**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday of Easter or the 61st Sunday of Covid**

**May 9, 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

Our slideshow today is Moms and Other Women We Love.

 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: *His Name Is Wonderful*  Audrey Mieir, arr. Marilyn White

 Call to Worship (Psalm 27)

 Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

 **People:** **The Lord is our stronghold.**

 **All:** **Whom shall we fear?**

 **Let us worship God!**

 Hymn 353: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (verse 1)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;**

**I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**God, giver of grace, you are the Lord of life and our salvation. We acknowledge that there are times when we have limited grace. We have withheld grace from others and even ourselves. It is not too late for us to begin again and build healing relationships through the light of your love found in Jesus Christ. Forgive us and help us to begin anew through the power of your Holy Spirit within us. 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 1:13-17

 Sermon: “Grace”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 (Ephesians 2:8-10)

**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

 Hymn 458: *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (sing twice)

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

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**When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,**

**Still you’re there right beside me.**

**Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.**

**Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

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 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: *The Lord Is My Light* Francis Allitsen/arr. Tom Anderson

 \**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 307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*  (verse 1)

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;**

**Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,**

**For the facing of this hour.**

 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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* James Eller, arr. Marilyn White

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Terry Kline

Musicians: Cindy Trowbridge, piano; Linda and Paul Jeziorski, leading worship through song; Virtual Choir: Wendy Boden, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Linda Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Louanne Jourdan, Victor King, Donna Marton, Lois Stevenson, and Jack Thorne

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

Flowers today are given by Sue and Walt Briney celebrating all our mothers, and by Jim and Tricia Smith in memory of Jim’s dad, Donald.

Join us for **Zoom fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.
Lynn Ferino is hosting the fellowship in May. Join Zoom gathering:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7762411838?pwd=UWNIeFUrOVMrTFBFU25ScGRUWFAxQT09>
(Meeting ID: 776 241 1838 Passcode: 2e0tYT Lynn says clicking the link should be all you need.)

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:** Our Adult Bible Class is taking Mother’s Day off. We will continue our study of Jonah on May 16. (At least we got him out of the fish last time. Of course, he is lying on a beach covered with something very unpleasant!)

The **Sunday Evening Women’s Bible Study** is taking a break. Watch for the group to resume in the fall.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Youth**: No youth event this weekend. Do something nice for your mama! We will have Pizzaless Games next Sunday, May 16, 5:00-6:30 p.m. and need that time to prepare for Rummage Sale.

**Youth Mission Team**: Please be sure to look at the email sent on Tuesday about a planning meeting. Blair needs to hear from you.

**Support for the Youth Mission Team**:  Our Talent Show was great fun, but how do folks watching from home (and you can still watch the video on our You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>) contribute to our team? Just send a donation as you would any other donation to the church, but mark it “Youth Mission Team.” Thanks, Southminster, for your loving support of our youth!

**Rummage Sale**:  Southminster’s annual Rummage Sale returns this year after taking 2020 off. (Didn’t we all!) It will run Saturday-Sunday, June 5-6, weather permitting. If weather does not, we will put it off to the following weekend. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and noon (or earlier depending on how fast we can get set up) to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Got things to donate? There are price stickers on the name-tag counter near the main entrance of the church for you to use—take all you want. But you can also use masking tape to make your own. Pricing your donations makes things much easier for our Rummage Sale workers. You can begin dropping off donations no earlier than after church on May 30. If you need off hours access, call Blair at 630-917-6035. Also, as always, we could use some help setting up on the Saturday of the sale. Set up begins at 7:00 a.m. I will put on the coffee.

 **Notes from the Mission Ministry:
In May, it’s time to watch your *Gifts Grow***
For just four weeks in May, you have an opportunity to give a donation to your favorite Southminster-sponsored mission organization and have your mission dollars matched. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help others.

Write a check to Southminster Presbyterian Church and write on the memo line or an accompanying note the name(s) of the mission(s) you wish to support and the amount donated to each mission.

Southminster-supported mission include:

Bridge Communities People’s Resource Center

Cuba Sister Church Ministry Rebuilding Together Aurora

DuPage PADS Walk-In Ministry

Metropolitan Family Services World Relief

 (formerly Family Shelter Service) Youth Mission Trip

When you donate a gift of $15 to any one of these missions, Southminster will contribute an additional gift of $15 to the same mission; a $50 gift is matched with $50, and so on. Please take advantage of this opportunity to watch your Mission “Gifts Grow.”

Program restrictions:

Gifts must be received by May 31, 2021

You must designate your gift to a mission already supported by Southminster Church.

If we receive more than $5,000 in total gifts, we will have to adjust the percentage matched.

Only gifts up to $300 per family will be matched.

Only $1,000 will be matched to any one mission.

The Mission Ministry reserves the right to designate use within a given fund.

March Mission Madness will not be doubled.

Watch for the “Gifts Grow” display that will be on our church website. It is amazing what your gifts can do!

**Presbyterian Readers** meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. – this month that’s May 19. The book for discussion this month is a classic: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

[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>

This same link is good for each meeting until the end of 2022.

**Women’s Circle plans May luncheon!** This month the Circle will meet for a luncheon on Friday, May 21, at Reserve 22 (Village Links) at 11:30 a.m. We hope to eat outside, weather permitting. By May 19, please RSVP for the luncheon to Louanne at 630-793-9338 so we can get a count for our reservation. Looking forward to being together again and planning for next year. Please bring thoughts and ideas.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):This year we have earned $711.79 in “free money” by simply ordering gift cards! These cards can be a gift to yourself! Simply pay ahead for groceries, gas, restaurants, Amazon purchases, or many other items. A percentage of the face value of each card you order comes back to Southminster – check the order form to see what each merchant’s percentage is. To order, email bobbifrey@aol.com with merchant, number and denomination of card, and total order. Cards will be delivered to you. Order forms are available on the church web site and are included every Friday along with the Sunday bulletin and worship materials. Next chance to order: May 16

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Every Monday for 58 weeks we have delivered your donations of food, toiletries, and household products to the PRC. The majority of the clients who are receiving food are working families whose income doesn’t cover their basic needs. A box for donations is out 24/7 on the front porch at 2S033 Taylor Rd, GE. Your support has been greatly appreciated!!!

**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**
  - We rejoice in the birth of Nia Elizabeth Gaynair. The whole family is doing well!
  - prayers for Linda Meester, who is at Rush Copley Hospital with multiple issues
  - Bill Curry has been moved from Oak Brook Care Center back to Elmhurst Hospital
  - ongoing concerns for the Rogers and the water damage done to their home
  - destruction by wildfire of the University of Cape Town’s library
  - 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:**
 - Heidi Shierry, on the death of her uncle Jerry Cunningham

**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.
  - Betsy Rogers, health concerns
  - Nancy Wolfe, effects of concussion
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - Pat Wiedner’s brother, Terry, recovering in a nursing facility

**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Dan Bohi
  - Haley Jablonski, whose cancer has returned. She is choosing to stay home and do her college studies remotely.
  - Lynn Smith, the sister of Steve Sanders and mother of Traci Smith, who has a return of cancer growth
  - Betsy’s friend, Heidi, and her niece, Jess, both fighting cancer
  - 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.
  - Lisa B undergoing treatment for Stage 4 colon cancer that has metastasized to her lungs
  - Deshaun, who has thyroid cancer. She is the sister of Wendy’s friend, Tiffany.
  - Devin Leftwich, who has cancer
  - 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 May, call Donna Marton (630-790-3574). 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:***