**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost or the 82nd Sunday of Covid**

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 3, 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: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly; We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name;
 Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven;* *The Bread and the Wine Are Here;
 This Is the Feast of Victory*

Our slideshow today is “Breads of Southminster.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Stewardship

 Lighting the Candles (Ephesians‬ 5:8-9‬ NRSV)

**For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**

 Prelude: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Alexander

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows.

 **People: Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflows.**

 Leader: Even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows.

 **All: We are called and claimed by the abundance of God’s grace.
 Let us worship God.**

 Hymn 515: *I Come with Joy* (verses 1, 2)

**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.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find as all are fed,**

**The new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,**

**In Christ’s communion bread.**

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 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. We rely on your mercy as we come to your table. From your table, transform us and send us as servants of your grace and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and through the grace of Jesus Christ, may it be so. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12, edited)

 Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious;
     slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

 **People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
     nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

 Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
     so far he removes our transgressions from us.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response 581: *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

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

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

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Misty Gaynair

 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: Exodus 16:9-12

 John 6:51

 Sermon: “Listening in the Dark”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Isaiah 49:6)

**[H]e says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”**

 Hymn 530: *One Bread, One Body*

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**

**One cup of blessing which we bless.**

**And we, though many, throughout the earth,**

**We are one body in this one Lord.**

Verse 1

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,**

**Woman or man, no more.**

Refrain

Verse 2

**Many the gifts, many the works,**

**One in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

Verse 3

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,**

**Gathered to one, for all.**

Refrain

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Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory: *We Are Singing*

 \**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: (unison)

**Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.**

 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.**

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 *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 Music: *Song Without Words* Felix Mendelssohn

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 525: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  (verses 1, 3)

**Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)**

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,**

**O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees)**

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**O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

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 Charge and Benediction

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

 Postlude: *The Old Rugged Cross*  arr. Eklund

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden,

Liturgists: Terry Kline, Blair Nelson

Musicians: Cindy Trowbridge; Suzanne Tennyson; Elise Henkels, Linda and Paul Jeziorski

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Lanny Russell for Grace and Isabelle’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. Paul Jeziorski is hosting this week. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927264659>
No ID or Passcode needed.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.** We finished Micah, so now it’s on to 1 John.Join us from 11:15-12:15 by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

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. ***This week it will be Wednesday through Friday; Pastor Wendy will take her Sabbath day on Tuesday, since Monday is a holiday.***

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>

**Bearing Fruit – October 3, 2021**

**Worship is one way we bear the fruit of God’s love.**

Today our Music Director is away, so we once again welcome Cindy Trowbridge as our accompanist today. Cindy performs as a collaborative pianist in recitals and competitions throughout the Chicago area. A member of the piano faculty at the College of DuPage, she teaches private and class piano and serves as staff accompanist. Cindy also does extensive work as an accompanist for vocal and instrumental studios and recitals at Wheaton College. She is the principal pianist for Credo Flute summer festival and has been the pianist for DuPage Opera Theater and music director for Wheaton College’s Opera Music Theater program.

Tom Anderson generally leads our singing from the piano. While he is away, we welcome Paul Jeziorski, Linda Wolf Jeziorski, and Elise Henkels, dedicated members of our Southminster choir, who will lead us as we worship God,

Last May Suzanne Tennyson came in from her home in Colorado to attend a wedding, and she came to Southminster to record several songs. We’re using her recording of *We Are Singing* today as our offertory. *We Are Singing* is a song from South Africa, sung today in honor of World Communion Sunday.

Many of us remember Suzanne’s faithful presence in the choir while she lived here. Now she joins us each week via Facebook live, and she still considers Southminster to be her home church. It truly is a modern age. It’s always nice when you can join us, Suzanne, by whatever means we use.

We are grateful for Cindy, Paul, Linda, Elise, and Suzanne for their gift of worship leadership.

**Presbyterian Communion: Is it an altar or a table?**

The Presbyterian/Reformed understanding of the Lord’s Supper is one of thanksgiving and remembrance for the self-offering of Jesus Christ once and for all time on a cross in Jerusalem.

Christ’s perfect sacrifice of love and service is not re-enacted at the Lord’s Supper; rather, in the joyful feast of Eucharistic celebration, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God for this amazing gift.

The sacrament that Christ instituted for the remembrance of him takes the form of a simple meal — a sharing of bread and wine. Therefore, it is Presbyterian practice to refer to the Lord’s Table rather than an altar. Around the symbol of the “table” there is room for this rich feast of sacramental meaning.

Theological themes implicit in Communion are:

* Memorial (or anamnesis) of Christ’s death
* Thanksgiving to God for the gifts and goodness of creation
* Prayer for the fruitful reception of the sacrament through the Holy Spirit
* Communion of the faithful in the presence of Christ
* Anticipation or foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the kingdom of God.

 (Information gathered from the Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA)

Today is World Communion Sunday. Let us bear the fruit of God’s love by remembering all who are gathered at the Lord’s Table with us!

**Slideshows help us feel connected! Please help us by sharing your photos.**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. We can use your help with these upcoming slideshows:
**October 10, 17, 24, and 31 have a single theme: “Now Thank We All Our God.**” Please send pictures of things you are thankful for to Chris Kozich: text 630/673-4286 or email kintonck@gmail.com.

If you have skill with PowerPoint, please connect with Wendy at Wendy@southminsterpc.org.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Youth**: No event this weekend, but be sure to have your parents (and you) look at the email from Blair about the fall schedule. Hope to see you at **Pizza and Games** next Sunday. Also, Sleep Out Saturday is coming Nov. 6!

**From the Mission Ministry**
**The Peace and Global Witness Offering is being dedicated today.** Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), works for peace and reconciliation, supported by gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which we will collect during the month of September. The theme this year is “Peace at all times in all ways.” 25% of our offering goes to a local mission; this year it will be World Relief.

**From the Worship Ministry**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 (630-988-8231 or ridesrowdy@aol.com) 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).

 **Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who have ordered Jubilee Bucks we are up to $1,463.59 in “free” money for Southminster! The next times to order are October 10 and 24 with delivery within a few days. There is an order form posted on the church’s web site if you need to refresh your memory of merchants available. Orders can be made at any time prior to the order date and will be kept on hand. Just email bobbifrey@aol.com with merchant, number and denomination of card, and total amount of order.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
For 80 consecutive weeks deliveries of food, household products, cleaning supplies, toiletries have been delivered to PRC. The support from the members of this church has been amazing! Donations can be left in the box in the entryway of church on the Freys’ front porch. Thanks for all your support!

**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**
 - The flowers today are from Lanny Russell celebrating the birthdays of his granddaughters Grace and Isabelle.

**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**- those who are in danger in Afghanistan and those who are fleeing after the takeover by the Taliban
  - all who are affected by natural disasters: wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and tropical storms
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - 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.
  - Prayers for Haiti, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Palestine, Brazil, and Greece
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

**We pray for those who mourn:**
 - the family of Joe Eberhardt, who died September 16. A service for Joe will be held at Southminster on November 13.
  - those who have lost family and friends in Afghanistan
  - those who have lost family and friends to natural disasters
 **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**
  - Dan Bohi
  - Prayers for Parveen Werner, mother of four, suffering from pancreatic cancer, for relief of pain and for comfort. She is a relative of Chris Kozich.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with lung cancer
 - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer

**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**
 - Norm and Joy Ellsworth, who are now recovering from Covid after a visit to Michigan. Prayers for their daughter and son-in-law, as well.
  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school and other 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.** - Hal and Linda Ellinghausen; Hal is now in hospice care at home.
 - Dave Zink, who is in a rehab center. Send mail to Dave c/o Kindred Hospital, 225 Edward St., #134, Sycamore, IL 60178
  - Linda Meester, awaiting additional test results
  - Kathy and Steve Sanders request prayers for Liz Kuziak Dawson, who is on the mend. She is the wife of Kathy’s brother, Dan.
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
 - people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns
  - Marie Shepherd, who is continuing in care
  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming, and Gretchen’s niece, Kate
  - Betsy Rogers’s health
  - Lynn Smith, sister of Steve Sanders and mother of Traci Smith, who has health concerns

**We pray for those who are far from home:**  - Luke
 - the Galles on their move to their new home in Wisconsin
  - 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, 44, 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 in early October 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!

**Dates to remember this week:**
**The October 6 eNotes/Dialog goes out on Wednesday.** (The deadline for content was last Wednesday.) If you have anything for this Dialog, you need to send it in **now.

Sunday, October 3 – *World Communion Sunday, Dedication of
 the Peace and Global Witness Offering***
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **Outdoor Fellowship** following the service for those who worship in person
  **Online** **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
 **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth** – no activities this weekend
**Monday, October 4 – Pastor’s Sabbath
Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m.
**Tuesday, October 5** A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, October 6**
 **eNotes**/***Dialog*** goes out
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