



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

March 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

With A Joyful Spirit
Paul McKlveen

Southminster Handbell Ensemble

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Galatians 6:14

Leader: The world boasts in who we are and what we do.

People: The only thing that matters is becoming a new creation.

Leader: May I never boast of anything except the cross of Jesus Christ.

People: Through the cross of Christ our sinful lives have been crucified.

Leader: Through the cross of Christ we are forgiven and free.

All: In the cross of Christ I glory.

* Hymn of Praise #84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Heavenly Father, we have sinned and turned away from you. We have abandoned our convictions and ignored the needs of your people. Our lives have not matched up to your desires. We have fallen short of your glory. We need your grace. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us and make us whole ...
(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

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

Amy Pople

Anthem

Walking With Jesus
Maryton, Sojourner, Candler

Prayer for Illumination

Doug Marshall

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:32-45

p. 823

Sermon

"Journey to the Cross"

*** Hymn of Response #101**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 Sing Unto the Lord
G.F. Handel, arr. C Albert Scholin

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

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. *(Refrain)*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. *(Refrain)*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. *(Refrain)*

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

The Old Rugged Cross (Refrain)

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

* Postlude

Postlude in f minor
Luise Adolpha Le Beau

Christin Cooper

** If you are able, please stand.*

Thought For Meditation

Everything about the Crucifixion was humiliating...
Before the cross was clean, it was filthy.
Before the cross was transformed into a symbol of victory,
it was a symbol of shame. Before the cross was glory, it was tragedy.
Before the cross was a threshold for life, it was an instrument of death.
Before the cross became blessing, it was curse.

Tina Boesch



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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