

Southminster Presbyterian Church

– November 18, 2007, 11:00 a.m. –
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS, WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:2

Leader: Oh Surely God is my salvation;

All: I will trust, and will not be afraid,

Leader: for the Lord God is my strength and my might;

All: he has become my salvation.

*HYMN No. 551 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void, give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...

(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.) Amen

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

All: I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Leader: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace!

*GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Hymn 579

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.

The Word

*HYMN No. 467

“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, page 696

SPECIAL MUSIC

”Abba Father”

Jackie Langlois

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible, page 85

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Hoping Against Hope”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (unison)

Hymn 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER SONG

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (traditional)

Hymnal page 16

Sending

*HYMN No. 555 (vs. 1 and 2)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 555 (vs. 3)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship: Pamela Hudson – Church Musician; Connie Swain – Pulpit Assistant
Jennifer Whitehead – Children’s Time; Dave Markle – Song Leader

*All who are able, please stand.

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