

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

April 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Third 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 and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kate Scarpero

Call to Worship

*One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death;*

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

*One: Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair;*

All: there, we find Jesus walking beside us.

*One: Where closed minds are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate;*

All: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

*One: The stone has been rolled away.
Jesus is our companion on the journey.
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others.*

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

Hymn # 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” *led by Dorian Arnold, soloist*

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Risen Lord, we thank you for your presence among us and in your whole creation. We rejoice in the sweetness of spring and for everything that sends down roots, reveals buds, and stretches to the light. Thank you for the gentle stirrings of faith within us. You bring peace into our souls so that we may bring healing to a troubled world. May we discover gratitude for all of your blessings, God, and may we find ways to feed your sheep and care for your lambs. Amen.

Celtic Alleluia

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' (measures 1-4), 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' (measures 5-8), 'Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you' (measures 9-12), and 'glo - ry for your ma - jes - ty — fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.' (measures 13-16). The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests.

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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

Kate Scarpero

Scripture

Revelation 5:11-14

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Anthem "The Risen Christ" *arr. Tom Fettke*
Vocal Ensemble (pre-recorded)

Scripture John 21:1-19
Rev. Laura Nile Tuell, Josh Sweeney, and Kate Scarpero

Sermon "Breakfast on the Beach" *Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn # 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" *omit verse 2*

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. 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 # 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" *omit verse 2*

Benediction *Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

Postlude *Jim Pera*



*The flowers were given to the glory of God by Pearl Scott
in loving memory of her husband, Neal Scott.*

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** must be worn over your mouth and nose by 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. We ask that you wait to enter the building until at 9:45 am. When you enter, please take a bulletin and find a spot in the pews at least six feet from another household. We ask that **all fellowship and mingling be done outside**, not in the sanctuary, narthex or coffee corner.
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, an usher will dismiss you by rows. 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 **go outside** (not in the sanctuary, narthex, or coffee corner) to enjoy fellowship with other members.
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.