



Southminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 9th, 2024, 10:30 am

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Morning Mood from "Peer Gynt"

Edward Grieg

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

Introit

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Call to Worship

Rev. Sharon Schuler

I give thanks to God who unseats rulers.
God rescues the oppressed.

I praise God, who removes tyrants from their thrones.
God's power topples false powers.

Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*2 Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*3 Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

*4 Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Grace

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

*** Sung Response**

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

*** Passing of the Peace**

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

WORD

Time for Children

Kyle Henderson

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his

purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:*

Refrain: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you on that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! We are determined to have a king

over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

*** Hymn 435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

*1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Mary Porter

EUCCHARIST

Offering

*** Communion Song**

Hymn 512

*The bread and the wine are here; come now, all who hunger and thirst.
Come needy; come now without fear. Drink joy, as the last become first!
Come in; sit down; there's room at the table; enjoy the feast love has spread for you.
Come in; sit down; there's room at the table; enjoy the feast love has spread for you.*

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*** Hymn 837**

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

SHOWALTER

*1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

*3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Response**

"May the Love of the Lord"

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*May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

*** Postlude**

"Praise Ye Jehovah"

Charles Gounod