

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

May 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preparation for Worship: You are invited to light a candle as we begin the service.

GATHERING

Prelude

“Rowan Tree”
Scottish Bagpipes

Stuart Urbietta, piper

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sherri Swiger

***Call to Worship**

*by Wayan Mastra from **Bali***

*One: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you,
and Christ’s presence in your midst.*

**All: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new
meaning and the future will be bright with hope.**

*One: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One
who is our wisdom and our strength.*

**All: We place ourselves before our God, that we may be
touched and renewed by the power of God’s Spirit.**

***Hymn # 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
Scottish melody

verses 1,3, and 5

Prayer (*in unison*)

*Celtic prayer by J. Philip Newell of the Iona Community, **Scotland***

Holy God, I greet you on this new day. Let all Creation praise you. Let the daylight and the shadows praise you. Let the fertile earth and the swelling sea praise you. Let the winds and the rain, the lightning and the thunder praise you. Let all that breathes praise you, and I shall praise you! O God of all life, today, I will walk by the light of Christ. This is the day you have made, and I will rejoice and be glad in it!

Song of Praise

El Hagadol (Great God)

Sih Erika

*Written by and sung by congregation member, Erika Bolingi, who is originally from **Cameroon**.*

***Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sherri Swiger

Scripture

Ephesians 3:16-19

Children's Time

Josh Sweeney

Anthem

"Highland Cathedral, Amazing Grace"
Scottish Bagpipes

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Sermon

"The Roots of our Faith"

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Mexico

Laura Torres

India

Shailendra Dwyer

Ethiopia

Ojulu Opothi Abela

Anthem

Bonse Aba

arr. Victor C. Johnson

*Translation: All who sing have the right to be called the children of God.
(from the original **Bemba (Chibemba) language which is spoken primarily in Zambia**.)*

Vocal Ensemble

Percussionists: Ray Reynolds, Bailey Wedder, and Ben Lanter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 637**

"O Sing to the Lord"
Brazilian Folk Hymn

verses 1,3, and 5

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 # 630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

verse 1

Silesian folk melody (Poland)

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.**

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Nancy R. Birdsong

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 # 765**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Sing twice

Calling of the Clans

Bill Barlow

Celtic Blessing

Bill Barlow

***Recessional**

“Scotland the Brave”

Scottish Bagpipes

**PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE SUNDAY
SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CALLING OF THE CLANS**

MAY 16, 2021

Every year in May, our congregation celebrates the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church, with a “Kirking of the Tartan.” “Kirk” is the Scots' word for “church,” and the colorful patterns of the woven tartan have come to represent family names or regions within Scotland. Since the first Presbyterians from Scotland, Ireland and England established churches in America, many congregations with deep roots in Scotland offer an annual blessing of the families of the church community, through a roll call of the clans present. Many of us today are not of Scottish descent, so we have added a final name, “Clan Dei” (the Family of God), at which point those of us whose roots are outside of Scotland, will stand. The blessing will be given, as we recognize the oneness that is ours in Christ.

Find YOUR family’s LAST NAME below, and the CLAN NAME OR REGION associated with it...and STAND UP when YOUR CLAN OR REGION is called in the “Roll Call of the Clans”

NAME	CLAN/FAMILY	REGION
Allison	Macalister	Angus
Andrews	Ross	
Barclay	Barclay	Lanarkshire
Barlow	Cameron	
Bohnert	Buchanan	
Bruce	Bruce	Annandale
Campbell	Campbell	Clackmannanshire
Cochran	Cochran	
Collins	Collins	
Craig	Gordon	Edinburghshire
Crooks		Renfrewshire
Dickson	MacGregor	Kirkcudbrightshire
Douglas	Douglas	Argyllshire
Elliott	Elliot	Borders
Ervin	Douglas	Dumfriesshire
Falconer	Keith	Kincardineshire
Ferguson	Ferguson	Ayrshire
Friedl	Leach	Wigtonshire
Fyffe	MacDuff	
Galloway	Galloway	
Gibson	Buchanan	Wigtonshire
Gilland	MacLelland	Midlothian
Gillespie	MacPherson	Lennox
Hall		East Lothian
Hamilton	Hamilton	
Haney		Wigtonshire

Harvey		Stirling
Irwin	Irwin	Dumfriesshire
Johnson	MacDonald	Dumfriesshire
Johnston	MacDonald	Dumfriesshire
Keach	Keach	
Laing	MacDonald	Dumfriesshire
Lawson	MacLaren	Lanarkshire
Lease		Perthshire
Locke		Roxburghshire
Lowry	Gordon	Dumfriesshire
Lynde		Ayrshire
Matteson		Highlands
McCalley		Wigtonshire
McCorkle	McCorkle	MacLeod of Lewis
McClung	MacLeod	Galloway
McConaghey	McConaghey	
McFarland		Aberdeenshire
McKenzie	MacKenzie	Rossshire
Mickey		Aberdeenshire
Miller	Macfarlane	Dumfreisshire
Minnis	Menzies	Perthshire
Moore	Muir	
Morgan	MacKay	Aberdeen
Paris		Ayrshire
Parker		Perthshire
Price	McDonald	Isle of Skye
Roberts	Robertson	Midlothian
Scott	MacDonald	Berwickshire
Scott	Cochran	
Stahley	McCutcheon	
	Wallace Wallace	Ayshire & Renfrenshire

“Clan Dei”

CELTIC BLESSING

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and find warmth. And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star. And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day; and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

Southminster Worshiping Covenant

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** will 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. (Masks are preferred for 3 and 4 year-olds.)
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. 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. 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.
5. We will **not be passing an offering plate around**. You are invited to drop your offering either in the container in the Narthex or in a container that will be located on the other side of the front left pew.
6. On **Communion Sundays**, you will receive the communion elements in individual containers which you can pick up on your way into worship. You may remove your mask to eat and drink in your seat. Immediately afterward, please put on your mask again.
7. 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.

NOTES

- *Nursery and children's programming will be available as needed.*
- *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.*
- *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.*