SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

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"I confess three types of baptism: that of the Spirit given internally in faith; that of water given externally through the oral confession of faith before the church; and that of blood in martyrdom." - Balthasar Hubmaier -1526

<u>GATHERING</u>

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship Adapted from VT 869

ALL: May God bless us on this difficult and beautiful way. May Christ walk beside us. And may our worship, through the Spirit's presence, Inspire and strengthen us with every step. Amen.

Hymn

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn

Scripture Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 (from the Anabaptist Community Bible / CEB translation)

Sermon500 Years of Making Good Trouble500 Years of Troubling the Water- David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn

Offering VT 1022

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn

Benediction from VT 1062



Jan Luyken, Ministry of Baptism in the River, from Scenes of the First Christians (Menno Simons Historical Library photo)

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.