



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 7, 2024

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

TODAY

The Blindness of Overfamiliarity



Familiarity is all the rage. And if you're doing something that doesn't have its rhythms preset, you know, everybody's a little bit uncomfortable.

~ Brad Bird, American filmmaker and animator

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, July 14 at 2 pm Water to Wine at the home of Ron and Dona Lehr
- Sunday, July 14, 21, 28 Adult Ed at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- Friday, July 19 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering, Michael Hawkins and Dave Pierce will host
- Saturday, July 20 Grubby Saturday



PRELUDE

Canto by Fred B. Binckes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Summer Reading: *“Poverty: by America”* by Matthew Desmond
- Sunday, July 14th New Adult Ed Series: Making Sense of 2024: *“The Ballot and the Bible”* After worship, in the Sanctuary or on Zoom
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- Minute for Mission: Family Promise with Diane Bender
- Lay Reader: Tom Ingala

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

“What makes his world so hard to see clearly is not its strangeness but its usualness. Familiarity can blind you too.”

~ Robert M. Pirsig,

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values

CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophets of old spoke of God’s justice, even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

We will do our best to listen.

Responding to God’s call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

Help us do our best to listen.

Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

God, draw close to our troubled world.

God’s prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

Give us ears to hear and hearts that open wide.

OPENING HYMN

#65 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

THEME READING

“I wonder if ever again Americans can have that experience of returning to a home place so intimately known, profoundly felt, deeply loved, and absolutely submitted to? It is not quite true that you can't go home again. I have done it, coming back here. But it gets less likely. We have had too many divorces, we have consumed too much transportation, we have lived too shallowly in too many places.”

~ Wallace Stegner, *Angle of Repose*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pop-Up Choir - “Oh Happy Day”
Words and Music by Edwin R. Hawkins

SERMON

The Blindness of Overfamiliarity
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#519

You Are My Strength When I am Weak
(twice through)

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.
You 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

Pop-Up Choir - “Lean on Me”
Words and Music by Bill Withers
Arr. by Alan Billingsley

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

#726 Will You Come and Follow Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude No. 1
By George Gershwin

FELLOWSHIP

