior leader. We also need adult volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please contact info@spchurch.org. We invite you to join us.



PASTOR LAURA'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Join Pastor Laura in reading the book, "The Very Good Gospel" by Lisa Sharon Harper, then meet at KingView (101 Beverly Rd) on Thursday, July 6 at 5 p.m. to talk about it! You are responsible for purchasing or borrowing your own book but, ask Pastor Laura if you want help getting a copy. And let us know if you plan to join by emailing info@spchurch.org.

WE THANK the Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons for their faithful service to the Church.

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