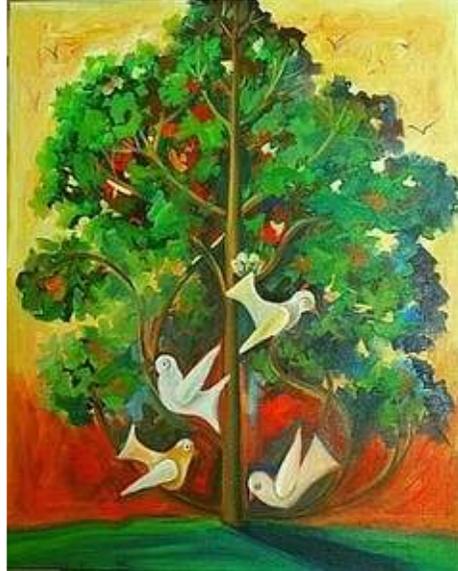


# *Southminster Presbyterian Church*



## *A Service for the Worship of God* *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

### **PREPARATION**

- *Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.*
- *Please print out the last page, called “Children’s Page”!*

### **Gathering Around God’s Word**

**Prelude**

*Jim Pera*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 105:1-6*

*One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name,  
make known God’s deeds among the peoples!*

**All: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

*One: Glory in God’s name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

**All: Seek the Lord and God’s strength; seek God’s presence continually.**

*One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, God’s miracles,  
and the judgments God uttered.*

**All: O offspring of God’s servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.**

**Hymn # 634**

“To God Be The Glory”

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## To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

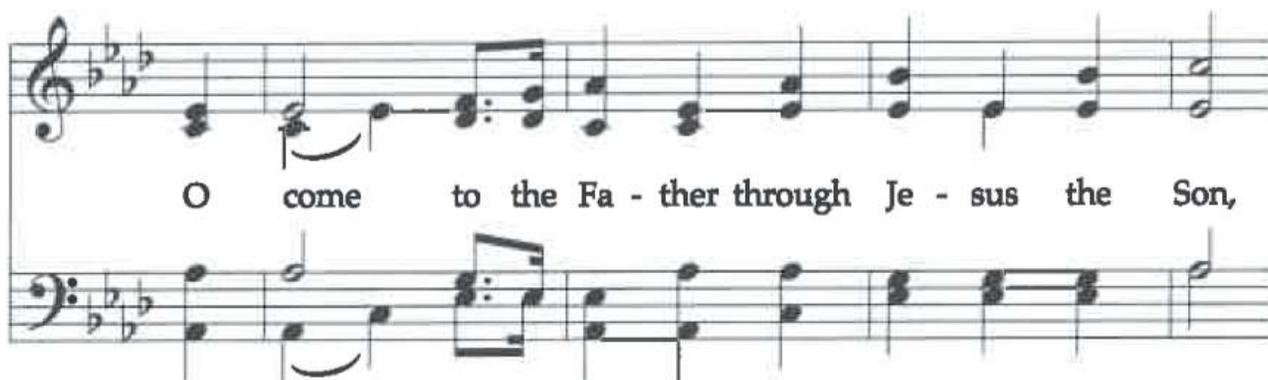
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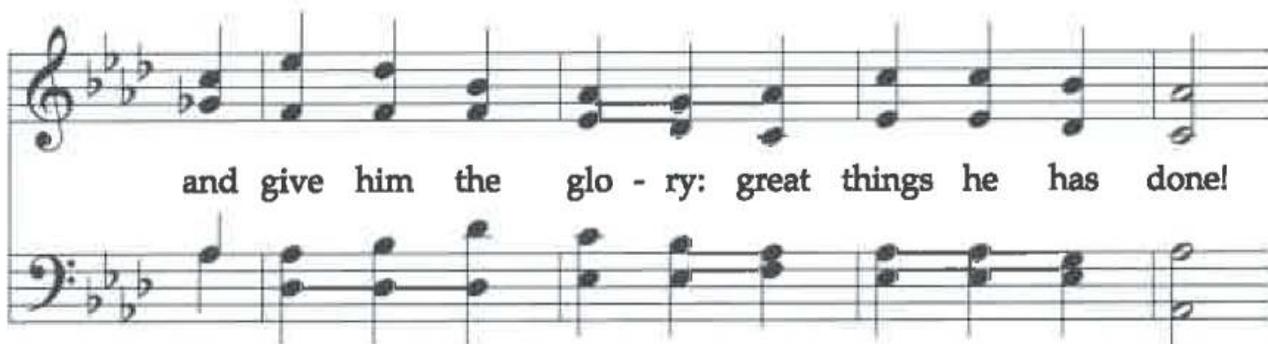
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

**Prayer of Confession**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgements we trust to a love we cannot control.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)* Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*One: What are we to say about these things?,*

**All: If God is for us, who is against us?**

*One: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!*

**Response to Forgiveness** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates”

*Hymn # 93, verse 3*

**Redeemer come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

**Passing of the Peace**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

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

*All: And also with you.*

## **Hearing God’s Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Children’s Time**

*Josh Sweeney*

*(The Children’s Page at end of bulletin can be used  
for discussion with your child after worship.)*

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

**Anthem**

"Seek Ye First"

*Ruth Whatley, soloist***Sermon****"The Kin-dom of God Is Like..."***Josh Sweeney***Responding to God's Word****Hymn #519**

"You Are My All In All"

*See next page.*

# You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

## You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C)

(F) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)  
 \* C Dm7 Am F

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)  
 Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)  
 Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B<sup>b</sup> F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)  
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)  
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

**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 reoccurring monthly offering to the church.

**Presentation Hymn** *Sung to the tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King.*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-". The second staff continues the lyrics: "lu - ia! Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a - dore. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-". The third staff concludes the lyrics: "lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!".

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**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 # 833**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

*See next page.*

# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

**Benediction**

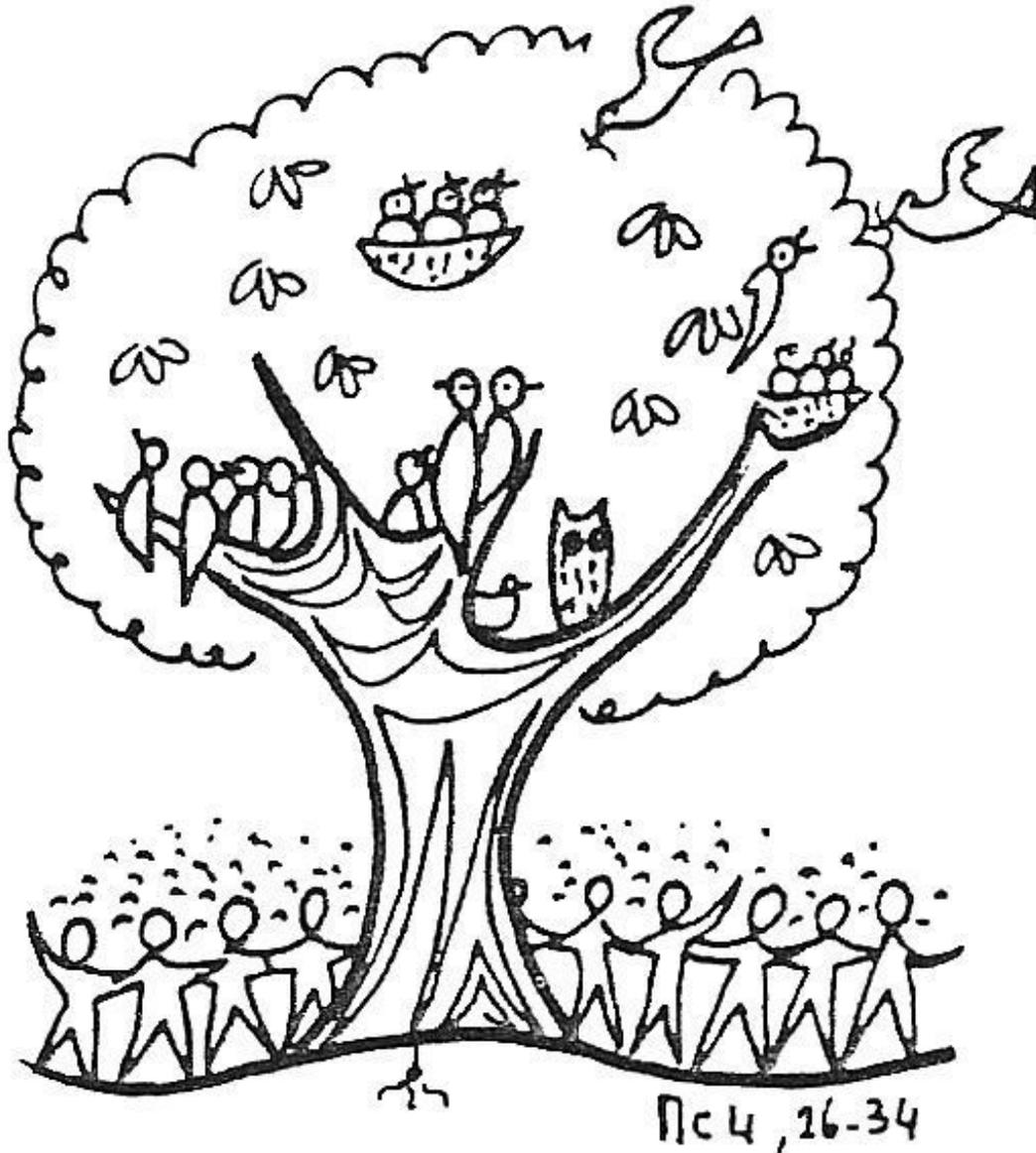
*Josh Sweeney*

**Postlude**

# **Children's Page**

Have you ever grow something from a seed?

Sometimes God takes very small things and does big things with them! What are some of the things your family has seen God do this summer?



**‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ – Matt. 13:31-32**

**Take some time a color this photo from today's parable.**