SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 - 10:30 AM

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone"

WELCOME Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

INTROIT "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Liddle

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

God will never stop searching for us.

So if you feel lost,

then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

*HYMN 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)

4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If God is a painter, let us be the brush. If God is a musician, let us be the song. If God is an architect, let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders. But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking, let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel. Our God is never far away. Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 471)

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Robert Newman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them,

'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SERMON Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

*HYMN 774 "There Is Now a New Creation"

- 1 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.
 - 2 Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.
- 3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.
 All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.
- 4 Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.
- 5 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EUCHARIST

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 694)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

SENDING

*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
 - 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 - 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Amen"

*POSTLUDE "Lenten Processional"

Leading Today's Worship

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor Robert Newman, Program Director Ty Thornton, Pianist and Interim Choir Director David Renaker, Organist John Liddle, Liturgist

Coming Up

Ty Thornton Hymn Recital, this afternoon, 4:30 pm

Join Ty this afternoon in the sanctuary as he presents a program of hymn arrangements appropriate for the Lenten season.

At the River Documentary, Dinner and Discussion

Join us on Sunday, April 6th, at 3pm for the viewing of a feature length documentary about a certain time in the Civil Rights era of the 50's and 60's. Dinner and discussion will take place following the documentary. Cost of the dinner is \$10; email Betsy at betsy@southminsterpcusa.org to make a reservation by tomorrow afternoon.

Wednesday Night Connect, 5:30 pm

Join us on Wednesday evening at 5:30 for a meal of Chicken Kabobs, Macaroni and Cheese, Caesar Salad, and Cupcakes. At 6:15 we will continue our Lenten study, discussing some of the essential tenets of our faith in a series called "Making Sense of the Christian Faith." There will be two short videos and then time for deeper discussion and prayer. This week's study will be "Incarnation and Atonement."

Time to order Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday and are available for \$20. They can be placed in honor or memory of loved ones. Contact Betsy at betsy@southminsterpcusa.org to order yours. Deadline is April 11th.

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 southminserpcusa.org/give.

This Week

SUNDAY / MARCH 30

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service

9:15am / Sunday School

1:00pm / Youth Trip to Zoo

4:30pm / Ty Thornton Hymn Recital

MONDAY / MARCH 31

10:30am / Centering Prayer

11:15am / Congregational Care Committee

TUESDAY / APRIL 1

5:00pm / Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY / APRIL 2

4:30pm / Nominating Committee

5:30pm / Supper

6:15pm / Lenten Program

7:00pm / Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY / APRIL 3

11:00am / Bible Study

SATURDAY / APRIL 5

9:00am / King's Home Thrift Store Pickup

SUNDAY / APRIL 6

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9:15am / Sunday School

11:45am / Lunch Bunch - Newk's

 $3{:}00\mbox{pm}$ / "At the River" Film, Dinner and Discussion