



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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Celebration of Worship

January 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Liz Peters

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:11

Leader: The people of Israel were in exile. Their lives were broken.

People: Then God spoke and God acted:

Leader: "The ransomed people of the Lord will return to Zion with singing."

People: "Everlasting joy will crown their heads."

Leader: God's people shall be filled with joy and gladness,

People: Sorrow and sighing shall run away.

Leader: Let us join our voices and sing for joy of the "Glorious Things" of God.

* Hymn of Praise #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,

Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son ...

(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

Jennifer Stampfel

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

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

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25
Revelation 21:1-5

p. 607
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Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"The Glorious New Creation"

*** Hymn of Response #467**

How Great Though Art

O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
Douglas Wagner

Chancel Choir

*** 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 Dedication #441

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest 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, Til 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

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

** If you are able, please stand.*

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Thought For Meditation

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song,
As the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?
Does Jesus care when my way is dark with a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades into deep night shades, does He care enough to be near?
Does Jesus care when I've said good bye to the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks – Is it aught to Him? Does he see?
O yes, He cares – I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares. ~ Frank Graeff*



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