

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 28, 2010 Waukesha, Wisconsin

Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 A.M.

The congregation is invited to stand at those times marked with an “”*

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

VOLUNTARY

Deep River

Spiritual, arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Deep Within

Words & music by David Haas, text adapted from Jeremiah 31:33

“Deep within, I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.

Follow me, I will bring you back, you will be my own, and I will be your God. I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength.”

The Chancel Choir; soloist: John Clausz

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(From Psalm 27)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

P: Why should I fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

P: Of what will I be afraid?

L: When trouble rises up all around me;

P: It will not overwhelm me.

L: There is only one thing I asked of the Lord;

P: To seek God’s guidance, and celebrate God’s goodness.

L: In times of trouble, God will help me;

P: God will shelter me and keep me safe.

L: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,

P: Because you are the God of my salvation!

L: Even if my mother and father abandon me;

P: The Lord will take me up.

L: I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Trust in the Lord! Be strong, let your heart take courage: trust in the Lord.

***HYMN**

The God of Abraham Praise

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In Unison]**

God of mercy, you sent Christ Jesus to give strength to the weak and reassure the lost. We admit that we believe those whom we should doubt, and trust those who have ulterior motivations and hidden agendas. We ignore and remain ignorant of your truth. Therefore we have failed in love, neglected justice, not followed your ways. The light of your love is dim within us. Forgive us! Have mercy on us, O God!

-Time for silent prayer-

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE (All singing)**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Return to God

Words & music by Marty Haugen

“Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; come seek the tender faithfulness of God. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation; come and learn now the way of our God. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the prisoner free; if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost, give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn.”

The Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

Sacrament of Baptism

Children aged four and under may leave for the nursery. Older children may leave for Children’s Church and Children’s Choir.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible pg. 72

SERMON

“Best Behavior”

Rev. Joe Ripley

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

As the Moon is to the Sun

Dave Brubeck

Luke 13:31-35

*Words of Glory (All Singing)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing:
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we thank you for reaching across the abyss of sin and embracing us with grace. We thank you for a love willing to go to the cross, through the grave, and leads us to new ways of life. Take our lives, and these humble offerings, as tokens of our commitment to walk the path of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF CENTERING *Take Me As I Am* Pew insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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.

WE SCATTER TO SERVE

*HYMN *You Are Mine* Insert

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

We are marching in the light of God (4X) Pew Insert
We are marching, Oh ho,
We are marching in the light of God. (2X)

POSTLUDE *Day After Day* Dave Brubeck

³¹While Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees came and said to him, "You should leave immediately, because King Herod wants to kill you."

³²Jesus answered, "Go and say to that fox for me, 'Listen, I will be casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, but on the third day my work will be finished.' ³³So, I will be about my work today, tomorrow, and the next day, because the city of Jerusalem is the only place where prophets are killed.'

³⁴Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to help it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

³⁵See now, your inheritance is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me again until the time comes when you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

GENERAL

WEB SITE UPDATES

Southminster's web site is updated weekly. Members wishing to promote church-related activities and news are encouraged to send information e-mail to Mike Lawrence (mike_d_lawrence@yahoo.com) by Thursday each week.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED OR IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sharon Bare, Dianna Lawrence, Courtney Wollenzien, Betty Schrupp.

To support our caring ministry, you are encouraged to call our church office when a need arises.

THIS WEEK AT SOUTHMINSTER

Today, February 28 at 9:30a.m.	Worship Service, followed by Sunday school
Today, at noon	Confirmation class
Mon. Mar. 1 at 6:45p.m.	Melodious Minsters rehearse
Tue. Mar. 2 at 7:00p.m.	Christian Ed. Comm. meets
Thur. Mar. 4 at 6:00p.m.	Soup Supper followed by 6:30p.m Lenten service
Thur. Mar. 4 after service	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Sun. Mar. 7 at 9:30a.m.	Worship Service, followed by Sunday School/Congregational Life Forum #4
Sun. Mar. 7	Musical at Vernon Lutheran Church
Sun. Mar. 7 at noon	Confirmation class

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE INFORMAL CONVERSATION TODAY

Today after church, grab a cup of coffee and join an informal, small group conversation in Nelson Hall. This will be an opportunity for extended discussion about the issues raised in the Congregational Life Survey Forums. Members of the Task Force will be on hand, but the conversation will be determined by the interests of the participants.

SOUTHMINSTER TODAY

WELCOME TO SOUTHMINSTER GUESTS

We are happy to have you worship with us and invite you to come again! If you are without a church home, you are most welcome at Southminster. We invite guests to sign the register and fill out a visitor card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

PASTOR: Rev. Joe Ripley

LAY READER: Dave Clark

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Paula Tillen

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S

CHOIRS & HANDBELLS: Gerry Elliott

GREETERS: Jackie Warshauer & Mike Lawrence

USHERS: Ron & Chris Jahnke and

Sheri & Sarah Lichtenberger

WE WELCOME CHILDREN THROUGHOUT WORSHIP

Our nursery is in Room 204-206, on the main hall. Our nursery caregiver is Lorin Kelly. We ask that an adult volunteer each week to assist our main care provider in the nursery.

Toddlers and preschoolers are also welcome in worship and may go to the nursery in room 204 after the children's message if their parents wish.

ADDITIONAL BIBLES AVAILABLE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Only one Bible fits in each pew rack. Therefore, not everyone is able to read along during the worship service. If you want to make sure you have a Bible in hand during church, there are extras available on the table just outside the sanctuary. You may return it to the table when you leave.

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

The worship committee is considering what elements of the worship service are particularly meaningful for the congregation. The committee recognizes that a meaningful service serves the dual purpose of satisfying current members and attracting new members and also recognizes there is likely to be variety in individual preferences. As the Worship committee considers the format and function of our service, we welcome the feedback of the congregation. To give your feedback about what you value in our worship service, we invite you to talk to a committee member and/or participate in an informal feedback session in Nelson Hall following the worship service **TODAY**. We look forward to hearing from you! Worship Committee Co-chairs: Rebecca Imes and Alice Lundstrom. Members: Edee Rolli, Linda Melton, Judy Johnson, Ginny Smith, Paula Foley Tillen, and Gerry Elliott.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS EVENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 18

The Rev. Red Sinclair will educate us on the Dead Sea Scrolls during Adult Ed time on April 11. On the following Sunday, April 18th for those interested, we will have a light lunch (pool our money together and order something like Cousin’s subs or Jimmie Johns) at church and then car pool of to the Milwaukee Public Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. To order tickets, call the museum at 414-223-4676 and request tickets for April 18th between the hours of 1-2p.m.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated Friday, March 5th at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Bible Study will be at 10:30a.m., with Pastor Anne Goins leading the study. The afternoon celebration, on the theme, “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”, will be at 1:00p.m. Participants who plan on staying over the noon hour should bring a bag lunch. For additional information, call Shirley Harrits at 262-542-4032.

HOPE CENTER REQUESTING LAYETTE ITEMS

The Hope Center is in desperate need of layette items. Layettes are bundles they give to expectant mothers to help them with their new baby. Layette items for expectant mothers consist of:

- #1 diapers * Newborn diapers * Newborn Clothes * Crib sheets * Hooded bath towels * Burp cloths * Onsies * Baby blankets * Baby wipes * Diaper bags * Baby bottles * Baby lotion * Baby shampoo * Baby wash *

Easter Flowers

An Easter plant selection is being offered to those wishing to reserve them. The price will be \$14 per pot. Each reserved plant is to be taken home after the worship service on Easter. Any plants left behind will be used to beautify the church grounds. Please turn in your order with payment by March 12th.

Name _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Total Number of Plants _____

Total Dollar Amount _____



Lenten schedule



- March 4- 6: p.m. Soup Supper
 6:30 p.m. Worship
- March 11 - 6: p.m. Soup Supper
 6:30 p.m. Worship
- March 18 - 6: p.m. Soup Supper
 6:30 p.m. Worship
- March 25 6: p.m. Soup Supper
 6:30 p.m. Worship
- March 28 9:30 Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 1, --Maundy Thursday,
 6:00 p.m. Jewish Passover Feast
 7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
- April 2,--Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
 Tenabrae Service of Light & Shadow
- April 04,-- Easter Sunday,
 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion

The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)** offering, that has been received at our church on *Palm Sunday* traditionally, is the **main way that our congregation contributes broadly to the mission work**

of the national Presbyterian Church. Our contributions join with those of many other Christian denominations *to do the work that Jesus set before us—feeding Jesus’s sheep.* For over 60 years, the donations to this fund, which have totaled about \$20 million each of the last 10 years, (of which Presbyterians have given \$8-11 million for at least the last 20 years), have gone to shared ministry through the programs that denominations decide individually.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) divides our contributions to OGHS about equally between three programs that work in various ways to help our neighbors in need—**Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Hunger Fund, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** *Bulletin inserts* throughout March will help you see the many ways these programs work with and for our neighbors to help them transform their lives *through the sharing of God’s Love in us.* Please take a few minutes to read them to be *inspired by the ways that sharing resources can change lives* and to feel proud of the ways that our joining together with other Presbyterians to help our neighbors in need can **make a remarkable difference** in their lives...and our own!

Then join generously in our effort to respond, as Jesus would have us do, to his final command to his disciples when He said, **“DO YOU LOVE ME? FEED MY SHEEP.”** Our OGHS offering will be **received on Palm Sunday, March 28th.** Please use the envelopes in the pews or indicate on your check memo “OGHS”. Your Mission Committee thanks you for your prayerful consideration of the part you can play as we join with our national church to be there for the needs of our neighbors. **FISH BANKS FOR OGHS--To encourage the children’s participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, they will each again receive a fish bank to make regular contributions to help feed Jesus’s sheep. This year each family will also receive a family devotional booklet to use together to encourage sharing about the importance of the Lenten season of the church in understanding the ways that Jesus lived to help us learn of God’s Love for us. Sharing as a family, in whatever ways you choose, the importance of God’s Love in your life, as you share your resources to help change the lives of people in need, is the best kind of learning for your children!**