**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost or the 73rd Sunday of Covid**

**August 1, 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: *God the Sculptor of the Mountains; To Bless the Earth;
 Blest Are They; How Happy Are the Saints of God;* *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Our slideshow today is “What I Did on My Summer Vacation.”

 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 (John 14)

 Leader: We worship God, who is present with us in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

 **People: The Holy Spirit is our Comforter;**

 Leader: The Holy Spirit is our Advocate;

 **People: The Holy Spirit is our Teacher.**

 **All: Together, here or at home, we worship the Lord our God!**

 Hymn 515: *I Come with Joy* (verses 1, 4)

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,**

**The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,**

**In love laid down for me.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,**

**Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,**

**Alive among us here.**

 Prayer of Confession: (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

**Loving, gracious God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We do not want to grieve the Spirit or quench the Spirit. In the coming week help us to be attentive to the Spirit’s leading so that we can live joyful and growing lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is are 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 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

 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 14:15-18

 John 14:26-27

 Sermon: Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions:
 *“The Holy Spirit is a person, not ‘The Force.’”*

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**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: *Holy Spirit*  Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

**There’s nothing worth more that will ever come close;
No thing can compare, you’re our living hope,
Your presence.**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your presence, Lord**

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by your presence, Lord,
Your presence, Lord.**

**Let us become more aware of your presence;
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.
Let us become more aware of your presence;
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.
Let us become more aware of your presence;
Let us experience the glory of your goodness, Lord.
Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory Anthem: *I Will Sing Praise* Joseph M. Martin

 \**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 singing 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: *Taste and See* James E. Moore, Jr.

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 65: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  (verse 3)

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,**

**Bid my anxious fears subside.**

**Death of death, and hell’s destruction**

**Land me safe on Canaan’s side.**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises**

**I will ever give to thee;**

**I will ever give to thee.**

 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: Ann Anderson, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson; Virtual Choir: Tom Anderson, Wendy Boden, Lynn Ferino, Elise Henkels, Linda 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 Ralph and Caroline Linde, celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary.

The flowers last week were incorrectly listed. They were from Louanne Jourdan in honor of Louanne’s and Jenny’s birthdays.

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 is hosting this week. 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**” with Pastor Wendy Boden Tuesday through 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 – normally at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom but not meeting today.** On Aug. 8th we will resume our study of Micah, and then in a few weeks we move on to 1st John. Join us to give you spiritual life an upgrade. On weeks when we meet, the Zoom link will be in the bulletin.

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us by sharing your photos.**
Here are our upcoming slideshows:
**August 8**: Art Shippee: Cats and Birds (Art will submit his own.)
**August 15**: Starfish ministry in Haiti (They will submit their own.)
**August 22: Rosebud – our Youth Mission Trip**. If you have any photos that you haven’t already sent to Blair, please send them by August 18 to blair@southminsterpc.org.
**August 29: Ohio Buckeye Connections**. Send photos to Sue Knisely by August 25: sueknisely@gmail.com
**September 5: Southminster’s Gardens**. Send photos to David Kozich by Sept. 1: kozichd1@gmail.com

Other ideas for slideshows:
Sunflowers
Cross Town Rivalry: Sox and Cubs or Cubs and Sox
Other state connections (Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan)
First Day of School
Suggestions for others?

If you have skill with PowerPoint, please connect with Wendy at Wendy@southminsterpc.org.
**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: No Pizza and Games tonight.
Our annual **Fox River Naval Battle** is coming August 22 and Devil’s Lake Family Camp Out on September 11-12.

**Youth Mission Team**: We will give our **Mission Trip report** during the worship service on August 22 (before we head out to the Fox River).

**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. Bring a chair and gather in the parking lot.

**Flowers for worship:** Do you have a person or an occasion you would like to honor with a flower arrangement for a worship service? We have openings on these dates: August 15, September 12, and September 19. Sign up on the flower chart in the narthex, reply to this message, or contact Sarah Allen: 630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com

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 (phone and email listed in the paragraph above) or Pastor Wendy.

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)
Every 3 years **Presbyterian Women have a National Gathering Event**. This is the year, and this year it’s virtual, so anyone (even men!) can attend.

Wednesday, August 4 (All times listed here are CDT.)

 Noon-2:00 p.m. Business meeting only - you can observe to see what the business is,
 but only delegates can vote.

Thursday, August 5

 Noon-2:00 p.m. Conclusion of the business portion

 3:00-5:00 p.m. “Rejoice in Hope” - Worship, speakers, rejoicing, and renewal!

You can use these links:

Information: [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering)

Watch on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenpcusa>

An additional invitation has been issued by the women of First Presbyterian-Wheaton: come to their church and watch in community. The church is at 715 N. Carlton Avenue, Wheaton. Park in the church lot - the building is handicap accessible. There will be communion during the worship service, and the church will provide the elements. Women from other area churches are invited, so even though it’s not the national/international group that will be present, it will be women worshiping and rejoicing together. All are invited! No log-in or registration is required, either for the online connection or for attendance at Wheaton First.

 **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):Today, August 1, is your next chance to order Jubilee Bucks gift cards, just in time for school supplies and back-to-school clothes for kids and grandchildren. Order forms are available at church, on the Southminster website, and attached to the email that contained this bulletin. Email your order to bobbifrey@aol.com by Sunday at 9:00 p.m. Remember to put merchant, amount of card, number of cards wanted, and total for your order. Cards will be delivered to you the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

After that, our next order date will be August 22, we’ll skip Labor Day weekend, and then we’ll order again on September 12. These are 3-week intervals instead of the normal 2-week intervals, so plan ahead.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The collection box is now in the entryway at church. Food, paper products, personal care items are always welcome! The PRC is also collecting **items for their Back-to-School program**. Items needed are pencils, pens, erasers, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, glue, glue sticks, colored pencils, kids’ scissors, highlighters, rulers. Any school items can also be put in the donation box. School supplies need to be brought in no later than today - Sunday, August 1 - so Bobbi can deliver them tomorrow. Or, if you go to the PRC’s website and click on Back to School Drive, there are links for buying requested school supplies at Amazon, Target, and Walmart, and your purchases will be delivered directly to PRC. Find PRC [here](https://www.peoplesrc.org/).

**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**
 - We celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary with Ralph and Caroline Linde, who gave the flowers this morning, and we acknowledge that last week we should have recognized flowers from Louanne Jourdan for two birthdays – hers and Jenny’s.
 - Dave Zink, who was hospitalized at Good Sam
 - continued healing for Barb’s son-in-law, Josh, who had foot surgery last week and severe leg pain in his opposite leg
 - Continued prayers for Parveen Werner, who has completed 3 of 5 rounds of chemo. Doctors want to shrink her pancreatic cancer in the hope that she can then qualify for surgery. Parveen is a loving mother of four and sister-in-law of Chris Kozich’s brother.
  - Prayers of thanksgiving for Mary, hospitalized 3 months due to Covid. Insurance finally approved a very costly inhaler intended to help get Mary off oxygen, so that she can go home soon.
 - all who are affected by wildfires raging in the western U.S. and Canada
 - We pray for our sister church in Cuba and for the Cuban people in this time of political protest and very difficult economic conditions in that country. In addition, they are experiencing a surge in COVID cases and cannot obtain enough syringes to vaccinate people rapidly.
 - Linda Meester, home after a long hospitalization
 - Marie, who is continuing in care
  - Bill and Gretchen
  - 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.
We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
  - 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.**
  - Betsy Rogers, health concerns
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**
  - Dan Bohi
  - Haley Jablonski
**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, doctors, and all other health care workers.**

**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

**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 August 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. (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.

Barb is back in the office most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) 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!

***Prayer requests:***