



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Adoration
Florence Price

Ryan Croyle

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Doug Marshall

* Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-3, 7, 13

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures.

Leader: Let all people, men and women, young and old, praise the Lord,

People: For God's name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

* Hymn of Praise #455

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1-3, 6)

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O sing ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,

Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest us both warmth and light,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,

And worship God in humbleness, O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Holy and merciful God, you have blessed us with such abundance. We confess that we have hoarded your gifts for ourselves rather than sharing with those in need. We have wandered from your way, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. We have ignored calls for peace and justice, closed our eyes to the needs that surround us, and shut our ears to the cries of our world for mercy. O God, we have sinned and need your grace.

Hear us as we confess our sins. Forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ...

(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

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord
Richard Lane

Diana Roth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

p. 807

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Journey to Joy"

* Hymn of Response #425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Lord of light, Your name outshining All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in Your kingdom As the servants of Your grace;
Use us to fulfill Your purpose In the gift of Christ Your Son:

Refrain:

Abba, as in highest heaven, So on earth Your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers In some far outlying field,
By the courage where the radiance Of the cross is still revealed,
By the victories of meekness, Through reproach and suffering won: *(Refrain)*

Grant that knowledge, still increasing, At Your feet may lowly kneel;
With Your grace our triumphs hallow, With Your charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows To the gladness of the sun: *(Refrain)*

By the prayers of faithful watchers, Never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus, bringing Peace to all and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge, Making all Your children one: *(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

O, Praise Ye the Lord
Dale Wood

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 #343

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

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.

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Finale pour Orgue, Op. 78
Rachel Laurin

** If you are able, please stand.*

Thought For Meditation

*Who we are made to be: that is up to God.
How we use what God designed: that is up to us.
We can use our talents in many ways. Some benefit the world.
Some benefit only us. Some are of no benefit to anyone.*

Will Willimon



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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