

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

and justice for all: **Just Watching**

August 15th, 2021

*We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notion
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice.*
Amanda Gorman, 'The Hill We Climb'

*Clearly there is no one way to be a bird,
just as there is no one way to be a human.*
Jennifer Ackerman (1959 -)

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music *Song of the Birds*
Sheku Kanneh-Mason

Call to Worship adapted from VT 852

Hymn *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Ethel Waters

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *How long have we watched*
by Francis Köppschall

A Time for All God's Children

Song *I Like Birds* The Eels

Scripture Luke 2:8-12

Sermon *Watching isn't always Seeing,
but sometimes it is!* David Moser

Hymn *God speaks to us in word and song* **VT 539**

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Benediction

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*Southside Fellowship is an inclusive Anabaptist/Mennonite congregation that understands faith as a journey. At the core of our community is the boundless love of God, the justice-centered life of Jesus, and the mystery of the Spirit. We welcome all people to join us, including those who have been excluded elsewhere because of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, economic status, marital status, age, or religious uncertainty.*



John James Audubon, Indigo Bird.  
Birds of America, 1827-1839