



Alleluia!

Christ
is *Risen*

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Southminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, MO, is called by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister in love to the needs of members of the congregation and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Associates in Education: Andrew & Gaye Sands
Director of Music: Dr. Rose Mary Owens

Pianist: Lou Howard
Organist: Dr. Lynda Crowder
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Jo Hilburn

"Someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." James 2:18



The Sign Of **JONAH** —EASTER SUNDAY— THE SIGN OF LIFE! +++

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

Anyone in need of child care in the nursery, please contact the head usher.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Assistant Worship Leader today is Rich Marsh

Southminster...A community of faith; living and sharing God's love.

PRELUDE

G. P. S. da Palestrina, Arr. Ritter

"Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

You are invited to let the music and quiet meditation prepare you for a worshipful encounter with God.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the names of each family member present today on the Ritual of Friendship located in the pews on the center aisle.

The community gathers before God in Worship

INTROIT

Arr. Hayes

"Alleluia"

Lighting of the candles by Acolyte Michael Lyons

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Trapped for three days in death's strong bonds, the Lord of life and love prevails.

People: The sign of Jonah is given! Life has conquered death!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 217

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with you also.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose love is impartial, we confess that we favor those who are most like us, and seek special advantages for ourselves. We are slow to believe the witness of some who have seen your truth, and discount the messages that contradict our expectations. We are afraid when you call for boldness and daring and lifeless when you call for vital proclamation. Turn us around and save us from ourselves, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE

J. Berthier

"O Lord Hear My Prayer"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The community hears God's Word

DRAMATIC READING

Luke 24:1-9

Leader: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

Women: They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

Leader: While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

Women: The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,

Men: but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Women: Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. (Luke 24:1-9)

FIRST READING Jonah 2:10-3:10

PSALM LESSON Psalm 18

GOSPEL READING Matthew 12:38-41

*HYMN "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

*Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the
Living One;*

*From the gloomy halls of death, Christ,
the conqueror, has gone,
Bright forerunner to the skies of his
people, yet to rise.*

*Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal
waits for you;
Joined to him, your living head, where he*

*is, you shall be too;
With the Lord, at his right hand, as a
victor you shall stand.*

*Hallelujah! Angels sing! Join with us in
hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain which our
feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on earth his
peace and love!*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 623

READER'S HOMILY

The Sign of Jonah: "The Sign of Life!"

ANTHEM

Thomas Fettke

"The Majesty and Glory of His Name"

Southminster Choir

The Choir requests no applause

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Arr. Hayes

"Resurrection Medley"

*DOXOLOGY

No. 625

"Praise God"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING (*With silent prayer*)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER WITH THE PEOPLE

Leader: In the empty cross and the open tomb you have provided a sign, O God—a sign that proclaims life and light and love. Eternal life is ours through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Make your people signs of your eternal love.

Leader: Unite your people in one will, that we may bring your glorious Word to every nation. Give us mouths that proclaim your message: "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

People: Make your people signs of your eternal love.

Leader: Lead all nations to the light of your love, O God. Empower gracious leaders, topple tyrants, uphold justice, and guide your church throughout the world.

People: Make your people signs of your eternal love.

Leader: Tend with special Easter care all those who suffer any sort of need. Lead your Body, the Church, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, attend the lonely, comfort the mourning, support the jobless, bring hope to the hopeless, and heal the sick.

People: Make your people signs of your eternal love.

Leader: Bring all people to your empty tomb, O Christ, that they may be assured of the resurrection that awaits all who put their hope in you. Comfort those who have suffered loss this Eastertide, that they may know the sure promise of eternal life.

People: Make your people signs of your eternal love.

Leader: As Jonah was a sign of life, so make your people a sign in this wide world. The Lord gives life to his people!

Unison: In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE

J. Berthier

"Alleluia"

The community departs to serve in the Peace of God

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.*

*He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.*

*He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.*

*He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.*

*He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;*

*He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Go Now In Peace" by Don Besig

*Go now in Peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every
day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do
Go now in love and show you believe*

*Reach out to others so all the world can
see
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE

David Johnson

"Trumpet Tune in D"

Are you feeling particularly sad as a result of all the loss at Southminster in the last few months? It has come to Session's attention that with the rather sudden retirement of Bill Havens and the death of several members since then, that some sort of group grief counseling is needed in our congregation. Rev. Ellen Brantley has offered to lead a service beginning with worship and prayer and then allowing time for individuals to share and discuss. It will be similar to the Blue Christmas services of the last few years. This will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.

S O U T H M I N S T E R , A P R A Y I N G C H U R C H

Please call the church office no later than Thursday with your joys or concerns if you want them in the bulletin.

**Presbytery Prayer
Support of the Week**
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church,
Springfield, MO
has approximately 153 members.
They are being served by
The Reverend Kent Hollingsworth.

JOYS

Birthdays: April 4: Vera Goodall; 5: Mescal Kennedy, Alex Kinloch, Stanley Smith;
6: Ann Pearson.

Anniversaries: April 5: Richard & Lynn Myers; 6: Curt & Rosemary Finney;
8: Bob & Mary Beth Bird

CONCERNS

The Interim Pastor Search Committee who is seeking an interim pastor.

ONGOING CONCERNS

Members

Mary Shelton

@ Chicago

Ruth Peterson

@ Culpepper West

Helen Calhoun

@ Elfindale Manor

Isabel Lairmore

Madalene Taylor

@ The Gardens

Betty Reid

@ James River Care Center

Ann Pearson

@ Jordan Creek

June Speight

@ Magnolia Square

Mescal Kennedy

@ Maranatha Manor

Carolyn Deeds

@ Montclair

Mary Beth Bird

@ Quail Creek

Pat Porter

@ Union, MO

Ted von Willer

@ V.A. Mt. Vernon

Alma Baird

Vera Goodall

@ Waterford

Lea Barcomb

Dorothy Johnson

Dale McDonald

Betty Mulford

Sharol Neely

Betty Potts

@ Home

Friends & Family

Jan Bennett

daughter of Jean Stokke

Bryan Billenstein

son of Jeanne

Tami Montgomery

daughter of Rich & Toni

Doug Palmer

son of Steve and Patsy

Jack Shuler

grandson of Gondy



Mini Scroll



We warmly welcome visitors and invite you to consider membership in our community of faith, if you do not have a church home. For more information about the church, contact one of the Elders.

Events this week – April 4th through April 11th, 2010

TODAY



- 8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church
- 8:30 AM** ***Easter Sunrise Service***
- 9:15 AM** ***Pancake Breakfast***
- 9:30 AM** ***Easter Egg Hunt***
- 10:45 AM** ***Morning Worship***
“The Sign of Jonah” series conclusion
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church

Monday

- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM** ***PWCT Meeting***
- 6:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous
- 6:30 PM** Sweet Adeline's
- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church
- 7:30 PM** 12 Step Group (Closed)

Wednesday

- 8:30 AM** TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting
- 10:30 AM** ***Congregational Care Committee Meeting***
- 5:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous
- 5:45 PM** ***Wonderful Wednesdays***
- 6:30 PM** ***Potluck Dinner***
- 7:15 PM** ***Choir Practice***

Thursday

- 7:00 PM** Ukrainian Church

Friday

- 7:00 PM** Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday

- 8:30 AM** 12 Step Group (Closed)
- 12:00 NOON** Overeaters Anonymous

Next Sunday

- 8:30 AM** Lamp Lighter Church
- 9:30 AM** ***Sunday School***
- 10:45 AM** ***Morning Worship***
Guest Minister: Samantha Hogenson, Peer Minister, MSU
Coffee sales following morning worship
- 1:30 PM** Ukrainian Church
- 4:00 PM** ***Grief Service***
- 5:00 PM** Lamp Lighter Church
- 6:00 PM** ***Session Meeting***