



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, September 5 Men's breakfast at Tom's Pancake House at 8 am
- Friday, September 6 at 10 am in Room 7 In-person Visioning Survey Focus Group
- Saturday, September 7 PFS presents 'West My Friend' at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary
 - Sunday, September 8 after service Welcome Back Sunday potluck
- Sunday, September 8 at 2 pm Water to Wine at the home of Judy Widen
- Saturday, September 14 at 1 pm in Room 7 In-person Visioning Survey Focus Group
- Sunday, September 15 Pictures during service
- Sunday, September 15 Southminster Reads discussion after service
 - Friday, September 20 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering at the home of Wally Carey and Sandy Ruff
 - Sunday, September 22 at 9 am Coffee Volunteer training in the Petersen Gallery
- Sunday, September 22 & 29 Adult Ed HYBRID Bible study on the book of Genesis Room 7 and Zoom after worship service

STAFF

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HOW TO REACH US

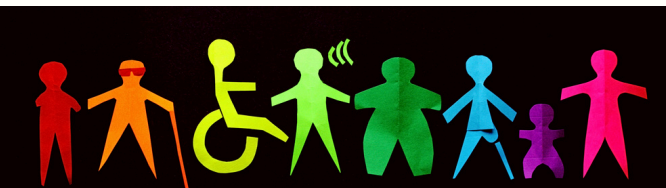
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TODAY

"Somebody Open a Window, Please"



"You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind."
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi



PRELUDE
Sweet By and By
Music by Joseph P. Webster
Arr. Mark Hayes



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Sunday, September 1 strawberry shortcake provided by the Children's Ministry after service
- NEW Men's Breakfast Thursdays, starting September 5 at 8 am at Tom's Pancake House in Beaverton
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- Children's Ministry: Audrey Morrow
- Visioning Survey: Diane Bender
- Personnel Announcement: Greg Jones
- Moment for Chairs: Wally Carey
- Lay Reader: Jaki Schmunk

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"People get used to anything. The less you think about your oppression, the more your tolerance for it grows. After a while, people just think oppression is the normal state of things. But to become free, you have to be acutely aware of being a slave."

~ Assata Shakur

CALL TO WORSHIP
Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,

Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

Strength is turning a cheek,

Strength is loving an enemy.

We come to worship

a God who redefines our vision of strength.

~ Katherine Hawker

OPENING HYMN

#744 Arise Your Light Is Come

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

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother. To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed

through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

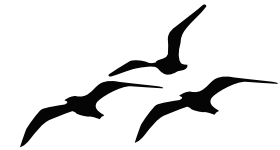
THEME READING

"Sometimes people hold a core belief that is very strong. When they are presented with evidence that works against that belief, the new evidence cannot be accepted. It would create a feeling that is extremely uncomfortable, called cognitive dissonance. And because it is so important to protect the core belief, they will rationalize, ignore and even deny anything that doesn't fit in with the core belief."

Black Skin, White Masks
~ Frantz Fanon



SPECIAL MUSIC
Sonata Pathetique Mov. 1
by Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)



SERMON

"Somebody Open a Window, Please"
Rev. Scott Dalgarno

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#52 When Israel Was In Egypt's Land

CORPORATE PRAYER

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.

by Fred F. Keip

OFFERTORY

Claire de Lune by Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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.
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CLOSING HYMN

#727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away
Arr. Mark Hayes

FELLOWSHIP

