

Southminster Presbyterian Church



"Healing of Peter's Mother in Law" by Rembrandt

A Service for the Worship of God

February 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

PREPARATION

Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.

Today is a Communion Sunday. Please have a cup of juice and a piece of any kind of bread for each person worshipping in your home.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Cindy Stevens

Call to Worship

*One: Beyond Zoom, quarantines, COVID and the cold,
we gather, in heart and in spirit,
to lift our eyes to the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth!*

**All: God is the light of our lives.
God is the one who makes all things new.
Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

Hymn # 619

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

verses 1,3, and 4

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we know that we have not always lived as those who are forgiven, set free, and united in Christ. We can be prisoners of fear and habit who focus too much on our own concerns.

Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to love and serve you by loving and serving our neighbors. Use us in your ongoing story of redemption and new life.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: No matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating:

All: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us to new life.

One: This is Good News!

God listens to us, fills us with grace, and sends us to serve others in Christ's name.

All: Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness

“Celtic Alleluia”

by Fintan O’Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you
glo - ry for your ma - jes - ty — fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.

Passing of the Peace

Cindy Stevens

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 8:1, 3-9

Children's Time

Josh Sweeney

Anthem

“There is a Balm in Gilead”
Vocal ensemble

arr. Russel Robinson

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Sermon

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Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Hymn # 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

verses 1,2, and 3

Presentation of Offerings

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a recurring monthly offering to the church. You can also mail your offering to the church office.

Presentation Hymn

*Sung to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Alternate lyrics by Neil Weatherhogg*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Hymn # 523

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

verses 1, 4, and 5

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

The bread broken and the cup poured by the pastors symbolize our unity as the Body of Christ in this sacrament.

After the words, "The Body of Christ, given for you," are spoken, serve yourself or a family member, saying the same words. After the words, "The Cup of the New Covenant, given for you," are spoken, do the same.

Prayer After Communion and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

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.

Hymn # 767

"Together We Serve"

verses 1,2, and 4

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Postlude

Jim Pera



The flowers were given to the glory of God by Dick and Sandy Stevens.