**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost or the 68th Sunday of Covid**

**June 27, 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: *In the Garden; Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise;   
 The Mighty God with Power Speaks; For the Beauty of the Earth;   
 All Creatures of Our God and King; O That I Had a Thousand Voices;   
 Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

Our slideshow today is “June is busting out all over.”

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 (Isaiah 61:1)

Leader: The Lord has anointed us to proclaim good news to the poor.

**People: God has sent us to bind up the broken hearted,**

**All:** **To proclaim freedom for the captives and release from the darkness.   
 Let us worship God.**

Hymn :  *The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor*  John Foley SJ

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor  
Blessed be the Lord  
  
I will bless the Lord at all times  
With praise ever in my mouth  
Let my soul glory in the Lord  
Who will hear the cry of the poor  
  
The Lord hears the cry of the poor  
Blessed be the Lord  
  
We proclaim your greatness, O God  
Your praise ever in our mouth  
Every face brighten in Your light  
For You hear the cry of the poor  
  
The Lord hears the cry of the poor  
Blessed be the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, we open our hearts and minds to you right now and offer the truth of our lives: We give you the prejudice that blinds us, the fear that enslaves us, the resentment that weighs us down. Help us live bold lives that seek to make your Kingdom a loving reality. We ask 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 286: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,**

**That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children Deb Bohi

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: John 12:1-8

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

Sermon: Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions: “You will have the poor always.”

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

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Hymn 69: *Here I Am, Lord* (verses 2, 3)

Verse 2

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Verse 3

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

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: *Because He Lives* Bill and Gloria Gaither

\**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 700: *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  (verses 1, 2, 3)

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

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

Liturgists: Anny Davidson, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Paul Jeziorski

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are in memory of Sheila Nelson, Blair’s mother, whose birthday   
was June 22.

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/" \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. (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 - 11:15 a.m.** Join us for our discussion of 2 Peter 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

The class will not meet July 4, 11, or 18 – we will resume July 25.

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

Here are some of the ideas we have for upcoming slideshows. Start taking photos now (or go through ones you’ve already taken), and we’ll let you know later when and where to send them.  
Cross Town Rivalry: Sox and Cubs or Cubs and Sox   
Iowa Roots: Pictures of folks who have a connection to Iowa  
First Day of School

If you have skill with PowerPoint please connect with [Wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:Wendy@southminsterpc.org).  
  
  
The weekly **eNotes** will go out this Wednesday, June 30 - ***deadline: Tuesday***.   
The longer newsletter, the **Dialog**, goes out the first Wednesday of the month (July 7) -  
***deadline: this Wednesday***.   
  
  
**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  
After today the class will take a 3-week break and resume on July 25.

**Youth**: No youth event this weekend. The next scheduled Pizza & Games is July 11.   

**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](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org); Sarah Allen: 630-988-8231 or [ridesrowdy@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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):Our year-to-date total of “free money” from Jubilee Bucks is $880.93.   
The next order date is July 11.  
  
**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
Beginning July 1, the collection box for PRC will be back in church. It will remain on my porch thru the month of June. If you are unable to drop off in the future at 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**   
 - flowers in memory of Blair’s mother, Sheila Nelson, whose birthday was June 22

  - a good week of service and safe travels home for the Youth Mission Team  
  - 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.  
  - Jan Kaskovich is asking prayers for improved health for her mother, who has a heart condition  
  - Bill Curry is home now. Gretchen has an aide from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
  - ongoing concerns for the Rogers and the water damage done to their home   
 - Pray for volunteers for when the DuPage County Care Center reopens for worship.  
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.   
  - 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  
 - the family and friends of Tom Beck, who died suddenly on Wednesday  
**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 all who are trying to navigate reopening activities, 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.**

  - 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  
**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  
  
**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn, and the local school districts  
  
**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); in July call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). 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***