

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 - 8:15 AM

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Hear the Good News of Salvation”

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

GATHERING SONG

*God's abundance is for all, no one is left outside,
kin-dom come, all people one in trust and love abide.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this world of striving,
we feel the need to earn.

The world measures our worth in those earnings.
But Jesus had different ideas.

Where they held tight to their narrow worldview;
**he offered new interpretations that opened
their minds to abundance.**

When we feel our own resources are lacking,
we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless possibilities and promise, we often feel the fatigue and hardship of this world. When life gets tough, we too often turn inward, looking after our own wellbeing. When days bring hardship, we are quick to lay blame or find escape. After long nights of fruitless work, we wonder if you really care at all. God of abundance, give us courage to trust and try again. Give us hearts that find blessings in sharing what is good in our lives. Give us boldness to leave what is comfortable to embrace a life of service and love.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 450)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

WORD

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

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

Ty Thornton, Piano

SECOND READING

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put

out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

HYMN 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

Refrain

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

*2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)*

*3 You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)*

*4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (Refrain)*

EUCCHARIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

*Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.*

OFFERING

COMMUNION SONG (Hymn 498)

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

SENDING

HYMN 729

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

*1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

Leading Today's Worship

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor

Kyle Henderson, Director of Worship Arts

Ty Thornton, Pianist

Coming Up

After worship today

Join us following the worship service for refreshments and Sunday School for all ages.

Lunch Today

Today following the 10:30 service, we hope you will join us for lunch at Newk's in Vestavia. Enjoy a chance for conversation and fellowship together.

Dinners for Eight returns this month

Dinners for Eight is your chance to meet and share a meal with folks at Southminster you might not have gotten to know yet. Groups will share a casual meal at a home or restaurant where the only goal is fun and fellowship. Today is the last day to sign up!

Wednesday Night Connect, 5:30 pm

Join us on Wednesday evening for a Mexican Dinner and brownies, followed by some Valentine "Minute to Win It" fun! Call the Church Office to make a dinner reservation.

Lunch and Learn, Thursday, February 13th, 12 noon

Join us for Lunch and Learn as Mike Wade joins us to talk about his work with the Greater Birmingham Humane Society and rescuing dogs. Lunch is provided; a \$5 donation is appreciated.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you are interested in donating flowers on a specific Sunday in honor or memory of someone, call Betsy in the Church Office and we will get you on the calendar.

Welcome 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 what's coming up.

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 caring, experienced workers. Worship bags for children are available in the entryway.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are alcohol-free and gluten-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. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns 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/give.

This Week

SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 9

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

11:45am / Faith Formation Committee

11:45am / Lunch Bunch

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00am / Celebration Circle

10:00am / Grace Circle

11:00am / Joy Circle

WEDNESDAY / FEBRUARY 12

9:00am / Personnel Committee

4:30pm / Welcome and Engagement Committee

5:30pm / Wednesday Night Supper and Program

7:00pm / Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY / FEBRUARY 13

11:00am / Bible Study

12:00pm / Lunch and Learn

FRIDAY / FEBRUARY 14

9:00am / Day School Chapel

SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 16

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

3:00pm / Session

5:00pm / Birmingham Youth Group