**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Easter/Resurrection of the Lord or 56th Sunday of Covid19**

**April 4, 2021**

**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, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

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

 Gathering Music: *In the Darkness of the Morning; Joyful Is the Dark; Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers, Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain; The Strife Is O’er*

Our slideshow today is photos of our congregation praising God. Alleluia!

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Candles (Luke 24:35)

**Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

 Prelude:  *Jesus Christ is Risen Today; Thine Is the Glory;*

 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!; The Day of Resurrection!*

 Call to Worship

 Leader: The Lord is risen!

 **People: He is risen indeed!**

 **All: We are witnesses to the resurrection! Alleluia!**

 Hymn 232: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (verses 1, 2)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the risen one! On the cross you gave your body and shed your blood that we might enjoy full fellowship with you and one another. Even so, we sometimes go through the motions and forget others around your table. We fail to respond to your love in ways that glorify you. Sometimes we believe that we are not good enough to be welcomed here as if we do not deserve your love. Feed us and fill us with your love as we seek your grace that we might be renewed for our life’s journey and trust your good news. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Romans 8:33-34)

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

 **People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us,**

 Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

 **All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children: Christine Olfelt and Ellie

 For children worshiping in the sanctuary, please stay with your families during the Word
 with Children. When our Covid rules change, we will welcome you back up front.

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: Luke 24:1-12

 Luke 24:13-35

 Sermon: “Later That Same Day”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

**For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

 Hymn 248: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (verse 1)

**Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory Anthem: *Alleluia! Christ Has Triumphed* Wordsworth/Mueller

 \**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.**

 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by reading together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **People**: **hear our prayers.**

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Music: *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name* (Hymnal 510)

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 238: *Thine Is the Glory*  (verse 1)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**

**Kept the folded graveclothes where his body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.** Leader: The darkness, **All: God shall perish it.** Leader: For the Lord is risen! **All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Christine Olfelt, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; David Kozich; Virtual choir: Wendy Boden, Lynn Ferino,
 Elise Henkels, Linda Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Victor King, Donna Marton,
 Lois Stevenson, Jack Thorne

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels. David Kozich, Chris Kozich

The Easter flowers were given by:

Craig and Sarah Allen Sue Knisely

Sue and Mike Ashpole the Kozich family

Hal and Linda Ellinghausen Caroline and Ralph Linde

Lynn Ferino Lanny Russell

Gretchen Fleming and Bill Curry Diane Swiss

Tom and Bobbi Frey Dave and Barb Zink

the Hammer family

Special thanks to Linda Ellinghausen, Lynn Ferino, and Sue Knisely for creating and donating the flowers for our floral cross.

If you ordered Easter flowers, you may take them home after the service or pick them up Monday from 10 a.m.-noon. (Contact Sarah Allen if you have questions: email ridesrowdy@aol.com or call 630-988-8231.)

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.
We have a new link for fellowship this month, hosted by Paul Jeziorski: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927264659>
No ID or password needed.

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.

Even though we have returned to in-person worship with limited attendance (50 max.), we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m.
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship 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., Youth group, and Sunday Evening Women’s Bible Study** will not meet today.

 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  No youth event today. Have a happy Easter! We meet on April 11, and to finalize our Talent Show skits and plans, be sure to be there, and watch for an email from Blair with our skit ideas. Work on those and let Blair know of any new ideas.

**Talent! Talent! Talent**!  Southminster has talent! So, use your talent to help our youth get to Mission, S. D., for our workcamp this June (our mission to Mission). This year acts will be pre-recorded, and the show on April 18 at 5:00 p.m. will be in live-streamed, hybrid format. So, tell Blair about your act, then record it for streaming during the show. Need help recording? Contact Blair: blair@southminsterpc.org or 630-917-6035.

**More on the Talent Show**: Get ready for great entertainment in the comfort of your own home. Southminster’s annual Talent Show returns this year in a live-streamed, hybrid format. You can watch it on Sunday, April 18, and donate to support the youth 2021 Mission Trip to Mission, S.D. this June. God willing, we will be on the Rosebud Reservation of the Lakota people fixing and painting the homes of folks who need our help. Unemployment in that community runs at 80%! So, they need a helping hand, and our youth are ready to lend it! The Talent Show will be a great time, and it will be for a great cause, so mark your calendar for 5:00 p.m. on April 18.

 **Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
**Presbyterian Women’s Circle**: On Friday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. we will be privileged to have a classical piano concert given by Cade Braynen. Stay tuned for details.
The **Thursday Evening Bible Study** is taking an extended break.
 **Notes from the Mission Ministry
 -** **March Mission Madness** is in progress! We’re down to the championship now, to be determined tomorrow! (Tom Frey has a request: if your screen or bracket name doesn’t clearly identify you, please let him know who you are when you send in your check or by email if you’ve already mailed your check: FreyTF@aol.com. As an example, ESPNFAN doesn’t help him connect a bracket with a person.)

 **- One Great Hour of Sharing**is a shared Presbyterian ministry that makes a difference in the world through three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Presbyterian Hunger Program; and Self-Development of People. Please give generously to this ministry that responds to the needs God has called us to fill. We will dedicate the OGHS Offering today. Information about OGHS and an offering envelope were in the Lenten bags that the deacons distributed; if you don’t have an envelope, you may contribute by writing a check to Southminster with OGHS noted on the memo line.
 **Presbyterian Readers:** Our next gathering will be April 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Hideaway* by Lauren K Denton. The Zoom link will be in the April 7 eNotes/Dialog and in eNotes closer to the meeting. (The link is the same one for each meeting through the end of the year.)

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):The next opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks will be Sunday, April 11. This will be the only date orders are taken in April. Email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 pm with your order including merchant, amount of gift card and number wanted, total of order. Gift cards will be delivered to you and payment made at that time. To date, this has given Southminster $494.94 in “free money.” Order forms are available on the church web site and are also included every weekend in the email with the Sunday worship bulletin.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We have completed a year of weekly deliveries! Every Monday, a filled trunk (sometimes more) is delivered. Many are in need and donations are greatly appreciated! The box is out 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor, GE. Thanks for your support!

**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 are not all meeting together, 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:**

 - the beautiful flowers today
  - Dan Bohi, who is now starting a new treatment.
 - for those who love aging pets that have health problems
  - We pray for wisdom for the leaders and the citizens of the United States.
 - for our sisters and brothers experiencing unrest in their countries, especially in Haiti, Myanmar, and India

**We pray for those who mourn:**  - the family and many friends of Katie Miller Kolliner (Barb’s college roommate), who died in March
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, in a nursing home recovering from Covid
  - prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school and sports during this pandemic
 - prayers for those who want vaccinations but are unable to find appointments
 - those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.** - Grace is recovering from surgery on her broken hip. She is recovering at Oak Brook Care: Grace Van Beveren, c/o Oak Brook Care, 2013 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1312.
 - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - Nancy Wolfe, effects of concussion
 - Pat Wiedner’s brother, Terry, recovering from surgery
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:** - Betsy’s friend, Heidi, and her niece, Jess, both fighting cancer
  - Lisa B undergoing treatment for Stage 4 colon cancer that has metastasized to her lungs
 - DeShaune, who has thyroid cancer. She is the sister of Wendy’s friend, Tiffany.
 - Devin Leftwich, who has cancer
 - The Joel Jupp family, friend of Wendy’s – his wife’s cancer has returned
 - Tracy, a friend of the Schmidts, recovering from cancer surgery and has had recent good news
 - Kurt Parent and his wife, Marla. Kurt is recovering from extensive surgery for esophageal cancer. He is doing well and is trying to gain weight.
  - Haley Jablonski, whose cancer has returned
  - Lanny’s friend, Tony Bednarz, diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. At this time he is doing well overall and getting stronger. Chemo can be tough.
  - the Bohis’ friend, Teri, with recurring breast cancer
  - Sandy Lopata’s friend, Rebecca Moeckler, who has pancreatic cancer. Two more months of struggling with chemo.
**We pray for those who are far from home:**  - the many children who were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexican border
and whose parents still haven’t been found. Praise God there have been some reunions!
 - the unaccompanied children arriving at the U.S.-Mexican border
**We continue to pray for our friends and family in the health fields**:
**Nurses:**Andee 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
Samantha Linde, granddaughter of Ralph and Caroline, Critical Care/ICU nurse
Kaitlyn Harper: niece of the Smiths, once again caring for COVID patients
**Doctors:**Nathan and Erin Allen (Allens’ son and 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:**Health Department workers
Sammie Dearing: phlebotomy technician (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 and Anna Nelson, who work with them

**A Special Request for Prayer**We are all feeling the varied pressures of Covid. Some have been vaccinated, some have not. There are frustrations around vaccinations. There is concern about new variations of the virus. There are more than health concerns; there are economic, emotional, and spiritual concerns as well throughout our nation and the world. There is also understandable unrest in our nation around the world issues of race, justice, and disparities of many kinds. We remember in prayer all those who have been affected by our country’s economic slowdown, especially those who have lost their jobs or have faced greatly reduced income. Hold the world in your hands and offer the world to God as we trust in God’s grace and mercy.

**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 March or April, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). 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!

***Prayer Requests:***