

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

March 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Lent

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		<i>Jim Pera</i>
Welcome and Announcements; Joys and Concerns		<i>Rev. Laura Nile Tuell</i>
Gathering Hymn # 411	<i>“God is Here Today”</i>	<i>Sing Twice</i>
	<i>Our soloist, Cari Sullivan will sing the hymn once. Then, you are invited to sing it with her.</i>	
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 19</i>	<i>Kim Catchpole-Patton Brooke Catchpole</i>
Hymn # 610	<i>“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</i>	<i>verses 1, 2, and 5</i>
Call to Reconciliation		<i>Peggy Stichter</i>

Prayer of Confession

God, You gave us your love and commandments, so that we may have new life. Yet, we continue to make the same old choices. We cling to the comfort and luxury of this world and believe that those things will keep us safe. We ignore Your love that can anchor us through any storm. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world.

Forgive us, may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be reformed by Your grace; may every deed be stirred by Your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of Your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When brokenhearted prayers replace piety,
when we seek wholeness through the One broken for us,
then we remember we are saved by God's powerful love.

**All: We are healed to bring healing to our world;
we are strengthened in faith,
to become spent for others;
we are set free from our bondage to sin,
so we may become servants of Christ.
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

Peggy Stichter

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Children's Time

Josh Sweeney

Anthem

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”
Vocal Ensemble

Lucius Chapin

Scripture

John 2:13-22

Sermon

“Prophet over Profit”

Hymn # 821

“My Life Flows On”

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Hymn # 509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

omit verse 2

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 pastor symbolizes 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

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 # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Benediction

Josh Sweeney

Postlude

Jim Pera

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Call to Reconciliation and Prayer of Confession adapted from Rev. Thom M. Shuman
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