



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Easter Hymns
arr. Wilbur Held

Gretchen Franz

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Doug Marshall

* Call to Worship

Revelation 1:4-6

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, who was, and who is to come;

People: And from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the earth.

Leader: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

People: Who was raised from the dead and reigns with the Father,

Leader: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise #121

The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise
The tribute of our grateful praise.

From every weapon death can wield,
Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Easter-tide.

Call to Confession

Jennifer Stampfel

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel...

(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.

Children's Message

The children will be dismissed for their own message and then return later in the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 18:14-22
I John 4:1-6

p. 153
p. 991

Sermon

"Don't Believe Everything You Hear"

* Hymn of Response #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayers of the People

Fred Barnes

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light
Trad. Zulu, arr. Hal H. Hopson

* 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 #119

The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary
From death's dread sting Your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response #119

The Strife Is O'er (Refrain)

* Postlude

The Strife Is O'er
arr. Wilbur Held

** If you are able, please stand.*

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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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