



SOUTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23, 2025

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

TODAY

Hope Through Tears

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, March 2 at 11:30 am OWL parent/caregiver group in Room 9
- Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 9 Celebration of Creativity
 - Sunday, March 16 at 11:15 am Southminster 101 in room 7
 - Sunday, March 16 at 2 pm Water to Wine at the home of Kirstin Fredrickson and Martin Baker
- Friday, March 21 at 6 pm Mariners Gathering
- Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 pm PFS presents 'Heart and Hammer Band' in the Sanctuary



**"Tears are prayers too,
they travel to God
when you can't find the
words."
-Rumi**

PRELUDE

Take the "A" Train by Billy Strayhorn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign the friendship pads.
- TODAY from 11:15-11:40 am
Symbolic Movement Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
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- Lay Leader: Jaki Schmunk

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

"The sea is nothing but a library of all the tears in history." ~ Lemony Snicket

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ Carole Penner

Come to me, all you who sit in darkness.

On you has the light shone!

For Jesus is the light of the world
and this is the story;

**the light shines in the
darkness and the darkness
could not put it out!**

Jesus said,

"I am the resurrection and the life.

I am the bright and morning star."

**We join with the angels in
their hymns of praise;**

Glory to God in the highest

**and on earth peace,
Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN

#786 Why Stand So Far Away, My God?

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 are dismissed.

GREEK TESTAMENT READING

John 11:28-37

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

THEME READING

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

~ Anne Frank

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts, arr. Coates Jr.
Southminster Chancel Choir

SERMON

Hope Through Tears
Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu

RESPONSIVE HYMN

#792 There Is A Balm In Gilead

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

Fur Elise, Ludwig van Beethoven

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

#727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chandra

FELLOWSHIP

Please stay for the Symbolic Movement
Choir Practice in the Sanctuary