

*Southminster Presbyterian Church*



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

**October 18, 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**

*Ron Kuker*

**Call to Worship**

*One: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.*

**All: We have come to affirm that life is a gift,  
that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.**

*One: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ as we travel life's journey.*

**All: We find God in the paths of our past and our present,  
but we also trust God with our future.**

*One: God guides us along the way, every day of our lives and beyond.*

**All: Let us praise God with our whole being  
and entrust our lives to God's gracious care.**

**Hymn # 263**

**"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

*verses 1,3, and 4*

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have made us in your image, but we fail to live up to the full measure of your intentions. Jesus has told us about your promises of abundant life and we have been afraid to believe them. We have heard your summons to follow, but we have not always been faithful to your calling. You encourage us to seek a spirit of unity, and yet we look for the differences that divide us from one another. Forgive us, O God, and free us to be a community of blessing, spreading the Gospel in word and deed, through Jesus Christ.

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*One: Here is the good news: it is not up to us.  
Even when we have turned away,  
God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace.*

**All: Through God's compassion and mercy in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven;  
by God's healing, we are made whole;  
by God's constant love, we are restored to life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Response to Forgiveness

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Hymn 1, verse 1*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## Passing of the Peace

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.*

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

*Laura Nile Tuell*

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

*The Dickson Family*

### Anthem

"The Summons"  
Bell Choir

*arr. Matthew Prins*

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

*The Dickson Family*

### Children's Time

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

### Hymn # 19

"God of Great and God of Small"

### Sermon

"My Soul, My Life, My All"

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

## Responding to God's Word

### Hymn # 22

"God of the Sparrow"

*verses 1,3,5, and 6*

**Presentation of Offerings**

*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**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Hymn 240, verse 4*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ai! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ai! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name.

**Sharing of 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 # 365**

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”

*verses 1 and 4*

**Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

**Postlude**



*FLOWERS for this Sunday’s service were given to the glory of God  
by the Omicron Presby Chapter in memory of members who have passed away.*