



# Southminster Presbyterian Church

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## Celebration of Worship Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

### Prelude

*I Stand at the Threshold*

Anthony Rollett

J.S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

*O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross*

J.S. Bach

*Heute triumphieret Gottes Sohn*

J.S. Bach

### Ringing of the Hour

### Choral Introit

*Christ Has Arisen*

Daniel Mattix

### Welcome

Doug Marshall

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Let us worship the risen Christ.

### \* Hymn of Praise #123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who died once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

### Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

### Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, we know that you died for our sins. Too often we continue to live in the power of sin, as if in dying you did not overcome the power of sin. We turn away from you and look for our salvation in the things of this world. We seek to justify ourselves. We try to earn your love.

Jesus, you were raised to new life. Work in our lives that we may live in the power of your resurrection. Fill us with your new life and help us to live for your glory. In your holy and precious name we pray...

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Christ has overcome death and sin.

Through Jesus we are forgiven and free!

**People: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

### \* **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

*God's Right Hand and Holy Arm*  
K Lee Scott

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lessons

I Peter 1:3-9  
John 11:17-27, 38-44

p. 983  
p. 873

### Sermon

"Buried with Her Fork"

### \* **Hymn of Response #118**

*The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph, And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

## 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**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Gilbert Martin

### **\* Praise to God #59 I**

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 #122**

*Thine Is the Glory*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

*[Refrain]*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above. *[Refrain]*

### **\* Charge and Benediction**

### **\* Congregational Response**

*Thine Is the Glory (Refrain)*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.

### **\* Postlude**

*Finale, Symphony No. 1*  
L. Vierne

**\* If you are able, please stand.**

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We welcome with gratitude Dr. Anthony Rollett as the organist this morning,  
and the Brass Quartet: Bill Harms and Chuck Speery on Trumpet,  
and Bob Schmalz and Bob Patterson on Trombone.



### **Thought For Meditation**

*You don't understand Easter if it doesn't scare you. This is not a sentimental spring holiday that glibly reassures us everything will turn out as we had planned. Easter has very little to do with our plans. It has everything to do with the unpredictable work of our Savior. Not even death could keep Jesus from bringing us back to God.*

~ Craig Barnes ~



### **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.



### **Church Staff**

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