



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship

April 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Celtic Grace
Susan Geschke

Southminster Youth
Handbell Ensemble

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Kevin McChesney

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Jennifer Stampfel

* Call to Worship

Psalm 90

Leader: God, we know you are with us.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: You have showered your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

* Hymn of Praise #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Call to Confession

Doug Marshall

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love.
And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others.

Loving God, teach us to love you more fully.
For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others,
Even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations.
We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ, Amen. ...

(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

Fred Barnes

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

Psalm 90

p. 476

Hebrews 4:14-16

p. 973

Sermon

"The Fragility of Humanness"

* Hymn of Response #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.

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

I've Got Peace Like a River
arr. J.O. Schroeder

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 #538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
arr. David Lasky

** 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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