

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

We invite you to light your Christ Candle at home as we light it during worship.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Stephen Estep

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gretchen Cleaves

Call to Worship

One: We praise you, O God

All: You have known us since before we were born.

One: We love you, O God.

All: You know us better than we know ourselves.

One: We worship you, O God.

All: Your knowledge is more wonderful than we can imagine.

One: We glorify you, O God.

All: Your creation is ever-changing and ever amazing.

One: We praise you, O God.

All: Your love is with us forever.

Hymn # 386

“Come, Worship God”

omit verse 2

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

God of grace, so many voices clamor for our attention that your word is hard to hear. Forgive us when we don't listen to your call to be prophetic witnesses or when we fail to use our gifts to serve you. Empower us to recognize and respond to your call, even when it means travelling on unknown and unfamiliar paths. Take from us all that keeps us from hearing your voice, and fill us anew with your Spirit. May we open our hearts to you and joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. *(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The God whom we know in Jesus Christ is a God of mercy and love.

All: When we are disillusioned with others and ourselves, God still accepts us as we are and moves toward us with forgiveness and comfort.

One: We are freed by God's love to live in the freshness of each new day.

All: Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Hymn 703, verse 1

**Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gretchen Cleaves

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Anthem

“Guide My Feet, Lord”
Vocal Ensemble

arr. John Carter

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Sermon

“Can You Hear Me Now?”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Responding to God's Word

Hymn # 69

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"
(*"Here I Am, Lord"*)

Profession of Faith (*in unison*)

Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith

In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come Lord Jesus!

Presentation of Offerings

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Presentation Hymn

Sung to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics for the first staff are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '6' and continues with: "lu-ia! Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a-dore. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-". The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '12' and continues with: "lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The score ends with a double bar line.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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 Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

*Since we cannot have our ordination and installation in person,
please join us on Zoom at 11:30 a.m. today by going to the following link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9374331810>

Hymn # 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

verses 1 and 2

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Postlude

Stephen Estep