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OCTOBER 18, 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

CHORAL INTROIT

"Now God be Praised in Heaven Above"

Bekah Anderson, Kimberly Green, Daniel Moore, Jerry Snead

*Now God be prais'd in heav'n above, praised be He for his great love,
Whererin all creatures live and move,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gretchen Cloud

One: When life calls us to take sides,

Many: Christ calls us to serve one another.

One: When issues threaten to divide us,

Many: Christ calls us to love one another.

One: When injustice and oppression seem to overwhelm us,

Many: Christ takes on our burdens at the cross.

One: Come, join in worship together,

Many: For we are one faith, one body in Christ, and we need one another. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Abundant Life"

David Renaker

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Gretchen Cloud

God Who Heals, we come to You in our brokenness, in our despair, in the hopelessness of the world. We know that You take up our burdens. When we feel the weight of the world on us, and feel that we are lost in the valley of the shadow, we have a hard time feeling Your presence with us. Become known to us, O God. May we feel Your presence in the most difficult times. May we feel Your healing when we feel most vulnerable. Help us to reach out to one another in our prayers and compassion, to help bear one another's burdens, and help each other know Your presence. In the name of Christ, who makes us one, we pray all things. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gretchen Cloud

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sherri Van Pelt

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-16

deNay Kirkpatrick

7Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, **2**the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." **3**Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." **4**But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: **5**Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? **6**I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. **7**Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" **8**Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; **9**and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. **10**And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, **11**from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. **12**When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13**He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14**I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. **15**But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **16**Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"By the Grace of the Spirit"
Soloist: Kimberly Green

Andrew Gant

*By the grace of the Spirit we find God in mist of dawn,
in the shadows of the forest, in the leaping of the fawn.
We discover in hushed moments God's own pure serenity,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia.
By the grace of the Spirit we find God in music's air
as both song and joyous anthem bind our hearts in concord rare.
In the melodies of grateful praise we define God's sanctity,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia,
and we sing Alleluia, and we sing Alleluia.
By the grace of the Spirit we exalt the Father's name
when we validate in mission full redemption through Christ's claim.
May the counsel of the Spirit guide us in God's holy way
as we sing Alleluia, as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
as we sing Alleluia, as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, as we sing Alleluia.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Linda Carey

SERMON

"Thunder"

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

DEDICATION VIDEO

"This Little Light of Mine"

Chris Brown

HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
Bekah Anderson, Heather Benoit, Ginny Ezekiel, Kimberly Green, Anna Murphy
All are invited to sing along!

*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.*

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

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

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Gretchen Cloud

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

POSTLUDE

"The Rejoicing"

David Renaker

**The beautiful flowers you will see in the video this morning are given by
the Worship Ministry Unit in honor of
David Renaker's 30 years of faithful service to Southminster!
Thank you, David! We love you!!!**

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Day School Teacher **Deanne Barnette** and her husband **Jim** for peace and comfort in Jim's diagnosis with an incurable disease
- Laura Bannon ask prayers for her cousins, **Rob and Kelly Bannon** at the birth of their twins, **Brody and Luke**. **Brody is in the NICU at Grandview.**
- **Doug Deslattes**, in his diagnosis with B-Cell Lymphoma as he undergoes chemotherapy treatments
- **Sarah Morgan and Jerry Snead** at the loss of Sarah's mother, **Louise Morgan**, who passed away Wednesday afternoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Join us this morning at 9:00 AM on Zoom for our Sunday School offerings. This morning the **Advent Class** will use their regular class curriculum, Feasting on the Word. Also, Robert Newman will be teaching a class entitled, "**Unraveled, Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart.**" This class addresses leaning on God in times of struggle.

Also at 9:00 a 20 to 30-minute video will be released for children and youth that can be watched on Sunday morning or anytime throughout the week.

At 11:30, the **Topic** Class will continue its Zoom study of the New Testament led by deNay Kirkpatrick.

The **Seekers** meet on Sunday afternoons prior to Vespers, during the youth/children time. Contact person is Natalie Reed.

As you can see, there is something for everyone! We hope you will join us during the 9:00 hour via Zoom! The link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/919202336?pwd=VTJHSUZtdDdRQ0g1aC95aytKT1I3Zz09>

- ❖ The Youth will meet tonight at 4:00 PM in the BackDoor parking lot. Bring your lawn chair and wear your mask!
- ❖ Please be sure to join us tonight at **5:00 PM** for our outdoors Vesper Service. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and sit, socially distanced, on the lawn or by your car or, if you choose, you can remain in your car. Please wear your masks! Tonight we will celebrate our wonderful organist, **David Renaker**, for his 30 years of faithful service to Southminster! Though we wish we could be in Grace Hall throwing him a big reception that he deserves, we will do our best outside with cupcakes! We would love to see you ALL tonight! We know you want to be able to say Hi to David in person ... even from a distance!!!
- ❖ Also, today is Dedication Sunday. You should have received a Pledge Card in the mail but if you didn't please call Betsy in the Church Office (205) 822-1124, and we can make sure you receive one. We will have a time during our Vesper Service tonight to receive these pledge cards so bring them with you. If you cannot attend tonight, please mail your cards into the Church Office, 1124 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35216. We thank you!