

**Visitors.....**if you are joining us today for the first time, and would like more information about Southminster, please fill out the **Connection Card** that can be found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.



**This Week at Southminster:**

**Today**

Puppet rehearsal Noon  
Enneagram 5-7pm

**Monday**

Merry Martha Circle @ Cracker Barrel 7:30am  
Thanksgiving Service - information on bulletin board

**Tuesday**

Men's breakfast & study 6:30am

**Wednesday**

Naomi Circle 9:30am  
Rachel Circle 1:00pm

**Thursday**

The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving and 9 - Noon on the 27th and 29th.

Remember to join us after fellowship hour today in the Genesis Room as we bring a little of the warmth of summer back into our lives...using the "I am From..." poem format introduced at the All Church Retreat and presented in Julie Anderson's sermon this summer, we will be exploring who and where we are both as individuals and as a church at this grateful time of year. The more around the table, the more blessed we will be...hope to see you there!

**YOU are invited**-RSVP not required but appreciated: Carol Garrison is opening her home this Thanksgiving Day for anyone who craves fellowship and fun and/or does not want to cook. If you have been thinking of heating a frozen turkey dinner and plopping in front of the television, this is a good option for you! The fun will begin at 2PM - 6319 Universal Avenue (Cole and Lake Hazel). Carol's # is 208-841-4339.

Newsletter Deadline  
**November 20th**

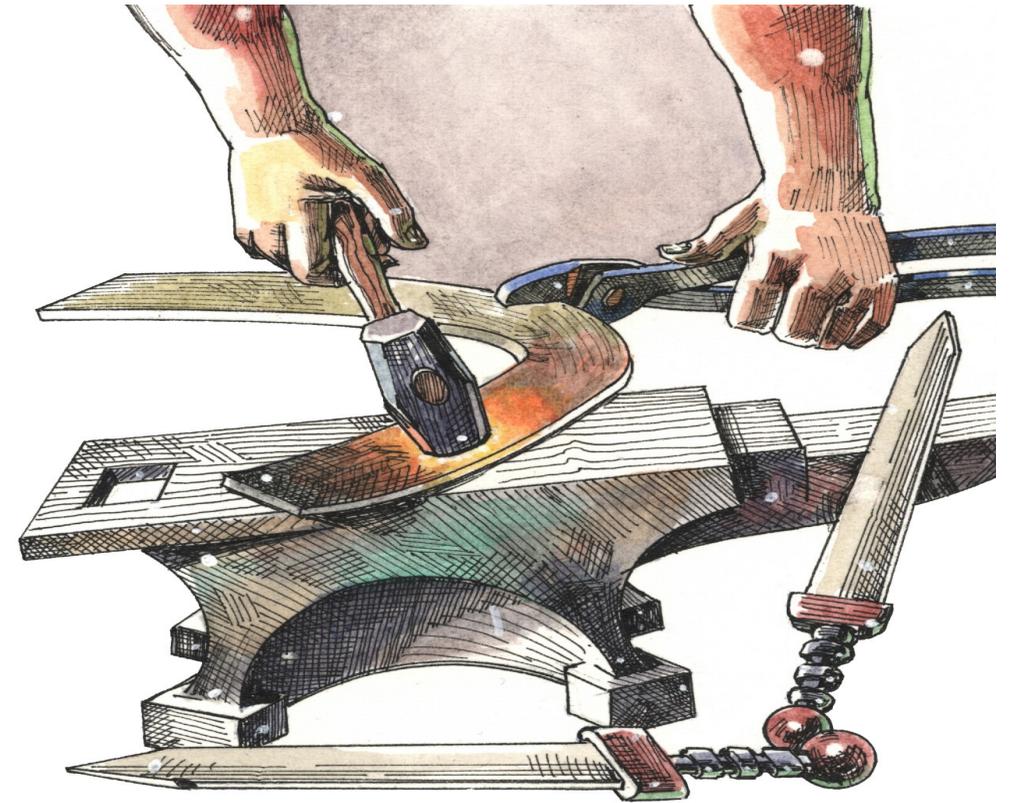
**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP**

**Nov 18th**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
Liturgist: Lisa Baker  
Greeter: Kristy Wymond  
Ushers: Carol Town  
Judy Varvel  
Gloria Levis  
Rich Anderson  
Organist: Susan Pohl  
Handbell Director: Phyllis Tincher  
Choir Director: Claudia Sutherland

**Nov 25th**

Preaching: Christopher Dahlke  
Liturgist: Kate Savage  
Greeter: Harleen Blair  
Ushers: Beth Baker  
Mary Lou Downey  
Roger & Darleen Brown



**THEY WILL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS**  
ISAIAH 2:4

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**An open and affirming community, seeking a caring and just society.**

## The Gathering

### Prelude

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

arr. Anna Laura Page

### Introit

Jill Gertje-Flute

**Thanks Canon**

arr. By Donald Moore

### \*Call to Worship

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

**There we may worship in joy and truth.**

For there God will teach us divine ways so we may walk in God's paths.

**Nation will no longer lift up sword against nation.**

Neither shall they learn war anymore.

**Let us turn our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks.**

May our habits of division be transformed into tools of peace and abundance. Let us worship.

### \*Hymn #744

**Arise, your Light has Come!**

### Call To Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, God of hope, you promise a new and different way of life. You invite us to join you on the path, where we can learn your ways. Yet we usually prefer to choose our own path, and seek our own understanding.**

We put ourselves before others and so ignore the gift of life in the other. We succumb to human pessimism, worried nothing will ever get better. Help us instead welcome and embody your deep, divine hope, trusting in a radical new world where our tools of violence may become tools of peace.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall become, so we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, streaming to your holy mountain, together. Amen.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Listen to what God says through the prophet Isaiah, "I am the Lord, that is my name. ...See, the former things that have come to pass, and new things I now declare." In the name of the Lord, I declare forgiveness. I declare mercy. I declare love that is stronger than sin and death. And I declare these things to you. Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*As you greet one another, feel free to move around the sanctuary welcoming new friends and old.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## Announcements

### Moment for Stewardship

LeAnn Mohr

### \*Hymn #87

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**  
Prayer requests will be collected during this hymn

### Time with the Children

### Southminster Bells

**Meditation on Beautiful Savior**

-arr Cathy Moklebust

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

### Scripture

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-21; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

### Sermon

## The Response and the Sending

### Statement of Faith from the Belhar Confession

PowerPoint

### Offering and Dedication of Pledges

### Offertory

Evelyn Cates—Accompanist

**We Are Singing/Siyahamba**

-Hal J. Hopson

### \*Doxology #607

### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn #710

Sung 2 times

**We Lift Our Voices**

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Now Thank We All Our God**

-G. F. Kaufmann