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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost or the 75th Sunday of Covid**

**August 15, 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.

**** 1 Gathering Music: *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?;   
 Bind Us Together; O Look and Wonder;   
 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say; Help Us Accept Each Other*

****Our slideshow today is “Mission Starfish Haiti”

2 Welcome and Announcements

**** 3 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!**

**** 4 Prelude

**** 5 Call to Worship (Psalm 25, edited)

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

**People: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him.**

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

**** 6 Hymn:   *Shout to the Lord*  Darlene Zschech

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you;**

**All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;**

**Let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.**

**Power and majesty, praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar**

**At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,**

**Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand,**

**Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

 7 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you came to us in the Son, Jesus Christ, and taught us to love one another. Even so, we struggle to love. You asked us to befriend strangers, because love is from God. It is written that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are afraid. Forgive us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of Jesus Christ, open our hearts so that your love is perfected in us and offered to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** 8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, the good news is this:

**People: Love is from God, and we are loved by God.**

Leader: God sent Christ into the world, and in him we are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia, amen.**

**** 9 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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10 The Passing of the Peace

11 Word with Children Silentor Thomas Esthil-Henderson

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.

****12 Prayer for Illumination

13 Scripture Lessons: Exodus 33:7-11

John 15:12-17



****14 Sermon: Friendship! An Idea of Biblical Proportions

Rev. Wendy Boden and Silentor Thomas Esthil-Henderson

Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity   
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.

******15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (3 John 1:5-6)

**Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you;they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God.**

****16 Hymn 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.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,**

**Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,**

**Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,**

**But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

****17 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.**

****Children, draw or write something you would like to say to God in prayer this morning.   
If you want to share it with the church, you may also leave a message   
on the church phone line.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

****18 Offertory: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Joseph M. Sciven

****19 \**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.**

****20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

****21 Hymn 14: *For the Beauty of the Earth*  (verses 1, 4, 5)

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,**

**For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,**

**Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;**

**For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

22 Charge and Benediction

**** Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!   
 All: Alleluia! Amen!**

****23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden, Silentor Thomas Esthil-Henderson

Liturgists: Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul Jeziorski

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given in loving appreciation of Floyd and Betsy Rogers and their generous donation of the proceeds from their garage sale to Southminster’s Mission Ministry.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact Pastor Wendy ([wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org)) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |
| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |
|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Quotations for our Worship Symbols Guide are taken from *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), found at <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>. Edited.