**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost or 24th Sunday of Covid19**

**August 23, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos>
3) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, exit the live video. Wait a minute or two, and then log back in. The video feed should be restored in about1-2 minutes after an interruption and becomes PART 2 of the worship service.

 1 Gathering Music: Hymns 433-443 from the *Glory to God* hymnal

You’re at the right place online if you’re hearing the gathering music. It is on a loop and lasts for 15 minutes.

 2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 3 Improvisational Prelude

 4 Call to Worship (Psalm 25:5-7 NRSV)

 Pastor: Lead us in your truth, and teach us**.**

 Liturgist (for **All)**: **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.**

 **All**: **According to your steadfast love, remember us.**

 5 Hymn 761: *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (verse 2)

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,**

**Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,**

**Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.**

 6 Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord God, your steadfast love is eternal and confirmed in the gift of Jesus Christ.
There are times when we look at others, and we don’t see them clearly, as persons
created in the image of God. We only see our hate, our exhaustion, our impatience,
or our anger toward them. Through the power of your Spirit within us, we ask that
we be more loving so that we can live more faithfully as your people. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both our Lord and savior. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 7 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:34)

 Liturgist: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

 Pastor (for **All)**: **Only Christ, and Christ died for us,**

 Liturgist: Christ rose for us,

 Pastor (for **All)**: **Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

 Liturgist: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

 Pastor (for **All)**: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

8 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

 9 The Passing of the Peace

We have previously learned how to say “love” in sign language. The sign for “more” is below.

10 Word with Children Christine Olfelt

11 Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**Triune God,
Discern in our hearts
The will you would have us desire,
The love you would shape in our world, and
The grace that will enable us.**

**Amen.**

12 Scripture Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

13 Sermon: “Prayer for Love and Vision”

14 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) Ezekiel 36:26-27  NRSV

**The Lord said, “A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.”**

15 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* (verse 2)

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

16 Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

 Liturgist(for **People**): **hear our prayers.**

**The Lord’s Prayer:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

 Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

17 Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision*

18 \**Doxology* Hymnal 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

19 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

20 Hymn 853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching oo-ooh,**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching oo-ooh,**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

21 Charge and Benediction

 Pastor: Now go and serve the Lord,

 Liturgist (for **All)**: **For we are blessed to be a blessing! Alleluia! Amen!**

24 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Andrea Davidson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

Tech support: David Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from Heidi Shierry in memory of her father, Stuart Yoos.

This is sign language for “more,”



Our **Sunday morning Zoom fellowship** is scheduled as a recurring meeting through today. Join us at 10:30 a.m.!
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88323219478>
Meeting ID: 883 2321 9478
If you’ve never used Zoom before, when you click on the link above you will get instructions for how to download – it’s free. To join the meeting, you will be asked to connect with video and then also with audio. It sounds a bit complicated but it’s really fairly easy. And then you’ll be able to see and hear everyone else who has signed on!

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” Tuesday-Friday at 4:16 p.m.

We’re also live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m.
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You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions and Sunday services posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study**: Our study of James continues today at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom (right after our Zoom fellowship). If you want to join the class, click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804167534?pwd=eHVNYXF3NVJHN3JKRUFPZXozRjkxZz09>
(Meeting ID: 838 0416 7534 / Password: 062773)

**Youth**: Join us for another **Pizza & Games** this evening from 5:00-7:00. Again, we will be masked, distanced, and outside as much as the weather will permit. Bring a mask, $5 for the meal, a friend, and your smile.

**Elders: Session** meets this Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. via Google Meet; the link will be in the email with the docket. If you haven’t sent in your reports/motions/docket items yet, please do so today.

**Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
Our **Thursday night (7:00) virtual thematic Bible Study** is proving to engender interesting conversation. The study will continue this week – watch for the details to be posted in Wednesday’s eNotes.

**Psalms to Pray:** In my conversations with people since this pandemic shut us all in our homes, I have heard them say they were overwhelmed, especially those who are trying to home-school and work and carry on life’s “normal” activities. My instinct as a Christian educator, for any issue is always to develop some curriculum! Since at this time I hear you, that we DON’T need another time-consuming activity, I compiled some psalms as a mode of valid, powerful crying out to God in times of stress. They are available to you at church in the form of the booklet “Psalms to Pray”. If you have a key, let yourself it and take one from the front entry. If you don’t have a key, please call me 312-914-7712 or email christine@southminsterpc.org and I will connect you with a copy.

Christine

“**Gifts Grow**,” an opportunity to give to Southminster’s missions and have your contributions matched, has been extended through today! If you haven’t already donated – or if you’d like to give more – here’s your chance! Southminster’s supported missions are:
**Bridge Communities
Cuba Sister Church**
**DuPage PADS
Feed the Homeless-South Africa
GROUP Youth Mission Team
Metropolitan Family Services (Family Shelter Services)
PRC (People’s Resource Center)
Rebuilding Together Aurora
Walk-In Ministry
World Relief**
Please write your check to Southminster Presbyterian Church, write out Gifts Grow on the memo line, AND include a note as to the mission you wish to support.

**Summer Music!**With just a few weeks left in the summer, Tom reminds you that there’s still time to volunteer to share your musical talents in worship! He will be available at SPC on Thursday afternoons by appointment to record special music with any willing volunteers for our streaming summer services. Please contact him via email (tomanderson101@gmail.com) or text message (651-246-5029) to let him know you'd like to participate and offer your talents for our (remote) summer music ministry, and he’ll make the necessary plans with you. As always, all ages, instruments, voice parts, and talent levels are invited and welcome!

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who ordered last Sunday!! We earned $120.58 in "free" money for our church! It was one of biggest orders this year! To date, we have earned $1,284.10 for Southminster! Your next time to order is Sept. 6. Yes, it is Labor Day weekend, but you can still order with an email. Only change is gift cards will probably arrive the following Wednesday instead of Tuesday. **Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey): The 22nd weekly delivery was made on Monday to PRC. This order even included some freshly harvested garlic from the church's garden. Thanks, Kathy! Fresh produce is accepted, if you have a bountiful garden! If you do drop off produce, Saturday or Sunday is the best time to drop off so it can be brought to PRC on Monday for client pickup on Tuesday. Many, many thanks to all who have contributed during this pandemic! Remember, the donation box is on our porch 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor Road, GE.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Generally, we share our prayer requests at worship services on blue slips, but since we haven’t been meeting, we’re missing our blue slips! We are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.

**Joys and Concerns:** - Marie Shepherd and family on the death of our dear friend and longtime member, Bill, on Tuesday. Please send cards to Marie at 60 N. Nicoll Ave., #305, Glen Ellyn 60137, or call and leave a message on the phone (630-446-1707).
 - Linda Meester, recovering from cataract surgery on her left eye
 - Melissa Heard, a coworker of Rita Zapel’s, who will be undergoing a complicated surgery Monday
 - those affected by fires in California and Colorado, especially Marta Narus and her daughter, Caroline, who have been evacuated from their homes
 - a joy: Peter Olfelt has work!
 - Iowa, with much of the state devastated by last week’s storm
 - friends ill with covid
 - Beirut
 - our country, as we approach elections
 - prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school openings
 - Andrew Batt, recovering from a serious bike accident
 - Lynne Myers, recovering from a serious car accident
 - Laura L. (Barb’s niece), nearing the end of a difficult pregnancy. Prayers for a safe delivery!
 - Ruth (Barb’s aunt) recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - Toby, neighbor and friend of Jim and Tricia Smith and Lynn Ferino, resting at home under medical care for cancer
 - those who are having medical procedures
 - Christine’s brother-in-law, Jim, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer
 - Scott B., who has dementia and cancer

We continue to pray for our friends and family in the health fields:
Nurses:
Andie Benson and Nikki Mendoza, both children of Pete and Pam Petersen
Rachel Kralicek: Heather’s daughter
Lindsey Ellinghausen: granddaughter of Ellinghausens
Sara Russell Humes: Lanny’s daughter
Kaitlyn Harper: Niece of the Smiths

Doctors:
Nathan and Erin Allen (Allens’ son & daughter in law)
Francine Long (a longtime friend of our church community)
Otis Miller and Jon Thomas (Janey Sarther’s brother and brother in law)
Jessica McIntyre (a friend of our church community)
Will Perkinson (member and on call)
Claudia Adja (Affiliate member in Ghana)

Other health workers:
Roland Lankah: Health worker at Cook County Jail
Sammy Dearing: new tech (Birchalls’ granddaughter)
David Zoby: Radiologist (Wendy’s step brother)
Laura P. (neighbor of Barb D.), hospital phlebotomist

Food Pantries: Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, People’s Resource Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, and our members Bobbi Frey & Anna Nelson, who work with them

**A Special Request for Prayer**We are all feeling the pressure of restrictions due to Covid19 as well as the challenges that surround “opening up again.” There is also understandable unrest in our nation around issues of race, justice, and disparities of many kinds. Please be on your knees daily lifting up our nation.

**Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands during August, you may call Deacon Deb Bohi (home: 630-469-9404 or cell: 630-935-1225). You may **call Pastor Wendy Boden** on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email in the office, and she’s only in her office a short time every day, at least while the church is not open for worship. You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge.

Grace and peace to you!