



# Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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## Celebration of Worship July 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

### Prelude

Variations on 'Pange lingua'  
Gilles M. Leclerc

Elizabeth LaRue

### Ringing of the Hour

### Welcome

Fred Barnes

### \* Call to Worship

Isaiah 49:13

Leader: Shout for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

**People: Break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

Leader: For the LORD has comforted his people,

**People: God will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

Leader: Let us rejoice and worship God!

**All: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.**

### \* Hymn of Praise #464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we come to church on Sundays, yet too often we live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We disobey your commands and dishonor your name. We ignore you and sometimes even run from you. Yet you will not let us go.

Forgive us and open us to your abiding presence. Help us to seek you and follow wherever you lead us. Fill us with your Spirit that we might grow in faithfulness and live in your love. We pray this in Jesus' holy and precious name...

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Jenn Stampfel

### \* 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

Jenn 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.

## Prayer for the Children

### Anthem

*I Then Shall Live*  
Finlandia, Gaither  
Arr: Larson

Women's Ensemble

### Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3: 1-13

Doug Marshall

## Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

"The Mystery of Christ"

### \* Hymn of Response #439

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

## Prayers of the People 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.

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Jacob's Ladder*  
Arr: Larson

### \* Praise to God #592

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 #412

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* (v. 1-4)

### \* Benediction

### \* Benediction Response #412

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* (v. 5)

O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,  
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:  
Inspire Thy heralds of good news To live Thy life divine,  
Till Christ is formed in every heart, And every land is Thine.

### \* Postlude

*I Would be True*  
Emma Lou Diemer

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

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## **Welcome**

With gratitude we welcome Elizabeth LaRue as our organist today.

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**

Dr. Doug B. Marshall, Interim Senior Pastor

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