**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost or the 70th Sunday of Covid**

**July 11, 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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee;
 We Praise You, O God; O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name;
 Great Are You, Lord; Praise to the Lord*

Our slideshow today is “Meet Lesley Weir.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 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

 Leader: We are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power through centuries
 of change and conflict.

 **People: We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were
 precious gold; cherished it as the key to a hidden wisdom.**

 Leader: Our very presence here attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair;
 to the uncontrollable power of God’s love.

 **People:** **Let us be the ones who continue to carry this story of Love to those
 who need it most.**

 **All: Let us worship God!**

 Hymn:  *In Christ Alone*  (verse 1) Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,**

**He is my light, my strength, my song;**

**This cornerstone, this solid ground,**

**Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,**

**When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

**My Comforter, my All in All,**

**Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

 Litany of Confession:

  Leader: As Hagar faced the challenges of life as a single mother;

 **People: Help us to have courage in the face of adversity,
 to know we are never alone.**

 Leader: As Deborah and Jael took drastic measures to secure the safety
 of God’s chosen people;

 **People: Help us to see with clarity what needs to be done even in the face
 of great risk.**

 Leader: As Rahab risked her life to help the Israelite spies,

 **People: Help us to seek ways to see and help the strangers in our midst.**

 Leader: As Priscilla used her gifts to spread the Gospel in times
 of great persecution;

 **People: Help us to break through our own barriers that keep us
 from sharing the Good News.**

 Leader: As Mary followed Jesus through his life, death, and resurrection;

 **People: Help us to love and trust You in every moment as she did.**

 (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.**

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**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 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: Luke 8:1-3

 John 20:1-18

 Sermon: Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions:
 “Mary the Misrepresented” Rev. Lesley Weir

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

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

 Hymn 161: *Woman in the Night* (verses 2, 4)

**Woman at the well, question the Messiah;**

**Find your friends and tell: drink your heart’s desire!**

**Woman at the feast, let the righteous stare;**

**Come and go in peace; love him with your hair!**

**Come and join the song, women, children, men.**

**Jesus makes us free to live again!**

**Women on the hill, stand when men have fled;**

**Christ needs loving still, though your hope is dead.**

**Women in the dawn, care and spices bring,**

**Earliest to mourn, earliest to sing!**

**Come and join the song, women, children, men.**

**Jesus makes us free to live again!**

 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: *Oceans*  Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, Saloman Ligthelm

 \**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 134: *Joy to the World*  (verse 1)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her king;**

**Let every heart prepare him room,**

**And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,**

**And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

 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**

Guest preacher: Rev. Lesley Weir

Liturgist: Caroline Linde

Worship Host: Sarah Allen

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Sara Vanderford

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Julie Storey in honor of her parents, Virginia and Lloyd Gross.

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. Heidi Shierry will host in July. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87217989949?pwd=cVByMWtVaXhKZG9TR1dZZXFIOS9wQT09>
Meeting ID: 872 1798 9949
Passcode: 728773

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” at 4:16 p.m. During the first 3 weeks of July, Wendy will share “Heart to Heart” only on Wednesdays.

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** will resume July 25, after Blair’s vacation.

**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.
**For July 25: “Iowa Roots”** – pictures of Iowa and people who have a connection to Iowa. Deadline for photos is Wednesday, July 21. Please send your photos to David Kozich: kozichd1@gmail.com.
**For August 1**: **“What I Did on My Summer Vacation.”**Please send photos to Blair Nelson by Wednesday, July 28. Blair@southminsterpc.org
Other ideas for slideshows:
Cross Town Rivalry: Sox and Cubs or Cubs and Sox
Sunflowers
Other state connections (Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan?)
First Day of School

If you have skill with PowerPoint please connect with Wendy@southminsterpc.org.
She will connect with you after her vacation.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Ed.:** Wendy and Blair will be in and out of town for the next few weeks. So our Adult Bible Study will be on hiatus until July 25th. We will be studying Micah when we resume.

**Youth**: **Pizza and Games** is cancelled for this evening - not enough people available. We’ll try again on July 25.

The **Youth Mission Team** returned June 26 full of cheer, exhaustion, and satisfaction following a week of workcamp. Be sure to check out our report in the July 7 *Dialog*, and ask a camper about our week on the Rosebud Reservation. Workcampers, mark Aug. 22 for our Camp Report during the worship service.

 **From the Worship Ministry
Hymn Sing**! Save the date: Thursday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. Tom Anderson will lead us in singing outdoors on the church grounds. Details to come.

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 Sarah Allen, if you might be interested. (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)
Presbyterian Readers meet Wednesday, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Ronan Hession, the story of two friends trying to find their place in the world. It is about the uncelebrated people of this world. And it asks a surprisingly enthralling question: Can kind people change the world?
Here is the link:
[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09)
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

 **From the Mission Ministry**
**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.
This Sunday, July 11, is a Jubilee Bucks order day! Email your order to bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. Sunday. Please include merchant, denomination of card and # of cards. Also include the order total. Order forms are available at church, on our web site, and are attached each week to the email with the bulletins.
This will be the only Sunday in July that orders will be taken. In August, we will place orders on the 1st and the 22nd. We will skip Labor Day weekend for orders and place again on Sept. 12. These are 3-week intervals instead of the normal 2-week intervals, so plan ahead. Bobbi will continue to deliver cards to you the Tuesday or Wednesday after the order date.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The collection box is now in the entryway at church. Donations will be collected at church as they were before the pandemic. Thanks for your support during these trying times!

**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**
 - Jack Thorne and family have much to celebrate this weekend! Yesterday was the 37th birthday of Jack’s first grandson and the marriage of his second grandson, Walter Joseph Thorne, to Sarah Taylor in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
 - Linda Meester is home now after a long hospitalization
 - Bob Carlson has been moved to Memory Care
 - prayers for rest and refreshment for Pastor Wendy and Blair during their vacation
 - Marie was hospitalized for tests
 - Longtime former member Betsy Hess let us know that her husband, Bill, died on June 11. A memorial service will be held for him on July 31 in Crossville, Tennessee, which is where they moved when they left Glen Ellyn. His obituary is here: <https://obituaries.crossville-chronicle.com/obituary/william-hess-1082643559>
  - a good week of service and safe travels home for the Youth Mission Team
  - 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.
  - Jan Kaskovich is asking prayers for improved health for her mother, who has a heart condition
  - Bill Curry is home. 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 Haiti, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Israel, Palestine, Brazil
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.
**We pray for those who mourn:**  - prayers for Bette, a friend of Bill and Gretchen, who was recently widowed with no children
 - the family and many friends of Maurlea Babb Marteja and Bob Cowsert, lifelong church friends of Barb’s **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
 - Paul Anderson’s nephew, Adam, who is hospitalized with Covid
  - 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.
  - 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.**
  - Grace is living 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 Board, and the boards of the local school districts: 41, 87, 89, 200, COD

**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 July call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376).

Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson will be on vacation until July 24. In an emergency, you may call Wendy on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you); through today, if you can’t reach her cell phone, call 608-935-5708.
If you need **pastoral care** while Wendy is away, you may call Rev. Debbie Paton of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove. Phone: 630-886-6785. You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Barb will be back in the office most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings now that her son has resumed part-time attendance at his day program.

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!

An invitation from our neighbors at the People’s Community Church, 670 S. Lambert Rd., Glen Ellyn. **3 Mile Walk for the Homeless** July 17, 8:30-10:00 a.m. Please bring one non-perishable item (canned goods or toiletries). Check-in is at the People’s Community Church at 8:00 a.m. The walk will start from the parking lot and proceed eastward around the COD campus. The registration fee is $10.00; register at:
[http://pcc-online.org/donations/](http://pcc-online.org/donations/%20).

***Prayer requests***