**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost or the 66th Sunday of Covid**

**June 13, 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: *Jesus, We Are Here; O Day of Rest and Gladness;
How Lovely, Lord; Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers; God, Reveal Your Presence*

Our slideshow today is Ministries of Southminster.

 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 (Matthew 5:43-48, edited)

 Leader: You have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

 **People: But Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**

 Leader: So that you may be children of your Father in heaven!

 **All:** **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**

 Hymn:  *He Knows My Name*

**I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began, my life was in His hand.
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go
He knows my name, He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.**

**He hears me when I call.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Righteous God, you hear us when we call. Thank you. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors. Do we even know their names? We do not bless, much less forgive, those who anger us. Renovate our hearts. We give them to you without reservation in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 701: *Lord, Prepare Me* (sing 2 times)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,**

**Pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living**

**Sanctuary for you.**

 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 Lessons: Romans 10:3-13

 Matthew 5:48

 Sermon: “Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions: Perfection”

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

**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.**

 Hymn 753: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (verses 1, 3, 4)

**Make me a channel of your peace,**

**Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.**

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,**

**And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

**O, Master, grant that I may never seek**

**So much to be consoled as to console,**

**To be understood as to understand,**

**To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**In giving of ourselves that we receive,**

**And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.**

 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: *God’s Love Is Wide* Emily and Matt Ratering-Youngerberg

 \**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 451: *Open My Eyes That I May See*  (verses 1, 3)

**Open my eyes, that I may see**

**Glimpses of truth thou hast for me.**

**Place in my hands the wonderful key**

**That shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,**

**Ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me,**

**Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear**

**Gladly the warm truth everywhere.**

**Open my heart, and let me prepare**

**Love with thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,**

**Ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my heart, illumine me,**

**Spirit divine!**

 Charge and Benediction

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

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Lois Stevenson, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Linda and Paul Jeziorski

Worship Associate: David Kozich

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

Flowers today are given by Deb and Dan Bohi in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.

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 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 are continuing our study of 2 Peter. Join us from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. by using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961
Passcode: 537355

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** are available today at the church for the congregation to pick up. They are on one of the benches in the front entryway.

**Session** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. via Google Meet. Staff and ministry moderators, if you have any motions or reports for the docket, please send them in by Monday morning.

 **Presbyterian Readers** will meet this Wednesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Belgravia* by Julian Fellowes, historical fiction that begins around the time of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, “a novel about scandalous secrets and star-crossed lovers.”
Presbyterian Readers will be on Zoom using the following link:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865
The same Zoom link is good for the entire year.

 **From the Worship Ministry**Worship is seeking **liturgists** over the summer. If you have never done so, take a leap of faith and try it! Wendy and seasoned liturgists will train/assist you. The sanctuary congregation is **very** small, **very** friendly, and after seeing how easy it is—hopefully, you will feel comfortable to keep on, even with a fuller congregation. It is a truly wonderful way to serve Him! Contact Pastor Wendy or Sarah Allen, if you might be interested. (Pastor Wendy: 630-917-6033 or wendy@southminsterpc.org; Sarah Allen: 630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com)

Worship is also seeking **ushers** comfortable being back in the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Lanny Russell. (630-738-3600 or lansonrussell@aol.com)

**Musical talents** are also sought for summer worship. We need you! If you can serve Him in this capacity, please contact Tom Anderson, Music Director. (651-246-5029 or tomanderson101@gmail.com)

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Our year-to-date total of “free money” from Jubilee Bucks is $854.35. The next opportunity to order is next Sunday, June 20. Email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. that date with merchant, amount and number of cards desired, and the total of your order. Order forms are always available on the church web site and are included in the emails with Sunday worship information.
The next order date after June 20 is July 11.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks so much to all who support this endeavor! Keep those donations coming – the need is still great. Remember that the donation box is out 24/7 at 2S033 Taylor Rd., G.E.

**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 Dan and Deb Bohi, in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary
 - Rita Zapel is now retired!
 - Best wishes for Meredith Darbyshire and Will Perkinson, who were married last weekend. Please extend your congratulations to Dr. amd Mrs. Perkinson.
  - Bill Curry is home now. Gretchen has an aide from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
 - Pray for volunteers for when the DuPage County Care Center reopens for worship.
  - beloved pets that are ill, and the people who love them: Zoe Zapel’s dog is still recovering after being hospitalized with heat stroke; Becky Doppelt’s dog is being treated for cancer, which included surgery this week.
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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. You may visit but must call a day in advance: 630-495-0220.
  - 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:**
 - Luke
  - 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***