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Southminster Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2012
Transfiguration of the Lord
9:30 A.M.

Waukesha, Wisconsin
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Mission Statement

To joyfully proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ,
serve those in need, and
be a welcoming spiritual community.

A blended worship service is built on the principle of using worship music and worship styles every Sunday that show equal respect for the spiritual preferences of all generations. Every Sunday you will hear and sing music from many different styles and eras.

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

SILENT PRAYER

God, there is no place we can go to escape your presence or your care: all the days of our life, you are here with us; if we go to the highest heaven, we are in your presence; if we go to the deepest ocean, you are there; if we go to the furthest East, or the distant West, even there you are; if we go to the very depths of Sheol, you are still there. Even when we are separated, you walk with each of us, and as we walk in your paths, we travel together. Bless our joining and our partings, and all of the days in between. Amen.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Heart of the Sunrise

J. Tesh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord !

P: Worship the Lord with gladness!

L: Come into God's presence with singing.

P: Know that the Lord is God.

L: It is God who made us;

P: We belong to God, the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter into God's gates with singing, and God's presence with praise.

P: Give thanks to God.

L: Because the Lord is good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: God's faithfulness is for all generations !

***BENEDICTION & RESPONSE**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of your teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's realm and to answer God's call.

POSTLUDE

Dreamer's Waltz

D. Lanz

***HYMN**

(Turn in prayer cards)

Gather Us In

2236

CCLI#2222489 (permission granted to print all songs listed)

WE SCATTER TO SERVE

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O mighty and merciful God, we stand before you and admit that we do not live in your ways. It is no surprise then that we do not feel your fire of love in our flesh and our bone. Forgive us. Renew us. Help us, O God, to be gathered in your new light !

-Time for silent prayer-

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***Words of Glory**

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.

***GREETING IN CHRIST'S NAME**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you!

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON Jeremiah 29:11-14 Pew Bible pg. 687

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children under age four may leave for the nursery. Children entering Kindergarten through fifth grade may leave for Children's activities.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God (Repeat)
We are marching, marching, O ho, we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-7, 15-16, 18, 25-27 Pew Bible pg. 102

SERMON "I'll Remember You" Rev. Joe Ripley

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #177

* HYMN

The Summons
2130

We receive your thankfulness and offer our forgiveness. We are grateful for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for the mistakes we have made, for the ways we have damaged rather than strengthened the community of faith. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will remain after you leave.

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting will further God's purpose in the world.

Do you, the members and friends of Southminster Presbyterian Church, release Joe from all duties and responsibilities as your pastor and teacher? If so, please say, "We do, with the help of God."

We do, with the help of God.

Do you offer your prayers and encouragement for Joe's future ministry as it unfolds in new ways? If so, please say, "We do, with the help of God."

We do, with the help of God.

Do you Joe, release Southminster Presbyterian Church from turning to you and depending upon you for pastoral leadership? If so, please say, "I do, with the help of God."

I do, with the help of God.

Do you offer your prayers and encouragement for the continued ministry at Southminster Presbyterian Church and for their relationship with the next pastor who will come here to serve? If so, please say, "I do, with the help of God."

I do, with the help of God.

On behalf of the Milwaukee Presbytery, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the Presbyterian Church (USA), I witness to the words spoken: Words of thankfulness, forgiveness and release. The congregations of Milwaukee Presbytery hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions and endings recognized this day.

Thanks be to God.

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

***HYMN**

Broken for Me
2263

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation & Prayer

L: This is the joyful feast of the people of God !

P: People will gather from North and South, from East and West;

L: Strangers and foreigners, speaking many languages;

P: Men and women, young and old;

L: Long-time members and those here for the first time;

All: All are welcome: invited to Christ's table of blessing !

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup—

We will receive Communion this morning by intinction. Select a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and take both together. If it is more comfortable for you, the elements will be brought to you.

Prayer After Communion

***HYMN** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (St. 1)* #514

OFFERING OURSELVES

Invitation

Offertory *How Great Thou Art* C. Boberg/R. Hughes

*Words of Glory

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer Of Dedication

Generous and loving God, all that we have, all that we are, come as a gift from you. We ask that you use us with our energies and abilities, along with these gifts we return. That we would build up a great blessing: in our lives, in our community, in your Church and in all of your world. Amen.

Service of Leave Taking

L: Our church family is constantly changing:

P: People come and go.

L: Babies are born.

P: Children grow up.

L: New families are created.

P: Loved ones and friends among us come to the ends of their lives.

L: Individuals move into our community and church life.

P: Others leave us, moving to new places, new experiences and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Joe and Cindy.

On August 10th 2009, the Session of Southminster Presbyterian Church Waukesha, with the concurrence of the Milwaukee Presbytery, called the Rev. Joe Ripley to serve as its Interim Pastor and teacher.

I thank Southminster Presbyterian Church, the Session, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown me these last 2-1/2 years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made, for all the ways I have obscured, rather than revealed God's love. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave here, you have altered my life: I will never be the same. I carry with me all that I have learned here.