

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

March 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude		<i>Jim Pera</i>
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>
Gathering Hymn # 629	“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”	<i>verses 1 and 3</i>
Call to Worship	Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22	<i>Art Nitsch</i>
Hymn # 386	“Come, Worship God”	<i>verses 1 and 4</i>
Call to Reconciliation		<i>Gretchen Cleaves</i>

Prayer of Confession

Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial. Yet, we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus. We confess that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. Keep us from taking your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful disciples.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Making a way through all the foolishness and the mistakes of our lives,

All: God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

All: Thanks be to God!

**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

Gretchen Cleaves

Scripture

Micah 6:6-8

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Anthem

“The Servant Song”
Vocal Ensemble

Richard Gillard

Scripture

John 12:1-11

Josh Sweeney

Song

“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”
(from hymn #201, verse 1)

Cari Sullivan, soloist

Sermon

“Poured Out”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Responding to God's Word

Hymn # 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

verses 1 and 3

Presentation of Offerings

Josh Sweeney

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Presentation Hymn # 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous 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

Josh Sweeney

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 # 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

verses 1,2, and 5

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Postlude

Jim Pera