

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



## *A Service for the Worship of God* *Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost*

November 8, 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**

*Gretchen Cleaves*

**Call to Worship**

*One: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us,*

**All: we have come to worship our Creator.**

*One: With thanksgiving, we offer to God our time and our treasures,*

**All: the warmth of our hearts and the joy of our spirits.**

*One: Let us praise God*

**All: who invites us to share the love of Christ in our world**

**Hymn # 625**

“O Lord My God”  
“How Great Thou Art”

*verses 1,2,4*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, we come to you in prayer because we remember that you are our God and that all of Creation belongs to you. You ask us to be good stewards of every resource entrusted to us. Yet, there are places where we store up our treasures because we are afraid that if we share, we may need them tomorrow. We hold on**

to words that need to be heard because we are too afraid to speak. We hide our love for others because we want to protect ourselves from being hurt. Forgive us when we answer your grace with grumbling and grudging offerings. Forgive us when we grip things so tightly that we can't receive your surprises and possibilities. Open our hearts. Help us to minister to those in need and to care for this world you called us to love, in Jesus' name.

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*One* Take heart: God hears our prayers.  
God heals our brokenness.  
God calls to us with hope, forgiveness, and new life.  
**All:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response to Forgiveness** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" *Hymn 703, verse 1*

**Jesus, thy boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;  
myself to thee entirely give.**

### Passing of the Peace

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

### Hearing God's Word

<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		<i>Rev. Laura Nile Tuell</i>
<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 1:11-18	<i>Brooke Catchpole Kim Catchpole-Patton</i>
<b>Anthem</b>	"Keep Your Lamps!" <i>Vocal ensemble</i>	<i>arr. Andre Thomas</i>
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Luke 12:32-34 1 John 3:16-18	<i>Brooke Catchpole Kim Catchpole-Patton</i>
<b>Children's Time</b>		<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>
<b>Hymn # 692</b>	"Spirit, Open My Heart"	<i>verses 1 and 3</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Heart"</b>	<i>Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong</i>
	<i>At the end of the sermon, Ruth Whatley and Art Nitsch will sing "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Heart." You are welcome to join in the chorus:</i>	

**Responding to God's Word**

**Moment for Stewardship**

*Britt Platt*

**Hymn # 712**

“As Those of Old their Firstfruits Brought”

*verses 2 and 3*

**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**

Doxology

*Inclusive Version*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**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 # 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

**Benediction**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Postlude**

***FLOWERS for this Sunday's service were given to the glory of God  
by Art and Karen Nitsch  
with thanks to their Southminster family.***