**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost or the 67th Sunday of Covid**

**June 20, 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: *This Is My Father’s World; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind;
 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us; My Life Is in You; One God, Father of Us All*

Our slideshow today is “Fathers and the Men Who Love Us.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Lighting the Candles (2 Timothy 1:14)

**With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us guard the good treasure entrusted
to you all.**

 Improvisational Prelude

 Call to Worship (Matthew 11:28)

 Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

 **People: And I will give you rest.”**

 **All:** **Let us worship God.**

 Hymn 463:  *How Firm a Foundation*  (verses 2, 4, 5)

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,**

**For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;**

**I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,**

**Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,**

**My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.**

**The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design**

**Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,**

**I will not, I will not desert to its foes.**

**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,**

**I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

 Prayer of Confession:

**Dearest Lord, we confess our need to be self-sufficient. We feel “less than” when we cannot meet the demands of life or any given situation. That is not the message of the one we claim to follow! Jesus promised, “Come and follow me, and I will give you rest!” Help us rest in your grace and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our 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 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 Misty Gaynair

 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: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

 Sermon: “Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions:
 God Doesn’t Give You Anything You Can’t Handle”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (11.5-11.6)

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

 Hymn 835: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (verses 1, 2)

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,**

**Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;**

**I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee,**

Refrain

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?**

**Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

Refrain

 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: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

 \**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 819: *Be Still, My Soul*  (verse 1)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.**

**Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.**

**Leave to thy God to order and provide,**

**Who through all changes faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul: thy best, the heavenly Friend**

**Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

 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: Terry Kline

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Suzanne Tennyson

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Sue and Walt Briney in honor of all our fathers.

Session has called the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held today following the worship service. We will gather for the meeting in the parking lot, outside of the main entrance, in the circle drive area. Those who are able to are invited to stand in the grass, to make room for all. **Annual Reports packets** are available on one of the benches in the front entryway. Please wait until you are outside to visit.

**Fellowship time** (also outdoors) will follow the meeting.

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. Use this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927264659>
Paul says no password is needed. He will set the link up to go live this morning at 10:30 so people can log on even if he is delayed because of the congregational meeting.

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 Blair is with the Youth Mission Team.

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us.**

**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.:** No Bible study this Sunday. Join us for more of 2 Peter next week at 11:15 a.m. via the Zoom link that will be in the bulletin.

**Youth:** No youth event this weekend. The next scheduled **Pizza & Games** is July 11.
 **Youth Mission Team:** Please be in prayer for our mission team, the camp in Mission, South Dakota, and the residents that we will serve through our camp week, June 19-26.

 **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)

**From the Mission Ministry**
**Gifts Grow:** Thank you so much for your generous gifts to Gifts Grow totaling $4,600. The various missions we support are always so grateful when they receive a check in support of their work. We will have the totals of all gifts for each mission in the July 7 eNotes/Dialog.
 **Recycle** your old shoes, your used gift cards, and your bread tags!
Mission will be collecting used shoes September 5-26. Start setting aside your gently-worn shoes now; please bundle each pair with a rubber band. All kinds of shoes are welcome, including children’s, men’s, women’s, sandals, and boots. More information will follow in August.

Used gift cards are turned into guitar picks, and bread tags help purchase a wheelchair. You can bring these items to church at any time; there are jars for them on the shelf opposite the office.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Today (Sunday, June 20) is a Jubilee Bucks order day. Email bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. 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.
Our year-to-date total of “free money” from Jubilee Bucks is $854.35.
The next order date is July 11.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The donation box for PRC will remain on our porch through the rest of June, but beginning July 1, the collection box will be back in the church building. Please continue to drop off donations! If you are unable to drop off after the collection box returns to the church, contact me, and I will be glad to do a pick-up. Thanks to all who have stepped up their donations during the last 15 months! It 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**
 - The flowers this week from Walt and Sue Briney honor all our fathers.
 - a joy – we thank God for the Henkels’ new kitty
 - Prayers for Bette, a friend of Bill and Gretchen, who was recently widowed with no children.
 - Prayers for healing, and to qualify for surgery for Parveen Werner, newly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Parveen is a loving mother of four and sister-in-law of Chris Kozich’s brother.
 - Prayers for healing and the ability to return home for Mary, a Western Springs resident with Down syndrome, recovering in the hospital from COVID-19, finally off her ventilator but dealing with lung damage.
 - Dan and Deb Bohi, who recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary
 - Rita Zapel is now retired!
 - Best wishes for Meredith Darbyshire and Will Perkinson, who were recently married. Please extend your congratulations to Dr. and 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.
  - 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, Palestine, Brazil
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
**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
  - 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***