**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday after Epiphany or the 101st Sunday of Covid**

**February 13, 2022**

**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: *Break Thou the Bread of Life;
 Taste and See; I Am the Bread of Life;*

 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Our slideshow today is “National Parks.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

 **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.**

 Call to Worship

 Leader: This is God’s gift of rest, Sabbath!

 **People: This is our time to rejoice, rest, and worship.**

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

 Hymn: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

Chorus

Verse 2

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

Chorus

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Living God, you are the bread from heaven, come down to us and for our salvation. We have not always followed you. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We turn to you for healing and forgiveness. Transform us through the power of the Holy Spirit alive within us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (John 1:9, 14, 17)

 Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone came into the world.

 **People: The Word became flesh and lived among us.
 We have seen his glory!**

 Leader: We have received grace and truth from Jesus Christ.
 Let us declare the good news.

 **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
 Alleluia!**

 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.**

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

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

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Janey Sarther

 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 Lesson: John 6:35-59

 Sermon: “Bread of Life”

 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 460: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*  (all)

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

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 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: *I Am the Bread of Life* John Michael Talbot

 \**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.**

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

 Hymn 541: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (verses 1, 2)

**God be with you till we meet again;**

**Loving counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With a shepherd’s care enfold you:**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;**

**Unseen wings protecting hide you,**

**Daily manna still provide you:**

**God be with you till we meet again.**

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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

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Lois Stevenson, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door: Nick Kaskovich

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Jack Hosek, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. No food or beverages will be served at this time; everyone must remain masked and try to keep social distancing in mind.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** **until further notice**. Our deacons will explore other ways to stay connected.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.** Our adult Bible class will not be meeting through our usual Zoom link today. Instead, we will be viewing a Black History Month event at Hope Presbyterian being streamed at our usual time (11:15 a.m.) on Rev. Jay Moses's Facebook page:

 [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009451038512](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009451038512" \t "_blank)
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 at 4:16 p.m. each week Tuesday through Friday.

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 – February 13, 2022**

**Welcome, Jack Hosek**

Jack Hosek is our soloist today. He is a member of St. James Catholic Church of Glen Ellyn, just up the road from Southminster on Park Boulevard. There Jack is in the regular rotation as a singer and cantor. He and his wife, Cathy, are friends with our pastor, Wendy Boden. As many know, Pastor Boden is an opportunist. When she found out that Jack would be willing to sing for us, she followed right up!

Jack works at Sigmatron International, Inc,. an electronics manufacturer. Jack and Cathy have three adult children: Mark, Eric, and Beth. He loves Jesus, his family, and the University of Illinois, in that order.

Last week we were blessed to have Max Lerch play his trombone for worship. If you are interested in singing a solo or playing an instrument, or learning more about how you can help us worship God, please contact with our music director, Tom Anderson, or Wendy Boden, our pastor. Serving in worship is one way to bear the fruit of God’s love.

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here are some opportunities to share your photos:
**February 20**: “**The View from Your Window or Door**” (from your home, office, car…)
 Send photos by February 17.
**March 6**: “**Hobbies**” What are your hobbies—how do you spend your “free time?”
 Send photos by March 3.

Send photos to David Kozich, who assembles the PowerPoints: kozichd1@gmail.com. (Email is preferred, but if you need to send a photo to David by text, call the church office to get his cell phone number.) Include ***the date and slideshow title for which your photos are to be used.***

We are interested in your ideas for slideshows. Please connect with Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com or with Pastor Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Last week we discussed watching the Black History Month event that Hope Presbyterian Church and Bethel New Life church, which share a building in Wheaton, are having today during our class time—11:15 a.m., instead of having our class. Their two pastors will be discussing media depictions of African Americans, and it will be

broadcast on their pastor’s Facebook page. Here is the link:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009451038512>.Next Sunday we will return to Nahum.

**Youth:** We had snowy fun two Sundays ago and **Pizzaless Games** last Sunday, and it was soooooo good to back together. We are skipping today so you all can have your Super Bowl fun.
Next Sunday, Feb. 20th, is President’s Day weekend—anyone gonna be around for a youth event? Let Blair know, please.
Also, our first **Digital Deep Thoughts** was emailed on Tuesday. Check it out and share your thoughts with everyone on the thread. No reason why we can’t help each other grow spiritually during the week, too.

**The Talent Show is coming!**In spite of the cold and the snow, we know that spring will come, and with it, fun events like our annual Talent Show. So, drag your hidden talent into the light, get the band back together, start writing your script, warm up the kazoo, and get your act together for our show on April 24. The format depends on what the virus does (We will be consulting state mandates.), so you may be recording your act ahead of time. Church facilities will be available (and encouraged in order to have consistence of quality). April seems a long way away when we are shoveling show and bundling up! But, hey, a good act takes some time to prepare. **From the Mission Ministry**We will have **Luminaria Sunday** on February 27. This will be our 11th annual Luminaria Sunday, a service when we honor and remember those touched by cancer. Luminaria bags will light the sanctuary during the worship service. Names of those remembered and honored will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.

Luminaria bags will be available for $10 for each person honored or remembered. Checks will be accepted through today, February 13. Please send your check, **made out to the American Cancer Society**, by February 13. Print the name(s) of those you wish to honor (those living who have cancer or have had cancer) and those remembered (those who are deceased who had cancer). For each name, please indicate if the person is to be honored or remembered. For example: “Remembered: John Jones, $10. Honored: Jane Smith, $10. Total: $20.” Then mail your check and the names to Southminster Presbyterian Church, 680 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, or drop it off at church at your convenience by February 13.

**Cheers for the “Souper Bowl”!**The Christian Ed. Ministry is sponsoring the “**Souper Bowl**” collection of canned goods for the People’s Resource Center (PRC) on Super Bowl Sunday. We collect donations for the PRC throughout the year, but this is a special effort related to a nationwide food drive called “the Souper Bowl of Caring.” Donations of soup or other canned goods will be accepted at church through today – Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The donation containers are in the entryway and just inside the doors that open to the hallway. Let’s fill them all!

**Presbyterian Readers** meet this Wednesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss ***The Midnight Library*** by Matt Haig.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 all of 2022.

 **From the Worship Ministry**Worship Ministry is actively planning the upcoming Lenten Season and Easter. There will be a **Taizé worship service on Ash Wednesday**, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A full Easter schedule will be in the March *Dialog*.

Worship Ministry is still in need of liturgists, Word with Children leaders, and musicians. We are also always looking for people to join the Worship Arts Team to help beautify the sanctuary for both regular and special services. Come join us!

**Flowers costs are going up!**Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, will be increasing the price of weekly flowers to $35.00 for 2022. This is completely reasonable, as they have worked very hard to keep the flower cost at $30.00 for many years. For anyone who has already **pre-paid** $30 for your 2022 flowers, no additional monies need to be sent to church. But going forward, all flower arrangements in 2022 will be $35.00.

Very few dates are still open: April 3, April 10, and October 23 are available, at least as of today. Please check the flower chart in the narthex or email Sarah Allen at ridesrowdy@aol.com with your choice of date and honoree and make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

**Easter Flowers – Order by February 20!**Easter may be late this year (April 17), but we need to think about flowers early: Due to supply chain issues and in order to secure the same vendor who provided the beautiful flowers we had last year, **we need to order Easter flowers by Sunday, February 20**!

We would love to have at least **8 Easter lilies** (2 stem plants @ $28 each) and **8 pink azalea plants** (6” pots @ $25 each) to beautify the sanctuary on Easter. Sign up at church or email your requests to Sarah Allen ([ridesrowdy@aol.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5COwner%5CDesktop%5C2020%20Pandemic%2001-28-22%20update%5CDialog%5CFebruary%202022%5Cridesrowdy%40aol.com)). Checks should be mailed to SPC with “Easter flowers” on the memo line. Thanks to everyone who will help fill our sanctuary with color and beauty on Easter morning.

An invitation from and for our women of all ages:
**Come join us for a fun filled Purse Auction** on Sunday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. There will be many laughs, refreshments, and fellowship.

A box is in the coat room to collect purses and small (must fit inside of a purse) white elephant donations to enhance our sale. On the day of the auction, bid on a purse - and be surprised at what you’ll find inside!

This is truly a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. Please come join us and bring some friends - all ages are welcome.

*Due to ongoing concerns with Covid variants, we realize not everyone is able to join in person. This year, we will also be live streaming the auction from our Facebook page! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. State mandates will be followed.*

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey)**: Note: Change in ordering schedule!**For the next few months, we will be taking orders for gift cards *only on the first Sunday of the month*.
Thanks to all who ordered gift cards this month!  It brought in $113.22 for the month with a total to date of $206.54. The next opportunity to order will be March 6.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
We continue to make weekly deliveries of donated food, personal items, paper goods, etc. to PRC. No donation is too small! Everything is greatly appreciated and put to good use. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, 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 given by Lanny Russell in memory of Jerry Tonne.
**We celebrate joys:**  - Noah Salins, named an Illinois State Scholar
**Answered Prayers:** - Karen Boden had a successful procedure and has good hopes for her second procedure.
 - Anna Nelson has a new job, working in the development office of a not-for-profit, Openlands **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Jewish congregations dealing with vandalism of synagogues in Chicago
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.
  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land. **We pray for those who mourn:** - For the family and friends of Ret. Fire Chief Jim Lamonte, a friend of Lanny’s, who died this past week
  - Barbara Williams on the death of her husband, Chris
  - Prayers for the family of former member Nancy Reinecke, who died February 1
  - Karen Evensen (a friend of Angela Smith and Lynn Ferino) and her mother, Joan Treland, on the loss of Jon Lash, who died of COVID. He was Joan’s brother, Karen’s uncle.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn: Ellinghausen, Fitzgerald, Fournier, Hume, Jablonski, Rogers, Shepherd, Zink  **We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  - Dan Bohi
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer
  - Beverly Webb, Bill Curry's sister, who had previously undergone treatment for ovarian cancer but now expects additional treatment after a scan showed cancer in some lymph nodes.
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, recovering from a very painful surgery, but they believe they got 100% of the cancer. She is very grateful for her prayer shawl and wears it every day.
  - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer
  - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family. She is also very grateful for her prayer shawl.
 - Jim Rundquist, friend of Angela Smith, colon surgery **We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  -Prayers for our leaders as they discern the wise way forward  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, 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.** - Angela’s father, Frank who will be having cataract surgery
  - Ed Koska, who is receiving care at Tabor Hills
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now
to help.
 - former pastor Rich Thompson, hospitalized following a fall
  - Katha, a friend of Jeziorskis, health complications
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
 - Carolyn Hudson, longest friend of Angela Smith, continued recovery from brain aneurism surgery
 - Renne Lorton, friend of Angela Smith, recovering from hip replacement surgery
  - the many people who struggle with depression
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns **We pray for those who are far from home.**
**We continue to pray for our friends and family who work 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 who work with them
**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, the boards of the local school districts: 41, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD, and our library boards.

 **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 February, call Deacon Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836). 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 in the office most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) while her son attends his day program part-time. (Additional changes to her office hours may be made based on the scheduling at the day program. When she is not in the office, she’s working from home.)

Grace and peace to you! 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.

**Dates to remember this week:**
**Sunday, February 13**.
**Last day to order luminaria bags and bring canned goods for “Souper Bowl”**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, masked and distanced, no food or drinks served.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** – instead of a Zoom meeting, we will watch a Black History Month event streamed on Facebook from Hope Presbyterian Church. The link will be in the Sunday bulletin and the email that goes out with it.
 **Youth:** No activity this week – enjoy the Super Bowl!
**Monday, February 14** – Happy Valentine’s Day
 **Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, February 15** A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Session** will meet at 7:30 p.m. In person or on Google Meet? Watch for that information when the docket goes out.
**Wednesday, February 16
 eNotes** go out **Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
**Friday, February 18**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next Sunday, February 20** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. During winter fellowship gatherings will be in the narthex, masked and distanced, no food or drinks served.
 **Online Fellowship** is canceled until further notice. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizzaless Games** in Fellowship Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.? It’s Presidents Day weekend – let Blair know if you’re available to meet.