



# Southminster Presbyterian Church

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## Celebration of Worship January 7, 2024 11 a.m.

### Thought For Meditation

(...for a moment of personal reflection)

As you look forward to the tomorrow's of life,  
may God in His wisdom and mercy give you enough: happiness to keep you sweet; trials to keep you strong;  
sorrow to keep you human; hope to keep you happy; failure to keep you humble; risk to keep you adventurous;  
success to keep you eager; trust to keep you serene; friends to give you comfort; faith to banish depression;  
resolve, by the grace of Christ, to make each day better than yesterday.

*Maurice Marcus*

### Prelude

*Voluntary on "Personent hodie"*

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### Ringing of the Hour

### Welcome

Fred Barnes

### \* Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-12

Leader: Thousands of angels surrounded the throne of God.

**People: They sang "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered;**

Leader: "The Lamb is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom,

**People: "Worthy to receive might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: Let us join our voices to praise Jesus Christ, our heavenly Lord!

### \* Hymn of Praise #487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God of grace. You have given us Jesus, the light of the world,  
but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.  
Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may preach your word to the nations  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our light forever...

*(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Glory to God #579

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

Jenn Stampfel

## Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me*

ROYAL OAK

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## Time With the Young Church

### Prayer for Illumination

Doug Marshall

### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-19

p. 607

### New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

p. 940

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"A Mulligan Faith"

## \* **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **Commissioning of Children's Ministry Team**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

*Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place*  
Chancel Choir

CARL SCHALK

## \* **Praise to God #591**

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 of Preparation #505** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

ST. FLAVIAN

Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine, Be our immortal food.

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

The Receiving of the Elements

*Please hold elements and commune together.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\* Hymn of Dedication #341**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

**\* Charge & Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune*

ASHDOWN

***\* 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 this morning.

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