



Southminster Presbyterian Church

"A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ..."

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Celebration of Worship

February 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Thought For Meditation

God is the enemy whom Jacob fought there by the river, of course, and whom in one way or another we all of us fight – God, the beloved enemy. Our enemy because, before giving us everything, he demands of us everything; before giving us life, he demands our lives – our selves, our wills, our treasure.

Frederick Buechner

Prelude

Salix
Whitlock

Liz Peters

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Revelation 4:6-8

Leader: Around the throne of God are four living creatures:

People: The first living creature is like a lion, the second like an ox,

Leader: The third living creature has a face like a human,

People: The fourth living creature is like a flying eagle.

Leader: Day and night, without ceasing, they sing:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Leader: Let us join the heavenly worship, singing

All: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

* Hymn of Praise #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Heavenly Father, you say to us “Do not be afraid.” Yet so often we live in fear, frantically rushing from one activity to the next, hoping we can hurry and build our own little kingdoms before we are defeated by death, worrying about the things that might happen but probably won’t, fretting about all the ways our lives seem out of control.

Forgive us, we pray, all our sins. Transform us by your grace that we may follow you on the journey of faith. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ ...

(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

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-32
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Doug Marshall

Response

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Journey of Fear”

* Hymn of Response #344

Christ of the Upward Way

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, “Lord, I am here.”

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

Simple Gifts
Traditional; Arr. Mack Wilberg

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 #371

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Fanfare and Chorale on Deo Gracias
Callahan

** If you are able, please stand.*

The instrumentalists accompanying the Offertory this morning are:
Barbara Hois; Piccolo, Merilee Kline; Flute, and Jocelyn Erskine; Glockenspiel.



Welcome

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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