



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

April 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

The Bells Heard 'Round the World
Valerie W. Stepheson

Southminster Handbell
Ensemble

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

* Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

Jennifer Stampfel

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

People: Day after day they speak; night after night they make God known.

Leader: They speak without a sound, they don't use words; their voice is never heard;

People: Yet their message fills the earth: God's creation is beautiful!

Leader: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

People: For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

All: Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

* Hymn of Praise #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Father, we are sorry for the times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: For the times we have hurt those we love,

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern,

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right,

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: For the times we have refused to forgive others,

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: For the times we have ignored your call to follow,

People: Forgive us, for we have sinned.

Leader: Lord, hear us as we confess our sins ...

(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

Moment for Ministry

Small Group Listening Sessions

Lea Smith

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.

Anthem

The Blessing
Paul A. McKlveen

Prayer for Illumination

Doug Marshall

Scripture Lesson

I John 4:7-21

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Sermon

“One Anothering”

* Hymn of Response

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

[Refrain:]

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *[Refrain]*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *[Refrain]*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *[Refrain]*

Prayers of the People

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 Shall Be Like Him
Lynn Freeman Olson

Gretchen Franz

* 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 #367**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

Loving puts us on our knees, Serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with You. [Refrain]

Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with You. [Refrain]

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude**

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. J. Bert Carlson

*** 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.