**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost or the 65th Sunday of Covid**

**June 6, 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.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music

Our slideshow today is the Youth Mission Team.

 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: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hayes

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Like a good shepherd, God searches for us.

 **People: Like a woman looking for a lost coin, God looks for us.**

 Leader: In a still small voice and in power, God is calling us home.

 **People: God welcomes everyone home.**

 Hymn 370: *This Is My Father’s World* (verses 1, 2)

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,**

**All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought**

**Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world. O, let me ne’er forget**

**That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done:**

**Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, you call to us, and we often shut our ears to the invitation. There are times when we don’t feel “good enough” to respond. There are other times when we couldn’t be bothered. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace. Through the gift of Jesus Christ and by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, help us to find our home in you. 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: Commissioning the Youth Mission Team 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.

 Leader: We are told to love God and neighbor.

 **Congregation: You go to make a change for good in your own lives
 and in the lives of others.**

 Team Members: We will love God and neighbor.

 **Congregation: You go to experience the love of God in new and powerful ways.**

 Team Members: We will love God and neighbor.

 Leader: We, as the friends and members of Southminster Presbyterian Church,
 are committed to God’s mission in our own community and throughout

 the world. We commit ourselves to daily, specific prayer for each

 member of this team during their journey.

 **Congregation:** **As you go, we go with you in prayer.**

 **All: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:31-32

 Sermon: *“Hiraeth”*

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

 Hymn 507: *Come to the Table of Grace* (3 verses)

**1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

 **This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.**

 **Come to the table of grace.**

**2. Come to the table of peace…**

**3. Come to the table of love…**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory: *I Am a Pilgrim* Traditional

 \**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 Anthem: *His Love Endures Forever* Dan Burgess, arr. Jay Rouse

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 418: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  (verses 1, 2)

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,**

**calling for you and for me.**

**See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,**

**watching for you and for me.**

**“Come home, come home!**

**You who are weary, come home.**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,**

**calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,**

**pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,**

**mercies for you and for me?**

**“Come home, come home!**

**You who are weary, come home.**

**Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,**

**calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

 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: *Oh, How He Loves You and Me* arr. Hayes

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Blair Nelson

Musicians: Cindy Trowbridge; Lynn Ferino, Paul Jeziorski; Virtual choir: Tom Anderson, Wendy Boden, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Paul Jeziorski, Louanne Jordan, Victor King, Donna Marton, Lois Stevenson, and Jack Thorne.

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Jim's mother, Eleanor.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **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.
Paul Jeziorski is hosting the fellowship in June. Join Zoom gathering:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927264659>
Paul says no password is 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, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15)
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** is not meeting today because of the Rummage Sale and Car Wash. Come shop and clean your car!

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us.**
**June 13: Ministries of Southminster** (If you have photos to share, please get them to Wendy by June 9.
wendy@southminsterpc.org)

**June 20: Fathers and the Men Who Love Us** (Please send photos to Sue Knisely by June 16. sueknisely@gmail.com)

**June 27: “June Is Busting Out All Over”** (This will feature garden photos! Please send your pictures to Chris Kozich by June 23. kintonck@gmail.com)

If you have skill with PowerPoint please connect with
 Wendy@southminsterpc.org.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Ed.:** We suspend our study of 2 Peter this Sunday because of the Rummage Sale. We will continue next week, but there will be no class on June 20th.

**Rummage Sale Details**:  **Rummage Sale and Car Wash** – after worship today! Stay (or come over) to shop, get your car washed (for a freewill donation), and support Southminster’s Youth Mission Team, heading to Mission, South Dakota, to the Rosebud Reservation of the Lakota people for a week of workcamp later this month. The Rummage Sale/Car Wash is a major fundraiser for this event.

Session has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held Sunday, June 20, following the worship service, at 10:30 a.m. We will gather for the meeting in the parking lot, outside of the main entrance, in the drive through area. Those who are able to are invited to stand in the grass, to make room for all.

**Annual Reports packets will be available** for the congregation to pick up at church by next Sunday, June 13.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Today is a Jubilee Bucks order date! To order, email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. Indicate the merchant, number and denomination of card, and total amount of your order. Cards will be delivered to you. Order forms are available on the church web site, on the shelf opposite the pastor’s office, and are included every Friday along with the Sunday bulletin and worship materials. Check with Bobbi if you have any questions.

So far this year Jubilee Bucks has earned $783.07 in “free money” for Southminster!

Your next chance to order will be June 20.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
An incredible delivery was made this week! Our 62nd weekly delivery was probably our biggest to date! Thanks so much to all who support this endeavor! Remember that the donation box is 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**
 - flowers this week from Jim and Tricia Smith, remembering Jim’s mother, Eleanor
 - Best wishes for Meredith Darbyshire and Will Perkinson, who were married yesterday!
  - Bill Curry is back in the hospital getting over infections but was expected home soon.
  - beloved pets that are ill, and the people who love them: Zoe Zapel’s dog was hospitalized with heat stroke; Becky Doppelt’s dog is being treated for cancer, including recovery from surgery this week.
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - those affected by the eruption of the volcano in Congo
  - ongoing concerns for the Rogers and the water damage done to their home
  - prayers for Colombia, Haiti, Myanmar, India, Israel, and Palestine
  - 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:**
  - the Messmore family on the death of April’s father, Barry James, last week
  - Betsy and Floyd and family on the death of Jess Wood, wife of Betsy’s nephew, James

 - Lanny Russell’s friend, Herb Tatroe, thanksgiving for a life well lived to age 97 **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
  - We rejoice that the Rogers were able to get their first shots yesterday.
  - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, in a nursing home recovering from Covid
  - Mary, who is on a ventilator due to Covid. Mary is in a high-risk category.
  - Prayers for parents, guardians, teachers, students, and all who are trying to navigate school and sports during this pandemic, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable.
  - those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**
  - Dave Zink, home after a stay in the hospital
  - Pat Wiedner, recovering from surgery and doing well
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, healing for her sprained ankle
  - prayers for Linda Meester, who is at Rush Copley Hospital with multiple issues.
  - 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
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - 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:**
 - Kathe Rickel, a friend of Wendy and Karen Boden, who is starting cancer treatment
  - Dan Bohi
  - Haley Jablonski
  - 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
  - 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:**
  - for the reunion of children and parents 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 June, call Lois Stevenson (630-858-9315). 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***