



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

March 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Thought For Meditation

*The whole world is a theater for the display of the divine goodness, wisdom, justice, and power,
but the Church is the orchestra, as it were – the most conspicuous part of it.*

John Calvin

Prelude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
Johann Gottfried Walther

Christin Cooper

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig
Johann Pachelbel

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Doug Marshall

* Call to Worship

Philippians 2:6-10

Leader: Christ Jesus was fully God yet did not cling to the advantages of being God.

People: Jesus was willing to set aside the privilege of deity and became a human being.

Leader: He humbled himself and died a selfless death – death on the cross.

People: Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name;

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus all creation will bow down and worship him,

People: Proclaiming Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* Hymn of Praise #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol, His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne," Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, we come before you and confess that we have sinned. Our lives are not all they should be. We ignore your laws and follow our own paths. We turn away from those in need and seek our own good. We settle for “good enough” rather than seeking the “best” that you desire for us. Forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified Lord and Savior...

(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

Scripture Lessons

Philippians 3:17-21
Nehemiah 2:7-20

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Response

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

Sermon

“The Journey of Restoration”

* The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Listen to the Lord

Loonis McGlohon; arr. Dick Averre

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 Preparation #510

Jesus, Though Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

The Sacrament of the Lord Supper

The Invitation

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Dedication #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee, That we fail not them nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee Whom we adore, Serving Thee Whom we adore.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
James Biery

** If you are able, please stand.*

We are pleased to have Christin Cooper joining us this morning as our guest organist.

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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