**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost or 25th Sunday of Covid19**

**August 30, 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.

***Service of Witness to the Resurrection***

***Charles William Shepherd***

***July 12, 1929 – August 18, 2020***

 1 Gathering Music

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 Prelude

 4 Call to Worship

 5 Opening Prayer

 6 Reflection: Ron Birchall, Southmen

 7 Hymn: *On Eagle’s Wings*

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,**

**Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”**

Refrain:

**And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

 8 Family Reflections

 Dr. Abigail Shepherd Beyenberg

 HN Josef Kruse (Navy)

 9 Reflection: letter from Rev. Rich Thompson

10 Hymn: *Take My Life*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee,**

**Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;**

**Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

11 Family Reflections

 Barbara Shepherd O’Brien

 Joni Shepherd Spata

 Psalm 23

 Grandchildren: Abigail, Faith, Joanna, Stewart, Josef, Elijah, Adeline,
 Ethan, Amelia, Alaini, Buddy, and Harrison

 Jenni Shepherd Kruse Burke

 John Shepherd

12 Hymn: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.**

**In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.**

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13 Sentences of Scripture

14 Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (verse 1)

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,**

**All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

15 Homily

16 Hymn: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (verses 1, 4)

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,**

**Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:**

**O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour;**

**From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe’er they go;**

**Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.**

17 Prayer of Thanksgiving

18 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.**

19 *Doxology*

**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.**

20 Presentation of Colors and Playing of Taps

21 Benediction

22 Postlude: *Anchors Aweigh*

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Musicians: Tom Anderson, piano; Ethan Dunk, trumpet

Tech support: Blair Nelson, Ron Birchall

Flowers this morning are from Mike & Sue Ashpole, celebrating their 63rd anniversary.

The flowers in memory of Bill Shepherd are from his family and Southminster’s Property Ministry.

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 following the worship service.
***This is a new link!*** It will be good from August 30-September 13.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86820109292>
Meeting ID: 868 2010 9292

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.
Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

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) Note that the class will not meet next Sunday, which is Labor Day weekend.

**Youth**: Today is **our annual Fox River Naval Battle**! Think canoes and squirt guns. We have a great crew signed up for the cruise. We meet at Ayer’s Landing at about quarter to two. See the details that were emailed earlier this week, or call Blair for more info: 630-917-6035.

If you have anything you want included in the **September Dialog** (the COVID version that is an expanded version of eNotes), send it in by Tuesday.

**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.

**The Word with Children**
Have you helped with our Word with the Children in the past? Are you interested in giving more of these important talks once we start meeting in person again? Please contact Christine@southminsterpc.org and we’ll work with your availability and comfort level.

**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

Good news about **Gifts Grow**. We had the best year ever in terms of donations! As you remember, we raised the matching amount from $3000 to $4000 this year, and that was a wonderful decision. We received $5230 in total donations, more than we have ever received before. The total matching amount ended up being $9,230. Isn't that wonderful? See the September Dialog for the details.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Your next time to order is September 6. Yes, it is Labor Day weekend, but you can still order with an email (bobbifrey@aol.com). The only change that week is that the gift cards will probably arrive the following Wednesday instead of Tuesday.
You can also order on September 20. **Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey): There have been 23 weeks with an amazing amount of drop offs! Food, produce, paper goods, or cleaning products can still be dropped off 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor, GE. 3,052 families, some for the first time, have been served at PRC during the pandemic. This translates into 13,218 car trunks. Thanks to all who have participated. You have made a difference!

**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. 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).
 - all those who have been affected by Hurricane Laura
 - Pastor Daniel Diss as he assists family members who have health problems
 - Melissa Heard, a coworker of Rita Zapel’s, for swift recovery from surgery
 - those affected by fires in California and Colorado, especially Marta Narus and her daughter, Caroline, who have been evacuated from their homes
 - Iowa, with much of the state devastated by storms
 - 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, working on increasing energy and endurance for daily tasks following a serious car accident. Her ability to concentrate is improving but still not 100%. She asks prayers to find clarity about being able to resume court advocacy work for children, which she was doing before the 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!