

Southminster Presbyterian Church



"Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

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**BEGINNING THE WEEK ON A MOUNTAINTOP WITH GOD
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" Karg-Elert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson
PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

CALL TO WORSHIP deNay Kirkpatrick

One: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**Many: We come, with the pain of our burdens, we come to hear God's Word
of hope for us.**

One: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name,
'Beloved of my heart.'

Many: We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.

One: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells
in us.

**Many: And not just us, for God would teach all to love; God's Spirit would lead all peoples in
peace.**

HYMN NO. 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; in every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO REPENTANCE deNay Kirkpatrick

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

*Pastor: ...The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.*

(The people may greet one another in peace.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

deNay Kirkpatrick

FIRST READING

John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever, E'en the Spirit of truth,
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever,
E'en the Spirit of truth, e'en the Spirit of truth.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robert Newman

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson and deNay Kirkpatrick

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.****People: And also with you.****Pastor: Lift up your hearts.****People: We lift them to the Lord.****Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.****People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

One: We have heard the Gospel proclaimed.**Many: May God's good news grow in us today.****One: We have beheld the God of Love in our worship together.****Many: May we grow in our love of God and one another in gratitude.****One: We each have a gift to share through the power of the Holy Spirit.****Many: May we give freely of our time, strength, and financial resources in response to Christ's gift to us.****All: May our worship transform our community, our families, our very lives, Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY NO. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
OFFERING PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN NO. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King:
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, **“Alleluia, Amen.”**

BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!”. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”

Knecht

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

- † **Louise Eatman**, at home for recovery from a fall
- † Dave and Chris Golliver ask prayer for **Warren McGilvary**, for successful surgery next week
- † **Pat McKinney**, at Encompass Health and Rehabilitation for improved strength
- † David Renaker's mother, **Dorothy Renaker**, for recovery from surgery to repair a broken hip after a fall
- † **Dereck Stewart**, remains at UAB West for peace and comfort as he is receiving hospice care

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Jim Prince to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fay Prince on her birthday on May 21st.

deNay Kirkpatrick will be assisting The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson in serving Holy Communion today as she was just approved on Thursday at the meeting of our Presbytery to be a Commissioning Ruling Elder.

During the Worship Service our Nursery is staffed with experienced workers in Room 211 at the end of the hallway behind the chancel and is available for infants through age 3 but please know that children of any age are welcome to stay in the sanctuary. After the Children's Message an adult may take children ages 4 through 7 to the Wee Believer's Classroom for a worship experience.

As a reminder, your offering may be placed in the offering plates located in the Narthex or the doors at the front of the sanctuary as you exit.

Please take a moment and sign the Friendship Pads located on the inside aisle of each pew. We especially would love to have visitors contact information.

Southminster Blood Drive this Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Grace Hall. The Red Cross needs your help! You can register by calling the Church Office, (205) 822-1124 or going to <https://tinyurl.com/2z7aw66x>. Thank you for helping save lives!!

Pentecost Offering to be collected Sunday, June 5th. You will hear a Minute for Mission today regarding the Pentecost Offering – forty percent of the offering collected stays at Southminster, and the youth have decided to send this money to the Presbyterian Home for Children. Please give generously!

Mark your calendars for a VERY Special Day in the Life of Southminster! Two weeks from today, Shades Valley will join with us officially and we are going to party! See the bulletin insert and make plans to be here!!

Summer Camp at Living River!!! Have you registered yet? For more information and online registration, go to www.livingriver.org. We hope to see you at Living River this summer!!

The Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthex. Take a minute and sign up. There are still lots of dates available!!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 22nd, 2022 – MAY 29TH, 2022

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes – Grace Hall
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Holy Communion
	12:30 PM	Worship Planning Meeting – Grace Hall
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The Church Staff

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