**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Easter or the 57th Sunday of Covid**

**April 11, 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.

 Gathering Music:  *Sing a New Song unto the Lord; Hail Thee, Festival Day!;
 He Is King of Kings; Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Our slideshow today is our 2021 Easter Saturday event.

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Candles (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

 Prelude: *The Day of Resurrection*

 Call to Worship (Psalm 30:11)

 Leader: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing.

 **People:** **The Lord has dressed us in gladness.**

 **All:** **For the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

 Hymn 246: *Christ Is Alive!* (verse 1)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Grace is good when it is for us, Lord, but when it comes to others it is sometimes hard to embrace. Help us to not only trust in your grace but extend it to others. 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 Andrea Schmidt

 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 Lesson: Galatians 3:23-28

 Sermon: “Clothed in Grace” Rev. Sue Krummel,

 Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Chicago

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (2 Corinthians 5:16-18)

**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation[.]**

 Hymn: *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* (verses 1, 3)

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,**

**That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away**

**As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,**

**But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,**

**But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.**

 Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **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

 Offertory: *Grace Amazed*

 \**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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 440: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  (verse 4)

**Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.**

**Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.**

**Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.**

**Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.**

 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 Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Blair Nelson, Christine Olfelt

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

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

The flowers this week are given in appreciation for everyone who contributed to a wonderful Holy Week, culminating in an outstanding Easter Saturday event and Easter Sunday worship service.
**“We are blessed to be a blessing.”**

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.
We have a new link for fellowship in April, 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/>
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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. Bible Study:** Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class is nearing the end of our study of 1 Peter. Then we are on to Obadiah. Join us at 11:15 via this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

The **Sunday Evening Women’s Bible Study** meets most Sundays at 7:00 via Zoom. You can get the link to Zoom from Tricia Smith.

 **Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**:  Talent Show is coming, so be sure to be with us this evening 5:00-6:30 as we get our act(s) together. Remember, we want some of our skits focused on workcamp experiences, but we don’t have to for all of them. So, any idea goes.

**Talent! Talent! Talent**!  The Talent Show is coming Sunday, April 18. It will be hybrid with part of it live streamed and part prerecorded. You watch from the comfort of your own home. You can also record your act. Just let Blair know what you are doing, record it, get that recording to Blair, and then, watch yourself on the live-streamed show. It could be the start of a new career! Remember your talent could be anything from singing a song, telling a story or a joke, to watching you cat watch your goldfish. Worried that you don’t have enough talent? Just watch most of the stuff posted on YouTube, and you will be convinced that you have talent to burn!

The Talent Show is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip, and you can donate in support by your usual means, just put Youth Mission Trip in the memo line of your check. God and virus willing, we will be heading to Mission, S.D., part of the Rosebud Reservation of the Lakota people, for a week of workcamp. These camps have a huge impact on the people we serve, through home repair and painting. They also have an amazing impact on our youth through the immersive service experience, the program times, and the time spent on the road and at the camp with each other. It is a Christ-center week of devotion to others and to their spiritual lives. Of course, this year all depends on what is going on with Covid, but Group Mission Trips has made a great number of changes to the camp to make it as safe as possible. Please pray that the camp takes place and that all—youth, adults, and residents—keep well and are blessed by our time together.

 **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. Cade is a student of classical piano. She has been practicing in our sanctuary while COVID has kept her away from her normal college practice facilities. The plan is that the concert will be available in person, and that it will either be live streamed or, if that is not possible, rebroadcast at a later time on Southminster’s normal Facebook Live and YouTube channels. Those attending in person will be expected to follow the same COVID guidelines as during worship services: masked, socially distant, etc.
 **Notes from the Mission Ministry****March Mission Madness:** Congratulations to the top four placeholders who beat out the rest of the pack. But as everyone knows, the real winners are the missions of Southminster. We anticipate the final total funds raised to be $1,000! The missions selected by this year’s winners are included below; after the final accounting of donations, we expect to award each mission approximately $250. Thank you all for your participation and generosity.

**Here are our 2021 winners!**

1) Colton Schmidt – 1300 points, supporting DuPage PADS

2) Jim Messmore – 1110 points, supporting Rebuilding Together Aurora

3) Neil Swiss – 1080 points, supporting the Youth Summer Mission Trip

4) Steve Henkels – 1010 points, supporting our Cuba Sister Church

*As a reminder, please be sure to send Tom Frey your $15/bracket contribution if you haven’t already – there are still some that haven’t come in.*

 **Presbyterian Readers:** Our next gathering will be April 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Hideaway* by Lauren K Denton. Join us on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Click on the link below - it is the same one for each meeting through the end of the year.
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865
Or join by phone. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd5Cv8caaj>

**Spring Clean-Up Day - We can use your help!**

**Save the date: Saturday, April 24**

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (or whenever we finish)

The Property Ministry seeks the honor of your company for the semiannual Church Clean-Up Day. We promise a sense of accomplishment for all who assist! Details are coming; talk to a ministry member or watch eNotes and bulletins.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Plan to order your Jubilee Bucks today! It will be your only opportunity in April to order. Email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 pm with the merchant, number and amount of card, and total order. This is an easy way to earn “free money” for Southminster! To date we have earned $494.94 this year! An order form was attached to the email with this bulletin.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We continue to make weekly trips with donations to PRC. These donations are greatly appreciated! Over the last year, 43,000 grocery carts have assisted 4,700 households. 21% of the families are visiting PRC for the first time. Food, toiletries, and household products

can be left at any time in the box on the porch at 2S033 Taylor, GE. Many thanks for all the past 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.

**Friends, with our new communication style Wednesday’s Joys and Concerns (eNotes) will be new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For eNotes/Dialog Wednesdays (the first Wednesday of the month) and Sundays our list will be full and complete.

Joys and Concerns**
 - thanks to all who contributed to the services and activities of Holy Week, the Easter Saturday event, and Easter Sunday
 - Heidi and Steve Shierry – Heidi as she recovers from a mild heart attack, and Steve as he cares for and supports her
 - Lanny’s friend, Tom Freeman, and his significant other, Bridget Johnson, following Tom’s recent surgical procedure.
  - Dan Bohi, who is continuing 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:** - Indre Jeske, a friend of Angela Smith, whose college age son, Peter died suddenly in his sleep. No foul play involved. They await autopsy results.  - the family and many friends of Katie Miller Kolliner (Barb’s college roommate), who died last month
**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 in a nursing facility
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Haley Jablonski, whose cancer has returned. She will be going back to college soon.
  - 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.
  - 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, who is recovering and doing well from her breast cancer surgery.
  - 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:***