

Southminster Presbyterian Church



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

October 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

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

Gathering Around God’s Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Josh Sweeney

Call to Worship

*One: Loving and gracious God,
we are grateful for the guidance that you give us
when we seek to follow in the pathways of Christ.*

**All: We thank you for choosing to dwell among us
and praise you for calling us to be your faithful people.**

*One: Bless this time of worship,
that those who need comfort may be comforted,
those who need challenge may be challenged,*

**All: and that all of us might be renewed
to live in ways that speak of your love. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we admit that one moment, we rejoice in your blessings; and the next moment, we forget them. Patience does not come easily to us. We are like the Israelites of old who fashioned a golden calf to worship because they were not willing to wait for you. In our own time, we make gods of our accomplishments, our craving for recognition, our financial security, and our self-righteous opinions. Forgive us, Lord. Heal us of our fragile faith and our need to control everything in our lives—even you. Thank you for your never-failing love and your eternal patience with us.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Aware of our failings, God forgives us and invites us to new beginnings.

All: Through Christ, we are offered abundant life and never-ending love.

*One: May the ways that we love and forgive one another
be a sign of God’s presence in the world.*

All: Amen.

Response to Forgiveness “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” *Hymn #582, verse 1*

**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.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God’s Word**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reading	Exodus 32:1-14	<i>Todd and Janet Hall</i>
Anthem	“Rejoice, the Lord is King” <i>Vocal Ensemble</i>	arr. Joel Raney
Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:4-9	<i>Todd and Janet Hall</i>
Children’s Time		<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>
Hymn # 436	“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”	
Sermon	“Holy Patience”	<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>

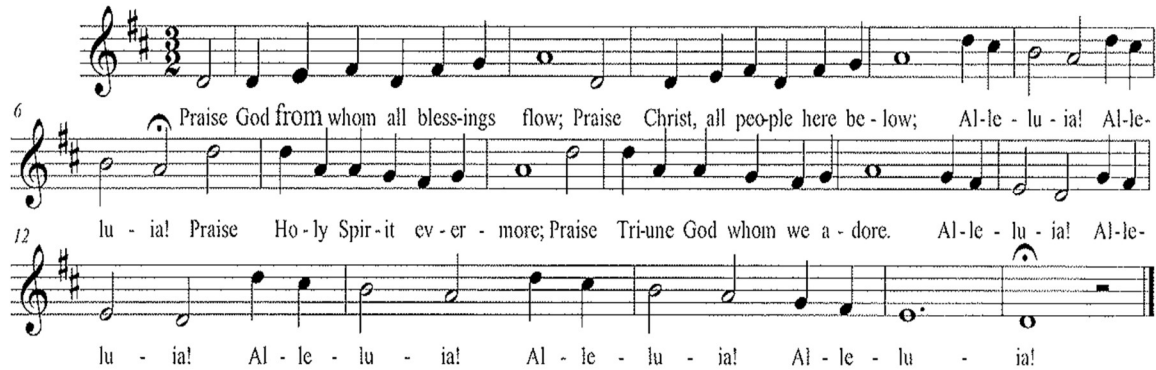
Responding to God’s Word

Hymn # 707 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” *verses 1 and 2*

Presentation of Offerings

If you would like to give online, please go to 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."*



6 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
12 lu - ia! Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a - dore. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Josh Sweeney

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 # 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

verses 1,2, and 4

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Postlude



*FLOWERS for this Sunday's service were given to the glory of God
by Jim and Gay Amos in remembrance of their parents.*