

Order of Worship

**All who are able please stand*

Please contact an usher or greeter to obtain an assisted hearing device

FOR REFLECTION

"Until enough of us vow to stand with the Husseins against the Yazids, even unto death, the tragedy of Karbala will continue."

--Kevin J. Barrett

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** "For the Traveler" (excerpt)

John O'Donohueⁱⁱ

A journey can become a sacred thing:
Make sure, before you go,
To take the time
To bless your going forth,
To free your heart of ballast
So that the compass of your soul
Might direct you toward
The territories of spirit
Where you will discover
More of your hidden life,
And the urgencies
That deserve to claim you.

**May you travel in an awakened way,
Gathered wisely into your inner ground;
That you may not waste the invitations
Which wait along the way to transform you.**

**May you travel safely, arrive refreshed,
And live your time away to its fullest:
Return home more enriched, and free
To balance the gift of days which call you.**

***HYMN –** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

#738

***GREETING OF PEACE**

May the Spirit of peace and wisdom be with you all.
And also with you.
Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*(After the children's time children are dismissed for Godly Play & Joyful Path;
Youth for Connections & Everyday Leadership)*

Parents: If this is your first time at Southminster Sunday School, please go with your children (age 3-4th grade) and sign them in. Thank you.

READING

Insha'Allah

Danusha Lamerisⁱⁱⁱ

*I don't know when it slipped into my speech
that soft word meaning, "if God wills it."
Insha'Allah I will see you next summer.
The baby will come in spring, insha'Allah.
Insha'Allah this year we will have enough rain.*

*So many plans I've laid have unraveled
easily as braids beneath my mother's quick fingers.*

*Every language must have a word for this. A word
our grandmothers uttered under their breath
as they pinned the whites, soaked in lemon,
hung them to dry in the sun, or peeled potatoes,
dropping the discarded skins into a bowl.*

Our sons will return next month, insha'Allah.
Insha'Allah this war will end, soon. Insha'Allah
the rice will be enough to last through winter.

*How lightly we learn to hold hope,
as if it were an animal that could turn around
and bite your hand. And still we carry it
the way a mother would, carefully,
from one day to the next.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Songs of Worship and Praise, arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Bell Choir

READING

Mark 12:38-44 Scholars' Version^{iv}

In his teaching he was saying, "Look out for the scholars who like to parade around in long robes, and insist on respectful greetings in the marketplaces and the prominent seats in the synagogues and the best couches at banquets. They are the ones who prey on widows and their families, and then recite long prayers just to look good. These people will get what's coming to them and more!"

And he sat across from the temple treasury and was observing the crowd dropping money into the collection box. And many wealthy people would drop large amounts in. then one poor widow came and put in two quarters which is a pittance. And he motioned his disciples over and said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow has contributed more than all those who dropped something into the collection box. You see, they were all donating out of their surplus, whereas she, out of her poverty, was contributing all she had, her whole livelihood."

SERMON

Insha'Allah

Rev. John Shuck

***HYMN**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#834

***AFFIRMATION OF LIFE** From "A Poem for Arbaeen"

Ali Rizwan Shah

**In the stormy seas we've not yet set ashore,
many evil minds would want to stop our tears.
But this mourning will continue, forever more,
with cries of Ya Hussein, ringing in our ears.**

SUNG PRAYER

Ubi Caritas

(sing four times)

Ubi caritas

Et amor

Ubi caritas

Deus ibi est

(Where there is grace and love there is God)

MEDITATION AND NAMING

***PRAYER**

Prayer of Jesus

John Philip Newell

**Ground of all being,
Mother of Life,
Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings
in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life,
the vitality of life,
and the glory of life
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

A TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO GIVE

MUSIC FOR OFFERING

Deep River, arr. Kevin McChesney

Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.
We belong to God.**

***GRATITUDE PRAYER**

***HYMN**

Lord, When I Came into This Life

#691

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

***MUSIC FOR LEAVING**

ⁱ Kevin Barrett, "Arbaeen: The World's Biggest Event"

<https://kevinbarrett.heresycentral.com/2018/10/arbaeen-the-worlds-biggest-event/>

ⁱⁱ From John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us* (New York: Doubleday, 2008).

<https://www.johndonohue.com>

ⁱⁱⁱ Danusha Lameris, *The Moons of August* (Pittsburgh, Autumn House Press, 2014).

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/57445/inshaallah>

^{iv} Robert Miller, ed., *The Complete Gospels Fourth Edition* (Salem: Polebridge, 2010), p. 52.

^v <https://www.shia-forum.de/index.php?/topic/2050-a-poem-for-arbaeen/>