

*Southminster Presbyterian Church*



*A Service for the Worship of God*

**April 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday of Easter**

**Preparation for Worship:**

*If you have a candle, you can light it in your worship space as we begin the service.*

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

*Jim Pera*

**Welcome, Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Steve Davis*

**Call to Worship**

*One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*One: We have not seen the risen Christ,*

**All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

*One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,*

**All: but we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

*One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,*

**All: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

**Prayer of Adoration and Praise**

God of Easter joy, we thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, you have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Even though we have not felt the breath of your presence in the same way as your first disciples, we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. Through your Spirit, nurture the growth of hope, courage, and faith within us, that we may live to praise and serve you. Amen

**Celtic Alleluia**


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.

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**Passing the Peace**

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD****Prayer for Illumination**

*Steve Davis*

**Scripture**

John 20:19-31

**Anthem**

“I Believe”  
*Vocal Ensemble*

*Mark Miller*

**Children's Time**

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

**Scripture**

Acts 4:32-35

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Song**

“The Risen Christ”

*Cari Sullivan, soloist*

Sermon

“An Easter Life”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn # 249

“Because You Live, O Christ”

**Presentation of Offerings**

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

*If you would like to give online, please go to [www.sminster.com/give](http://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.*

*If you are in the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the container in the Narthex after the service.*

**Presentation Hymn # 233**

“The Day of Resurrection”

verse 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.**

**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 # 246

“Christ is Alive”

verses 1,3, and 5

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

**Postlude**

Jim Pera



*The flowers were given to the glory of God by Dan and Phyllis Strayer  
in grateful celebration of their sixty-third wedding anniversary.*

*\*The picture on the cover is of a mural created by the arts ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Artist-in-residence, Katherine Parent, helped local children create the work of art which depicts the strengths of the Harrison Neighborhood in Minneapolis.*

## Southminster Worshiping Covenant

We are so excited that we can slowly start welcoming members back to in-person worship! In order to ensure that worship is a safe space for everyone who wants to return, we ask that you covenant with us to abide by the following safety guidelines:

1. **Face masks** are required for all people over the age of 5 at all times, even if you are fully vaccinated. If you forget, we will kindly remind you to put your mask back on.
2. Please maintain a **six-foot distance** between you and other members at all times. Take precautions not to gather closely at places like the coat racks, elevator, and narrow hallways.
3. You may enter the building starting at 9:45 am. We ask that **all fellowship and mingling be done outside**, not in the narthex or coffee corner. When you enter, please take a bulletin and find a spot in the pews at least six feet from another household.
4. The **livestream recording begins at 9:55 am** with the prelude. At that time, any sounds above a whisper may be heard on the livestream on YouTube. Anyone in the first few rows of pews may be visible on camera.
5. Unfortunately, **congregational singing will not be permitted**. The soloist will sing the hymns while the congregation remains seated. We ask that you not sing because singing propels aerosolized droplets much further than speaking does.
6. We will **not be shaking hands or hugging** during the passing of the peace. We encourage you to look around and wave instead. You may also put your hands on your heart as you share the Peace of Christ from your seat.
7. We will **not be passing an offering plate around**. You may drop your offering in the container in the Narthex or in a container that will be located on the other side of the front pew.
8. On **Communion Sundays**, you will receive the communion elements in individual containers. You may remove your mask to eat and drink in your seat. Immediately afterward, please put on your mask again.
9. After the postlude, please **take your bulletin and all other trash with you**. There will be trash and recycling cans in the Narthex. Please take your belongings and enjoy fellowship with other members outside.
10. **Nursery and Sunday School** will be available as needed.

If you have any questions about the covenant, please contact the church office. We want worship to be a safe space for all who are ready to return.