



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

April 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Flute Piece
William Hine

Gretchen Franz

Cornet Voluntary
William Walond

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Fred Barnes

* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: Love's redeeming work is done.

People: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship our risen Savior!

People: Christ the Lord is risen today!

* Hymn of Praise #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!

Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

* Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Jennifer Stampfel

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Sojourner House

Diana Roth

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

Doug Marshall

Scripture Lesson

I John 1:5 – 2:2

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Sermon

"Forgiveness"

Prayer of Confession

God of love, through Jesus' death and resurrection You have forgiven us and broken the power of sin. Forgive us, O God – for lurking in the shadows of our sinfulness; for seeking fellowship apart from Your Spirit; for building our lives on our own strength and abilities; for passing judgment on others and showing little mercy; for living in fear rather than trusting in Your gracious love.

Merciful God, again we ask Your forgiveness. Forgive us and draw us once more into Your glorious and transforming presence, that we may live the abundant life You desire and find in You the fullness of joy...

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's love toward us.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Leader: Southminster Church, believe the good news;

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

* 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Break the Bread
Natalie Sleeth

*** 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 #503**

Come Risen Lord

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
Nay, let us be Thy guests; the feast is thine;
Thyself at Thine own board make manifest
In Thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met,
Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand;
“This is My body”; so Thou givest yet:
Faith still receives the cup as from Thy hand.

One body we, one body who partake,
One church united in communion blest;
One name we bear, one bread of life we break,
With all Thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in Thee,
Who art one Savior and one living head;
Then open Thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the bread.

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 #104**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in Wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response #586** *Amen*

*** Postlude** *Postludium*
 Flor Peeters

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

With gratitude we welcome Gretchen Franz as our organist today.

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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