

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – 10:30 AM

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

“All Are Welcome”

WELCOME

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

INTROIT

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Schuler

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

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

When they demanded special treatment,
**he offered healing and wholeness for all –
not just for some.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” Forgive us and heal us, O God. Fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Robert Newman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all

things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Balm in Gilead”

SECOND READING

Luke 4:14-29

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been

fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

HYMN 693

“Though I May Speak”

*1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

EUCCHARIST

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

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 301

“Let Us Build a House”

*1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)*

*3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

***4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)***

***Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)***

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Amen"

POSTLUDE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Leading Today's Worship

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor

Dr. Larry Hardin, Director of Music Ministries

Kyle Henderson, Director of Music Arts

David Renaker, Organist

Ty Thornton, Pianist

Sharon Schuler, Liturgist

Coming Up

Souper Bowl Lunch today following 10:30 worship

We will enjoy a variety of soups and some good fellowship together. All donations will go to Rise Against Hunger.

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. Sign up by next Sunday!

Wednesday Night Connect, 5:30 pm

Join us on Wednesday evening for a potluck dinner and a time of fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share with others.

Lessons in Love, February 8th, 11 am

All are invited to a program by Dolores Hydock where she will tell funny and tender stories about the hazards of young love, the wisdom of lifelong love and the adventures in between. Lunch will be served at 11:45. Tickets are \$20 and are available in the Church Office. Reservations are due by tomorrow.

Welcome to Southminster

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Bill and Anna Kimrey in memory of Ellen Kimrey on her birthday.

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 / FEBRUARY 2

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service
9:15am / Sunday School
9:15am / Presbyterian 101 Class
11:45am / Souper Bowl Soup Lunch
5:00pm / Birmingham Youth Group

MONDAY / FEBRUARY 3

11:00am / Congregational Care Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00pm / Facilities Assessment Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY / FEBRUARY 5

5:30pm / Wednesday Night Potluck Supper and Fellowship
7:00pm / Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY / FEBRUARY 6

11:00am / Bible Study
4:00pm / Property Committee

FRIDAY / FEBRUARY 7

9:00am / Day School Chapel

SATURDAY / FEBRUARY 8

11:00am / Lessons in Love Program with Dolores Hydock
11:45am / Luncheon

SUNDAY / FEBRUARY 9

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service
9:15am / Sunday School
11:45am / Faith Formation Committee
11:45am / Lunch Bunch