



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 19, 2023

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Sweetie Pie" auction TODAY after service

Women's Retreat Registration Now Open

Ramadan Dinner - Iflar Celebration
March 26 at 6:30 pm at Christ United Methodist

Reflections on Selma with Julie Ray
April 2, after worship

Rebuilding Together Workday
April 29

Silent Auction April 30 with the
Congregational Meeting at 11:35am

LENT

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TODAY
Giving Up our Puny Ideas about
God and What God Wants from
Us

**"I searched for
God and found
only myself. I
searched for
myself and found
only God."**

- Rumi



PRELUDE

Lord, I Know I Been Changed,
arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAY READER:

Kathy Ayers

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“Most people prefer a problem they can't solve to a solution they don't like.”
— Lee Thayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,
“Anyone who receives you, receives me,
**and anyone who receives me,
receives the One who sent me.**”
Sisters and brothers, boys and girls:
We gather together in the presence of
the God
who receives us with open arms,
**who loves us unconditionally,
and who bids us do the same to one
another.**

Let us worship God together!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace
by Kevin McChesney

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

John 9:1-3, 6-12, 18-21, 24-25

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

THEME READING

“If you do not want an average life, you must be on guard against, and quietly suspicious of, conclusions made by conventional thinking.”— Andy Andrews

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children of the Heavenly Father
arr. by Matthew Compton

SERMON

Giving Up our Puny Ideas about God and What God Wants from Us
#4 in a sermon series:
“Give It Up” for Lent
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(vs 1,2,4,5) #494

CORPORATE PRAYER

from the New Zealand Book of Prayer
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo
through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and
freedom sustain our hope and come on
earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love,
now and forever.
Amen.



OFFERTORY

Prelude Op. 28 #9, Frederic Chopin

DOXOLOGY

Through all our living, we our fruits
must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when
receiving,
We belong to God.
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CLOSING HYMN

#840 “When Peace Like a River”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There is a Balm, arr. Lloyd Larson

FELLOWSHIP

