

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

February 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Lent

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Gathering Hymn # 411

“God is Here Today”

Sing Twice

*Our soloist, Carrie Sullivan will sing the hymn once.
Then, you are invited to sing it with her.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:23-24, 27,28

Drew Fisher

Hymn # 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

verses 1, 3, and 5

Call to Reconciliation

Kate Scarpero

Prayer of Confession

God, you know that our faith can be fragile and that we tend to balk at the idea of costly discipleship. While we want to be followers of Jesus, we also want to travel down an easy path of our own choosing. We are hesitant to embrace your call to selfless and sacrificial love. Lord, loosen our grip on the need to be in control, and help us to listen to the whispers of your Spirit. May we be channels of your love and healing in this world.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The Good News is that God does not reject us but redeems us.

God does not hold back but pours abundant forgiveness into our lives.

All: Forgiven, we can follow;

filled with hope, we can empty ourselves for others;

restored to new life,
we can live in relationship with God and our neighbors.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to Forgiveness # 607

Doxology

Inclusive Version

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

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Kate Scarpero

Scripture

Matthew 11:28-30

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Anthem

“Take Up Your Cross”
Vocal Ensemble

Freeman Lewis

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Sermon

“The Way of the Cross”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Responding to God's Word

Hymn # 183

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

omit verse 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 #223 “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”

verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

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.

Hymn # 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

verses 1, 2, and 4

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Postlude

Jim Pera