



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of Worship November 12, 2023 11 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord.
Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives.
Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us.
Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

Prelude

“Theme” from *March on a Theme by Handel*
“Largo” from *Sonata in D Major*

Alexandre Guilmant
C.P.E. Bach

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Leader: Today God’s word will be spoken to your hearts.
People: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God’s word.
Leader: Today God’s love will be poured into your life.
People: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.
Leader: Hallelujah!
People: Hallelujah!

*Hymn #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARTON

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Merciful God,
 you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
 nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
 or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(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

Cecile Usner

Anthem

A Simple Song

Stephen Schwartz
Leonard Bernstein

Chancel Choir
Diana Roth, Soprano
Barbara Hois, flute;

Prayer for Illumination

Jennifer Stampfel

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 5:13-14
I Peter 4:10-11

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Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Called to Serve”

Jennifer Stampfel

* Hymn #441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God; her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of heaven.

Prayers of God's People

Fred Barnes

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

Christ is Our Corner-Stone

J. Chandler
Noel Rawsthorne

Chancel Choir

* 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 #343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*** Benediction**

Jennifer Stampfel

*** Postlude**

**** 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.



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