**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost or the 74th Sunday of Covid**

**August 8, 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: *Come, Ye Disconsolate; Healer of Our Every Ill;
 Shall Tribulation or Distress; O, Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry;
 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Our slideshow today is “Of Birds and Nature; Meet Arthur Shippee, again.”

 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!**

 Prelude

 Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-8)

 Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

 **People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

 Leader: I sought the Lord, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

 **All:** **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

 Hymn 12:  *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  (verse 1)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**

**In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

**Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,**

**Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

 Prayer of Confession:

**O God, almighty and just, forgive us, for we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not followed your commandments of life but have wandered after our own wills into darkness. You see also the secret sins that mar us unawares. O Lover of souls, bring these hidden faults before us, so that we may know them truly and reject them firmly. According to your gracious mercy, cleanse us from all our sins, both plain and hidden, and strengthen us to follow in your way. 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 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: Job 40:1-9; 42:1-7

 Mark 13:32-37

 Sermon: Misunderstandings of Biblical Proportions:
 “Patient Job? Faithful Job?” Rev. Arthur Shippee

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 Hymn 32: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (verses 1, 3)

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.**

**The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**There’s not plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.**

**And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,**

**While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,**

**And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

 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: *Concerto de Aranjuez* Joaquin Rodrigo

 \**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 30: *O God, in a Mysterious Way*  (verses 1, 4)

**O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.**

**You plant your footsteps in the sea, and ride upon the storm.**

**Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.**

**You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.**

 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, Rev. Arthur Shippee

Liturgist: Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

Worship Associate: David Kozich

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

The flowers today are given in gratitude for the anthems from the virtual choir during the pandemic and especially for the work of Paul and Linda Jeziorski in coordinating it all.

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. Lynn Ferino is hosting today. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73261558795?pwd=RnRtbUZzaWJZeEVnekR6SW50L1cxUT09>
Meeting ID: 732 6155 8795 Passcode: mq3iAK

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 – 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.** On Aug. 8th we will resume our study of Micah, and then in a few weeks we move on to 1st John. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us by sharing your photos.**
Here are our upcoming slideshows:
**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 Landscape**

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: Pizza & Games** returns today, August 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m.! Please let Blair know whether you are up for P&G on Aug. 15th.

Aug. 22nd brings our annual **Fox River Naval Battle**—a leisurely 6-mile paddle down the Fox River with the added excitement of water guns. We need a head count to be sure we have booked enough canoes, so please let Blair know who is coming!

Also coming up: our **Family Camp Out** at Devil’s Lake in Wisconsin on Sept. 11th and 12th. It is going to be great!

**Youth Mission Team:** The Mission to Mission is over, but on Aug. 22nd we get to tell our church family about it. So, please be in worship on Aug. 22nd, and we will be talking about how to tell our story.

 **From the Worship Ministry
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**. 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)

If you have **musical talent,** 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 at 7:00 p.m. on August 18 to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. To join the book discussion, use 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 Mission Ministry**
**Save your gently-worn shoes**! In September Mission will be collecting used shoes of all kinds – children’s, men’s, women’s, sandals, and boots. Beginning the first Sunday of September there will be a collection box in the entryway of our church. You’ll also find rubber bands there; please band together each pair of shoes before putting them in the box. The shoe collection will continue September 5-26.

**Jubilee Bucks gift cards for PRC**: If you do not want to actually go shopping and drop off food at church for PRC, you can buy Jubilee Bucks and indicate that the gift card will go to PRC. Any $25 gas cards are welcome. $25 gift cards to Walmart, Target, Walgreens, and CVS are most appreciated; if they so choose, clients can use these gift cards for prescriptions or over-the-counter medications. See Jubilee Bucks info below.

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):Thanks to all who order gift cards! To date the church has received $1,039.69 in “free money” this calendar year! Our next time to order is Sunday, August 22. Orders can be emailed to Bobbi at any time but for sure by 9:00 p.m. on an order date: bobbifrey@aol.com. Order forms are always available at church, on the church website, and attached weekly to the emails with the bulletins.

The Mission Notes above suggest purchasing Jubilee Bucks gift cards for PRC. If you would like to do that, please let Bobbi know when ordering which cards are to be so designated, and she will set those aside to go directly to PRC.

After 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):
It is very impressive how people have donated to PRC since the beginning of the Pandemic! Your donations have really been appreciated! The last 3 weeks of July you also dropped off school supplies for their Back-to-School event that provides filled backpacks for 1000 children! The school supply drive is completed, but food and paper products are still a constant need. The box is now in the entry way at church.

The Mission Notes above also suggest donating gift cards to PRC, which you can order through Jubilee Bucks.

**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 today are in gratitude for the anthems from the virtual choir during the pandemic and especially for the work of Paul and Linda Jeziorski in coordinating it all.
 - Gretchen’s niece, Kate, and her family Kate has had radiation and surgery for cancer and has now lost her eyesight.
 - 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’ health 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:**
  - 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.
  - 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
 - 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.
**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***