**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**The Day of Pentecost or the 63rd Sunday of Covid**

**May 23, 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: *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life; Spirit of God;   
Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Plea; Loving Spirit; Open My Eyes That I May See*

Our slideshow today is “Carry the Light.”

Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

Improvisational Prelude

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!**

Introit: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Rawang Community Church of Chicago

Call to Worship (Galatians 5:25)

Leader: If we live by the Spirit,

**People: Let us also be guided by the Spirit.**

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

Hymn 291: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (verses 3, 4)

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,**

**Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness,**

**Stir me from placidness,**

**Wind, wind on the sea.**

**You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;**

**Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.**

**And down in the city, you called once again**

**When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

Refrain

**You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;**

**From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.**

**Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.**

**With bold new decisions your people arise.**

Refrain

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit on your followers, creating bold words, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we fear what you may ask of us. We do not listen for your word of grace nor live as a people made one in Christ. Forgive us. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit alive within us. We pray 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 (Titus 3:4-6, NRSV, edited)

Leader: Through the loving kindness of God our Savior, we are saved.

**People: Not by our righteousness, but by God’s mercy.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has been poured on us through Jesus Christ.

**People: We are forgiven!**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children Blair Nelson

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: Acts 2:1-4

Sermon: “Carry the Light”

Pastor Wendy Boden and Elder Steve Henkels

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**   
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in   
our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s   
new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Hymn 300: *We Are One in the Spirit* (verses 2, 4)

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;**

**And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:**

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

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

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,**

**And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

**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: *The Spirit of God* Led by Odilaisy Suarez Hernandez

\**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 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*  (verse 4)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Charge and Benediction (2 Timothy 1:14)

Leader: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you.  
 **People: We will, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.**

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

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Blair Nelson, Steve Henkels

Acolyte: Max Lerch

Musicians: Tom Anderson; singers from the Rawang Community Church of Chicago; singers from our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba, led by Odilaisy Suarez Hernandez

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by the Worship Ministry in appreciation for Pastor Wendy Boden’s devotion to sharing the Spirit with her flock this past pandemic year.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to join us for an **in-person fellowship** of beverages and conversation out in front of the building. Please wait until you are outside to visit.

If you are online, 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/" \t "_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, 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:** We finished Jonah last week and are now starting 2 Peter. Join us this Sunday from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. via this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>  
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us.**   
May 30 is Memorial Day. Please take a BBQ, grilling, or campfire cooking photo, or a   
 picnic or outdoor dining photo (but no restaurant dining) and send it to Chris Kozich   
 at [kintonck@gmail.com](mailto:kintonck@gmail.com).  
We try to be kind to our volunteers, so we would like them to receive the photos  ***by Thursday evening before they are to appear*** (so May 20 for Pentecost, and May 27   
 for Memorial Day). Thanks!  
If you have the magic skill of PowerPoint please connect with   
 [Wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:Wendy@southminsterpc.org).  
  
  
**Notes from Blair Nelson:**   
**Youth Mission Team**:  Our Mission to Mission is rapidly approaching. We need all hands-on-deck at 4:00 p.m. today for tools sorting, safety training, and to record our commissioning. Be sure to wear a Mission Trip shirt—any you have in your closet will do. See you then.  
  
**Youth**:  **Pizzaless Games** today, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come for the fun, the friends, and the faith. Don’t forget your mask and the all-important eye-smiles.  
   
**Rummage Sale Details**:  Spring Cleaning is the time to cull your assets and to support our Youth Mission Team by donating salable items to our Rummage Sale. The sale will be Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6 (or the following weekend in case of bad weather). Please price all items except clothes and books (we do flat rates for them). You can begin dropping off your donations **no earlier than after worship on May 30**. Contact Blair if you need access to the church: (630) 917-6035. ***Also, we do not accept electronics of any kind.*** Thank you, Southminster, for your faithful support of our youth and youth program. 

**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!

**A Message about Pledges**Southminster Church is not just a building but a very special faith community. The past year has been very challenging. For the most part, we have not been able to physically gather for worship. Pastor Wendy is providing a daily message and virtual services on Sunday. Elders are attending to the critical business of the church, Deacons are caring for their flock, and Christian Education is providing children at-home educational activities.   
  
However, because we are not all meeting for Sunday worship, we are unable to pass the collection plate. While the congregation has been extraordinarily supportive over the past year, pledge receipts are noticeably down this year. While church income has dropped, expenses continue. Personnel costs represent two thirds of our budget and much of the other third is fixed for items like insurance, mortgage payments, and utilities. While we are hopeful that the end is in sight for the Covid pandemic, these are still difficult financial times for most everyone, including Southminister. Session kindly requests, if you are able, that you consider mailing your pledges and contributions to the church office at 680 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn 60137. Give as you are able. Together, as a faith community, we can get through these unprecedented times. Thanks for your support. **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):So far this year Jubilee Bucks has earned $783.07 in “free money” for Southminster! Looking ahead, our dates to order in June and July will be June 6 and 20, and July 11.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
For 14 months we have made weekly trips to PRC with trunks filled with food, toiletries, and household supplies. These items have been greatly appreciated! The donation box stays out 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor Rd., GE.

**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**  - On Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Jess Wood, wife of Betsy Rogers’ nephew James Wood, died of cancer. She was 32 years old. Please remember her and all the Wood family in your prayers.  
  - Congratulations to our graduates: Daniel Kozich, the University of Illinois, and Billy Petersen, Texas Christian University!   
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, in need of healing for her badly sprained ankle   - ongoing concerns for the Rogers and the water damage done to their home   
  - prayers for Colombia, Haiti, Myanmar, and India   
  - We are grateful for what appears to be a pause to the hostilities in the Holy Land. We continue to pray for peace.   
**We pray for those who mourn:** - Wendy and Blair after the Zoom memorial service for Wendy’s Aunt Annette   
 - Lanny and other friends and family of Bob Kapusta, who died last Sunday of cancer  
 - 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  
  - Mary, who is on a ventilator due to 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.  
  - Bill Curry is back at Oak Brook Care, but Gretchen cannot see him.  
  - prayers for Linda Meester, who is at Rush Copley Hospital with multiple issues.   
  - Betsy Rogers, health concerns  
  - Nancy Wolfe, effects of concussion  
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  
 - Tom Freeman, a friend of Lanny’s  
  - 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  
  - 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](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!

***Prayer requests***