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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost or 28th Sunday of Covid19**

**September 20, 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.

**For those who are in the sanctuary: *please* *put your phone in airplane mode.***

1 Gathering Music: Medley of Hymns 1-13 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

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3 Improvisational Prelude

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4 Call to Worship

Pastor: **God demonstrates his own love for us in this:**

Liturgist (for **All**): **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Both and** **All**: **Let us worship God!**

**** 5 Hymn: *In the Presence of a Holy God* (vs. 1)

**In the presence of a holy God there’s new meaning now to grace.**

**You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.**

**And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.**

**Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;**

**And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.**

**** 6 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, we have feared to trust and follow you. We have been lost, but we are now found in Jesus Christ. Hold us and give us new life. Live in us day by day; change our scars into stars as we together make a new world.** **We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who is both Savior and Lord of our lives. 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.**

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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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 9 The Passing of the Peace

****10 Word with Children Christine Olfelt

11 Prayer for Illumination

12 Scripture Lessons: Romans 4:18

Genesis 15:1-6

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**Genesis 15:1-6**

1.After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2.But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3.And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4.But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5.He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6. **And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness**.

****13 Sermon: “Stars and Scars”

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Choose an activity from the pages of Children’s Activities that will help you remember that God hears us when we are hurt and angry and never stops listening.

14 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Heidelberg Catechism LORD’S DAY 23 4.059

 (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; John 3:36)

**In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.**

****15 Hymn 465 *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!**

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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.**

Draw or write something that you would like to say to God in prayer this morning. If you want to share it with the church you may also leave a message on the church phone line.

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Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

****17 Offertory: *I Love You, Lord*

Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski

****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

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20 Hymn 687: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verse 1)

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**

**Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

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21 Charge and Benediction

Pastor: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

22 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgists: Blair Nelson, Christine Olfelt

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski

Tech support: Ron Birchall, David Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are from Lanny Russell for Grace and Isabelle’s birthdays.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact [Christine@southminsterpc.org](mailto:Christine@southminsterpc.org) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |
| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |

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|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Quotations are taken from OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen Associate for Worship Presbyterian Church (USA), found at <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 following the worship service.  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84976519991>  
Meeting ID: 849 7651 9991

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:** James has more to say. Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom for our Adult Bible Study’s discussion of James. Use this link to the class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804167534?pwd=eHVNYXF3NVJHN3JKRUFPZXozRjkxZz09>  
(Meeting ID: 838 0416 7534/Password: 062773) **Youth**: No P&G this Sunday. Those on our Lakeview Pantry team, watch for an email from Blair with final details and waivers.

**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; our topic is Parables. 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](mailto:Christine@southminsterpc.org) and we’ll work with your availability and comfort level.

**Peace and Global Witness Offering:**“Peace at all times in all ways” 2 Thessalonians 3:16:    
We will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering (formerly called the Peacemaking Offering) from September 20-September 30. 25% of the offering will go to the People’s Resource Center (PRC). This special offering will be dedicated on October 4, World Communion Sunday.  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Today is an order date for Jubilee Bucks. Even though some people will be in the building for worship, we will only take Jubilee Bucks orders by email: [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com). Place your order by 9:00 p.m. Sunday; include merchant, denomination of gift card, number of cards, and total of order. Payment can be made on delivery.   
Next chance to order: October 4.  
 **Donations for PRC** (also from Bobbi Frey): We’ve made our 26th weekly delivery of food to People’s Resource Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Even though the church is now open, the donation box will remain at the Freys’ home at 2S033 Taylor, GE. It’s out on the porch 24/7.  
  
  
**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:** - Marji S., undergoing treatment for cancer  
 - Heidi Shierry, kidney infection  
 - Diana (friend of Barb’s), recovering from carotid artery surgery   
 - Charlotte Walter, one of the guiding lights of the Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry, as she nears the end of her life  
 - 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).   
(Bill Shepherd’s complete memorial service is now available on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYz73q5pSvA&feature=youtu.be>)  
 - Pastor Daniel Diss and his family on the death of his father, Frank   
 - those affected by fires in the western states, and many thanks to the firefighters who have come from all over the country to fight all those fires!  
 - all who have been affected by hurricanes/tropical storms  
 - Melissa Heard, a coworker of Rita Zapel’s, for swift recovery from surgery  
 - friends ill with COVID  
 - our country, as we approach elections  
 - prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school and sports openings  
 - 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, 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](mailto: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!

***Please fill out this form, tear it off, and leave it on your pew as you leave. Thank you for helping to keep us all safe!***

**Contact Tracing Information**

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