



A Place to Call Home: All are Welcome

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:30 am

Southminster Presbyterian Church

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Wilbur Held

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

Introit

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

Veni Sancte Spiritus, Etemite cae litus. Lucis tu ae radium.

Come, thou Holy Spirit bright; come with thy Celestial light. Pour on us thy love divine.

Come protector of the poor; come, thou source of blessings sure; come within our hearts to shine.

Thou, of comforters the best, Thou, the soul's most welcom'd guest, of our peace thou art the sign.

Grant us thy salvation, Lord, boundless mercy our reward, joys which earth and heav'n entwine.

Call to Worship

Laura Bannon

We come today to worship the God who comes to us again and again.

At Pentecost, the Spirit of God came like a rush of violent wind and filled the entire house.

Tongues, as of fire, appeared and the people began to speak as the Spirit gave them ability.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit.

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

* Hymn 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath like a child, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them into accusations towards those around us. In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion.

Silence

Assurance of Grace

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Sung Response 288

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

Time for Children

Robert Newman

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Romans 8:22-27

¶We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ¶and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ¶For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ¶But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ¶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ¶And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Lone Wild Bird”

Kimberly Green, Ginny Ezekiel, Blane Freeman, Kyle Henderson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight. And I am Thine!
I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The sea's dark deep and far off land. And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit,
come, and rest in me.*

*Each secret through is known to you; the path I walk my whole life through. My days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,
My deepest joys, my silent tears.*

Lord, I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

* Hymn 292

“As the Wind Song”

WAIKUA TAPU

* Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of

political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

EUCCHARIST

Offering

*** Doxology 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

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| * Hymn 66 | "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" | PENTECOST |
| * Charge and Benediction | | |
| * Choral Response | "Hallelujah, Amen" | GF Handel |
| * Postlude | "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" | Gordon Young |

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to Southminster!

Connect: If you are new to Southminster, we are glad you are here! Fill out a connect card and visit us online at southminsterpcusa.org to learn more about our ministries. We hope you'll join us for any opportunity that interests you.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery (Room 213), staffed by experienced workers. During the 10:30 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during our Time for Children. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are gluten and alcohol free. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Prayer concerns: Fill out a card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. Joys and concerns are shared by email each Monday morning. If you would like to receive our weekly email, please contact Betsy, betsy@southminsterpcusa.org. A printed copy of the prayer concerns is available at the entrances to the sanctuary each week.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes located at the sanctuary entrances, or you may give securely online by visiting southminsterpcusa.org.

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor
Rev. Leanne Pearce Read, Co-Pastor
Robert Newman, Program Director
Dr. Larry Hardin, Director of Music Ministries
Kyle Henderson, Director of Worship Arts
Ty Thornton, Pianist
Laura Bannon, Liturgist (10:30)



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Help us fund scholarships to Living River for children from Wilcox County!

The offering is being collected today!

Outreach Opportunities

GBM Kid Friendly Food Drive
May 20th - 24th

Paper bags are available for you to pick up at the entrances to the narthex with a list of items needed. You can put your donations in this bag and return to the church by Thursday, May 23rd!

Sunday May 26th

Summer Schedule Begins Worship: 10:30am

Sunday School will not meet, our summer speaker series will begin on June 2nd!



Join us for a night with the Birmingham Barons!

Thursday, June 13th
7pm

Cost: \$13/ticket
Scan the QR Code or call the church office to register!

This Week at Southminster

Sunday, May 19

8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Congregational Meeting
10:30 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

3:00 pm Youth Ice Cream Sundae Bar
7:00 pm Day School Graduation

Wednesday, May 22

9:00 am Day School Awards Day
5:00 pm Youth Dinner and Pickleball
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 23

3:00 pm Youth Art Party

Sunday, May 26

10:30 am Worship Service



Summer Series

Speakers

June 2nd-Rev. Sue Westfall
June 16th- PSL Anti-Racism
June 30th- Kairos Prison Ministry
July 14th- Rev. Garrett Harper
July 28th- Cahaba River Society

Fellowship

June 9th
June 23rd
July 7th
July 21st

*Join us at 9:15am this
summer!*

Mission Tuesday June 4th

Adults

Visit to the
Presbyterian Home for
Children. We will meet
at the church to
carpool at 9am, enjoy
lunch after the tour
and return by 2pm.

Call the church office
to register!

Youth

Food Bank and
Lunch!

Meet at the church
at 8:30am

Pick-Up at 2pm