

# Southminster Presbyterian Church

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**OCTOBER 11, 2020 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:30 AM**

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS BOB AND DELILAH ALLSBROOK

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

deNay Kirkpatrick

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

Many: **We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

Many: **We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

Many: **We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

David Renaker

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

deNay Kirkpatrick

**We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are often irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-18

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**4** On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; **5** but to Hannah he gave a double portion,<sup>[a]</sup> because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. **6** Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. **7** So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. **8** Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" **9** After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord.<sup>[b]</sup> Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. **10** She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. **11** She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." **12** As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. **13** Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. **14** So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." **15** But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. **16** Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great [anxiety](#) and vexation all this time." **17** Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." **18** And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

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

ANTHEM

"Beautiful Savior"

Bekah Anderson, Kimberly Green, Daniel Moore, Jerry Snead

*Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God, and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee; truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown!  
Fair are the meadows; fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirits sing.  
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, now and forever, for evermore be Thine!  
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Betsy Murphy

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 2:1-6

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2 Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

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

SERMON

"Hannah's Peace"

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SILENT REFLECTION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Campaign

Sherri Van Pelt

HYMN

"When God Restored Our Common Life"

Bekah Anderson, Kimberly Green, Daniel Moore, Jerry Snead

**All are invited to sing along!**

*When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty, at first it seemed a passing dream,  
a waking fantasy; a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;  
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil; with laughing hearts we carry home  
the fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed. May those who long for what is right  
with justice now be blest We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;  
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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**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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

David Renaker

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Doug Deslattes , in his diagnosis with non-Hodgkin lymphoma and as he waits to begin chemotherapy treatments
  - Give thanks with Sharon Jones at the receipt of good test results
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# 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!

The Blessing of the Animals Service will be held tonight at 5:00 PM. Bring your dog, cat, bearded dragon, chickens, whatever pet you wish, as well as 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! **\*\*Please note that our Vesper time has been moved up an hour to allow for enough daylight\*\***