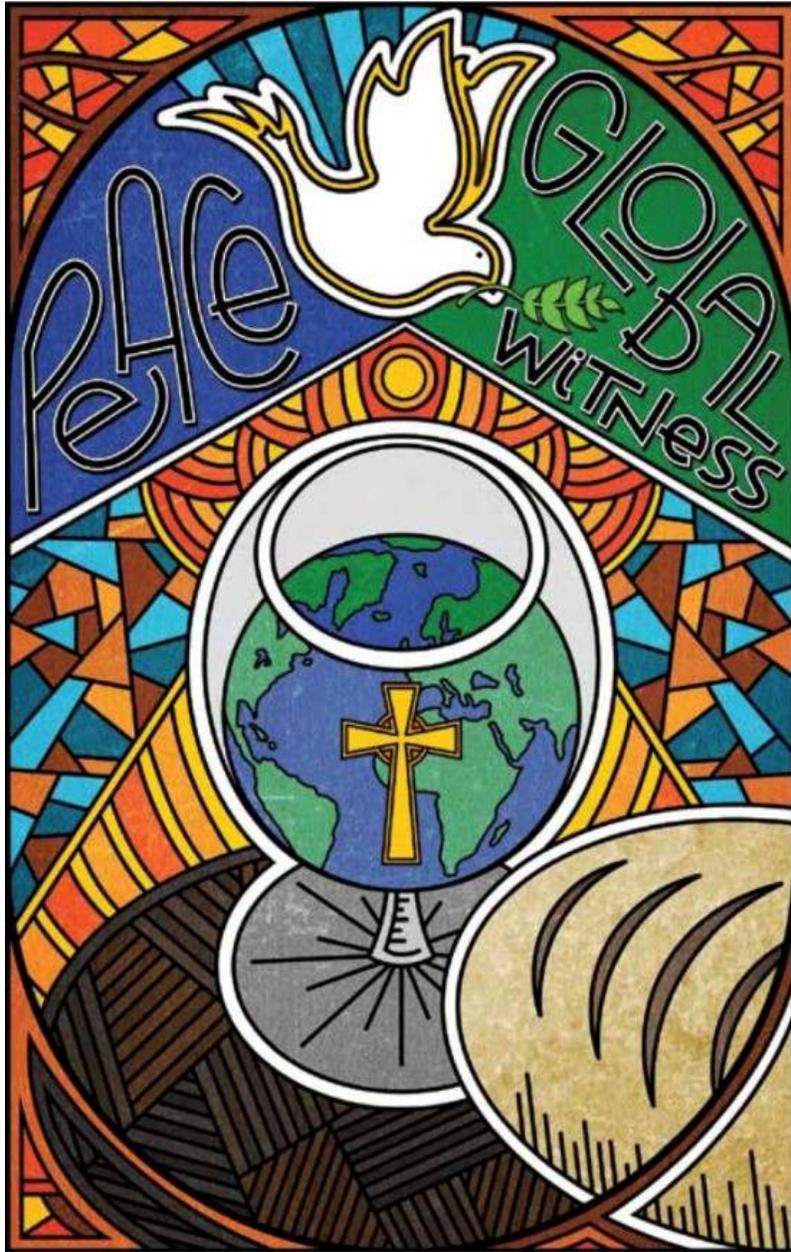


Southminster Presbyterian Church



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

*A Service for the Worship of God
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

October 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.

Today is World Communion Sunday. Please have a cup of juice and a piece of any kind of bread for each person worshipping in your home.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Call to Worship

One: Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

All: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

One: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. .

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

Hymn # 301

"Let Us Build a House"

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God Alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness

"Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn # 595

(Organist will play once, then congregation will sing it with the soloist.)

Holy, holy, holy.

my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you:

you are holy, Lord!

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Anna Owens

Scripture

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but

it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Anthem

“Bonze Aba”

arr. Victor C. Johnson

Children’s Time

Josh Sweeney

Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon

“The Vinedressing God”

Rev. Anna Owens

Responding to God’s Word

Hymn #769

“For Everyone Born”

verses 1,3, & 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

Presentation Hymn

“Glory to God Who Shines on Me”

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Hymn #515

I Come With Joy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup *Rev. Laura Nile Tuell and Rev. Anna Owens*

The bread broken and the cup poured by the pastors symbolizes our unity as the Body of Christ in this sacrament.

After the words, "The Body of Christ, given for you," are spoken, serve a family member (or, if alone, serve yourself), saying the same words. After the words, "The Cup of the New Covenant, given for you," are spoken, do the same.

Prayer After Communion and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

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 #756

"O God of Every Nation"

Benediction

Rev. Anna Owens

Postlude



Flowers were given by Joanne Yost in loving memory of Jack, Betty and Dan.