

# SOUTHMINSTER

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### The Third Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 7, 2021 | 11 a.m.**

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Communion*

Malcolm Archer

#### Call to Worship

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**Many: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**Many: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

One: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**Many: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**Many: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Many: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

-Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14

# Hymn of Praise

## *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

JENNINGS-HOUSTON



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the  
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the  
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the  
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:  
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:  
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:  
prop - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;  
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;  
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;  
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.  
we are aim - less; lead us now.  
we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
we are search - ing; meet us now.

## **The Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and grant us courage as your disciples. We do not ask that you keep us safe, but help us to be faithful so that we may serve Jesus Christ who, though tempted in every way as we are, remained faithful to you.

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty, O God deliver us. From cowardice that dares not face the truth or from arrogance that thinks we own the truth, O God deliver us. From artificial life or worship; from all that is hollow or insincere, O God deliver us. From cynicism, intolerance, or indifference, O God deliver us. For everything in us that may hide the light of your love in Jesus Christ, O God of life, forgive us. Amen.

## Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

## Richard Shephard

Musical score for 'Lord have mercy' in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff shows the melody with lyrics 'Lord have mercy' and 'Christ have mercy'. The bottom staff shows the bass line with lyrics 'mercy.' and 'Lord have mercy'.

## **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel  
**In Christ we are all forgiven.**

## Affirmation of Community | Passing of the Peace

## The Epistle Lesson

## I Corinthians 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Musical Offering

*Agnus Dei*  
Charlie & William Mann, *baritones*

Pergolesi/Schweizer

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

## The Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“A Living Temple”

Rev. Jeffrey C. Clayton

## The Church at Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Sharing of Joys and Concerns*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

*As we participate in a virtual communion celebration,  
let us all take bread and cup together after the Words of Institution.*

### The Words of Invitation

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Words of Institution

### The Communion

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## Sending Hymn

## *O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
from trust in bombs that show - er de-struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

## Benediction & Response

### *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILON

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.

## Postlude

*Canzona*

Dom Gregory Murray

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Lyle Wilke & Wayne Wilson, *audio/video*

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