



# SOUTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

# TODAY

# *Our Deepest Longing?*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, May 15 at 2 pm Celebration of Life honoring Kenn Willson
- Sunday, May 19 Foundation Sunday
- Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm Water to Wine at the home of Sandy Ruff and Wally Carey
- Family Promise hosting week May 19-25
- Sunday, June 2 Graduation Sunday
- Sunday, June 2 Ethical Will seminar at 11:30 am
- Sunday, June 2 Children & Youth Lunch & Garden Day after Service
- June 17-21 Children's Summer Camps
- Rummage Sale June 27-29

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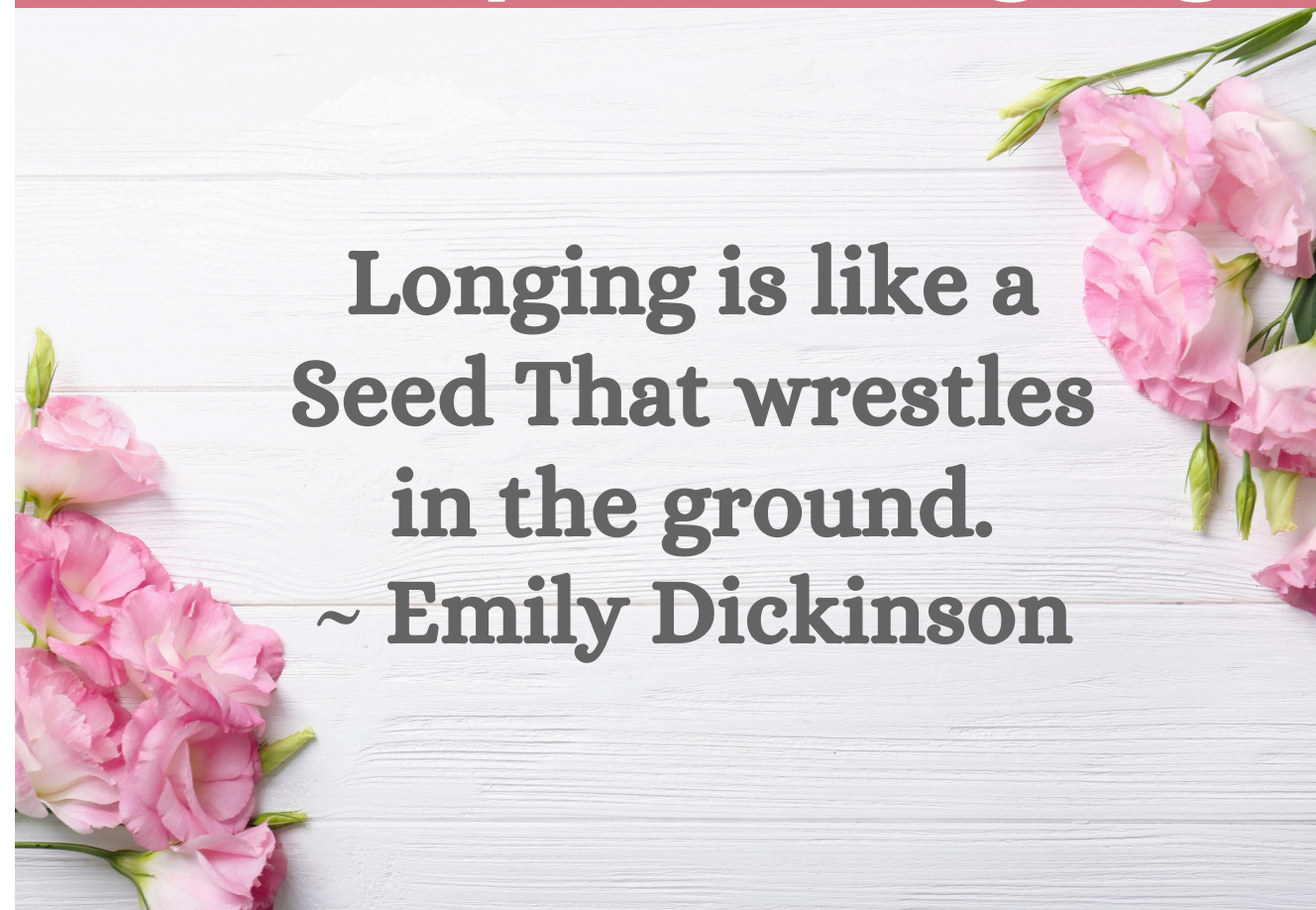
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**Longing is like a  
Seed That wrestles  
in the ground.  
~ Emily Dickinson**



## PRELUDE

“Spirit, Breathe on Me”  
arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- June 17-21 Children’s Summer Camps
  - Interfaith Summer Camp 9 am-12 pm
  - Frog Camp Afternoons 12 pm-3 pm
- Rummage Sale June 27-29
- Lay Reader: Ashley Fernandez

## PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“God doesn't bless us just to make us happy; God blesses us to make us a blessing.”  
~ Warren Wiersbe

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here in anticipation,

**seeking an encounter with a Holy God,**

who comes among us when we least expect it,

**who invites us to wrestle again with our questions and doubts,**

who richly blesses us,

**and calls us each by name.**

Let’s worship God together!

**May we find a blessing this morning.**



## OPENING HYMN

#324 For All The Faithful Women

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32: 22-32

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

## THEME READING

“Everyone you meet is a part of your journey, but not all of them are meant to stay in your life. Some people are just passing through to bring you gifts; either they’re blessings or lessons.”

~ Roy T. Bennett

## SPECIAL MUSIC

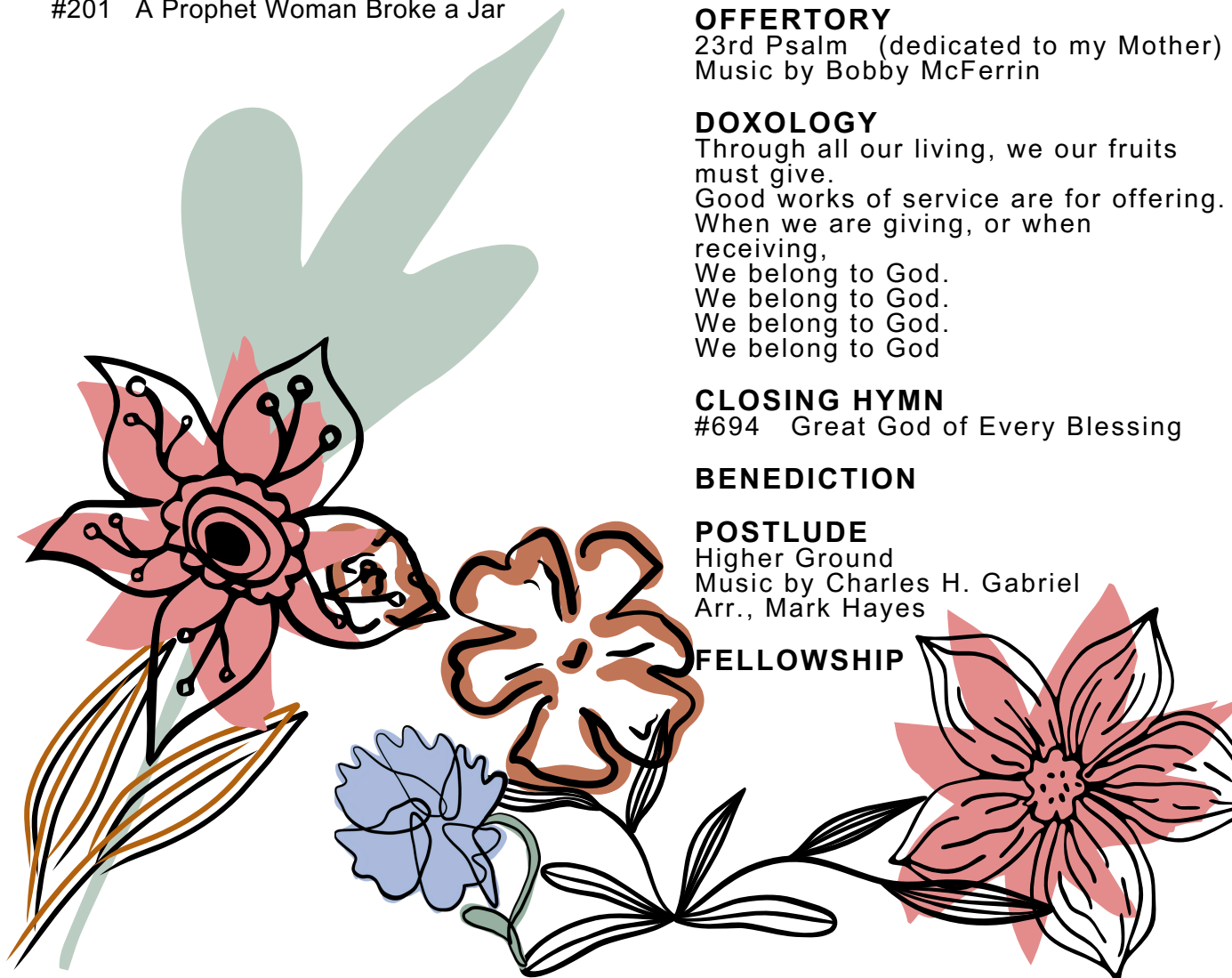
It Is Well With My Soul Music  
by Philip P. Bliss; arr., Daniel Murioki

## SERMON

*Our Deepest Longing?*  
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#201 A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar



## CORPORATE PRAYER

by Fred F. Keip  
Indwelling God,  
infused throughout all existence,  
we honor you with many names.  
Your realm is within the human heart.  
We accept life for all that it can be,  
on earth as throughout all creation.  
May we continue to draw sustenance  
from this earth,  
and may we receive forgiveness equal  
to our own.  
May we ever move from separation  
toward union,  
to live in grace, with love in our  
hearts,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## OFFERTORY

23rd Psalm (dedicated to my Mother)  
Music by Bobby McFerrin

## 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.  
We belong to God.  
We belong to God.  
We belong to God

## CLOSING HYMN

#694 Great God of Every Blessing

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Higher Ground  
Music by Charles H. Gabriel  
Arr., Mark Hayes

## FELLOWSHIP