**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday of Easter or the 58th Sunday of Covid**

**April 18, 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:  *Joyful Is the Dark; Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers;
 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; The Day of Resurrection!*

Our slideshow today is Easter parties past.

 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!**

 Improvisational Prelude

 Call to Worship

 Leader: You come to us when we ask for healing and restoration.

 **People: You come to us when we seek to forgive.**

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

 Hymn 250: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (verses 2, 3)

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;**

**There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.**

**From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,**

**Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;**

**In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.**

**In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,**

**Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you come to us in Jesus Christ speaking grace and love, but honestly, we do not extend that grace and love to others. We want to give up on people – the difficult ones, the awkward ones, and the demanding ones. We need your forgiveness. Drill it into our hearts so that we may build gracious loving lives.
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 Jessica Parks

 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: Acts 6:1-6

 Acts 6:15; 7:58-60

 Sermon: “The Face of an Angel”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Ephesians 4:32–5:2)

**[B]e kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved usand gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

 Hymn 300: *We Are One in the Spirit* (verse 3)

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side,**

**And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:**

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;**

**Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

 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

 \**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 547: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*  (verse 2)

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

 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, Blair Baldwin

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

The flowers today are given by Sue and Walt Briney, celebrating Walt’s birthday.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)), 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. Bible Study:** What do 1 Peter and Obadiah have in common? We will likely be finishing our study of 1 Peter and beginning Obadiah this Sunday. 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**: We meet at church at 3:00 for Talent Show preparation. The show begins at 5:00 p.m. Remember that this is a fundraiser for Mission Trip, so we need all mission trippers
on board!

**Talent Show tonight**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. It will be live streamed:
Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>) and
You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>).

This is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip to Mission, South Dakota—our “Mission to Mission.” Please indicate on your donation that it is for the Youth Mission Trip. Tell your family and friends about the show, too. There will be a GoFundMe page for non-church members to use to donate. Please do not use that page if you are a member of Southminster because, of course, GoFundMe gets a cut.

**Rummage Sale**: Our annual Rummage Sale is coming June 5-6 (or the following weekend if the weather is bad). So, please think of that when doing your spring cleaning. Please price the items you donate to the sale. Stickers will be available at church, but you can save yourself the trip by using masking tape.

 **Notes from Christine Olfelt:**
From Ellie the Elephant: I regret to say that although I love it at Southminster, I am leaving with Christine in May. ☹ So, all you peanut-loving folks, we need you to step up and present the Word with Children beginning May 9th. The texts are:
May 9 : Living by Faith Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21
May 16 : Clothed in Christ Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
May 23: Pentecost; Fruit of the Spirit Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]

Please contact Christine@southminsterpc.org and volunteer! You can do this in person or pre-recorded.
 **Presbyterian Readers:** Our next gathering will be this Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Hideaway* by Lauren K. Denton. Join us 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!**

**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. Come for an hour or as long as you can - all efforts are appreciated. We will be following Covid protocols (bring a mask) and so will not be providing our usual refreshments. Because of Covid we will be mostly working on outside projects (lawn, flower beds, etc.) so dress for the weather and bring work gloves, if you have them. Since most work will be outside, if it rains we will reschedule. For more info talk to a Property Ministry member.

 **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.*

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Your next chance to order will be May 2.

**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 the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.*

Joys and Concerns**
 - Happy birthday to Ed Koska on April 21
 - We rejoice for Lanny’s friend, Tony Bednarz, who got a super report on his bone marrow biopsy. We continue to pray for his good health.
 - Lynn Smith, the sister of Steve Sanders and mother of Traci Smith, who has a return of cancer growth
 - Dan Bohi, who is continuing a new treatment
  - 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 Jeske family, friends of Angela Smith, whose college-age son, Peter, died suddenly in his sleep.
**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.
  - 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 and is 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 daughters 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 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:***