**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday in Lent or the 106th Sunday of Covid**

**March 20, 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: *This Is the Night;
 Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice;
 Go to Dark Gethsemane; When We Are Tested*

Our slideshow today is “Tattoos, Freckles, and Birthmarks.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Improvisational Prelude

 Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

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

 Call to Worship (John 18:4-7)

 Leader: “Whom do you seek?”

 **People: “Jesus of Nazareth!”**

 Leader: Jesus said to them, “I am.”

 **People: They stepped back and fell to the ground.**

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

 Hymn 182: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (verses 1, 3)

Verse 1

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

Verse 3

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.**

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 Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious and loving God, there is much that is good within us. Even though we already have your love, we struggle with performing to earn your love. We judge others, despite the fact that we are not the standard—you are. Through the power of your Holy Spirit within us, help us turn from a life of anxiety and harsh criticism so that we may rest in the knowledge of your love for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (1 Peter 1:3-4)

 Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

 **All:** **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope!**

 Leader: We have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

 **All:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

 Response: *Kyrie*

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

 (The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Sarah Allen

 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.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: John 18:12-24
 John 18:25-27

 Sermon: “Who Are You?”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
  from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

 Hymn: *He Knows My Name*

**I have a maker, he formed my heart.
Before even time began, my life was in his hand.**

**He knows my name, he knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.**

**I have a Father, he calls me his own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go.**

**He knows my name, he knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call.**

**He hears me when I call.**

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Tommy Walker

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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: *House of Gold* Hank Williams

 \**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 12: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  (verses 1, 4)

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.**

Verse 4

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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 Charge and Benediction

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

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Sarah Allen, Blair Nelson
Deacon at the Door: Caroline Linde

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul Jeziorski, Southminster Singers

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Craig and Sarah Allen celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary and granddaughter Madelyn’s 3rd birthday.

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; masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated.

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.
 **No Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** this week. See Blair’s note below.
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 – March 20, 2022**

**Our mission to youth and our youth’s mission**

What is the difference between a mission to youth and a program for youth? Many churches have programs for children and youth that tend to be separate from the rest of the church’s activities, but Southminster’s desire is to welcome children and youth into the larger church of Jesus Christ. We do mission with and for the youth and children of our church and community.

Last week’s youth cookie sale benefited our youth’s summer **Mission Trip** to Huntington, WV. With your help we raised $500, which is almost enough to send one person to the work camp! Thank you!

Their next big fundraiser for the Mission Trip is the **Talent Show** on April 24. Your presence (virtually or in person) is requested. Your talent – virtual, present, or mythic –
is requested, as well. Please sign up by April 17 with either Blair Nelson or The Red Vest himself, Sean Salins.

How many years has Southminster Presbyterian Church had a Talent Show? We don’t have any firm records. The origins of the Talent Show are veiled in the shadows of the last century. When Susie Marcus and Sean Salins were in pre-marital counseling, they were asked to be the sponsors of the youth group. In the fall of 1993, after returning home from their Labor Day weekend honeymoon, the newly minted Salins showed up for youth group. They were told by the seniors of youth group – Paul Lopata, TJ Frey, Patrick Newell, and Fred Royster – that there was an annual talent show. It was the first that the Salins had heard of it! What is definite is that since the spring of 1994 there has been a talent show, and that is when The Red Vest showed up. Susie made it for Sean to wear in an AIDS benefit about four years into their involvement, 1998. Sean’s red vest has made an appearance on stage ever since. Their son, Noah, received his own red vest while still an infant at the insistence of Sam Brady, then a member of the youth group. Now Noah is ready to go off to college in the fall to Marquette, his father’s alma mater. The Talent Show is a whole lot of fun and yet another way we raise money for the Youth Mission Trip.

There will also be a massive **garage sale** June 4 and 5. Keep that sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning. You may bring your donations to Fellowship Hall the week prior to the sale. Please pre price, it helps a lot. Of course, there will be **car washes**, as well.

We are grateful and delighted to work side by side to help our youth with their sense of mission and share in the ministry of the larger church of Jesus Christ. Together we bear the fruit of fellowship for our congregation in a wonderful, fun-loving way.

**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 upcoming opportunities to share your photos: .
**March 27**: The day of our Annual Congregational Meeting, we’d like **photos from the
 various Ministries of the church**. Moderators and ministry members, show us what
 your work is. Send photos by March 24.
**April 3: “Throw-Back Talent Show”** In preparation for our annual Talent Show on
 April 24, let’s see photos taken at past shows. Send yours by March 31.

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.

**The Session of Southminster Presbyterian Church has set the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held next Sunday, March 27, immediately following the worship service**. Annual reports are available in the narthex.

**This afternoon – Come Together for an Interfaith Prayer Service for Ukraine**
Hosted by the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Foundation
Today, Sunday, March 20, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
At: Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
The Baet-ul-Jaamay Mosque
Address: 2S510 Rt. 53, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We won’t be meeting today, but join us next Sunday at 11:15 p.m. via the Zoom link in the bulletin as we begin our study of Habakkuk.

**Youth**:  Join us for **Pizza & Games** this Sunday. Yes, the meal is back! Bring $5 for the meal and your best game-face (whatever that is). We meet from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please let Blair know what you are coming—we would hate to be short on food!

**Got Talent**?  Of course, you do. **Talent Show** is coming Apr. 24th, so get your act together!
 **Easter Saturday Celebration**!
Spread the word! Southminster is hosting a big **outdoor Easter story and egg hunt** on the day before Easter – Saturday, April 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. No reservations are needed for this free event, and everyone is invited!

Volunteers are needed! Watch for bags of Easter eggs to stuff at home. Also, please let Angela Smith know if you can come to help with the party on April 16.

**How you can help now**:

**Candy donations** – please donate candy that will fit in a small, plastic Easter egg.
 - Prewrapped
 - No nuts, no nut butter (no Snickers, no Reese’s)
  - No hard candy
  - No chewing gum
  - Leave candy in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office
**Stuff Easter eggs at home**
  - Eggs will be available for pick up inside the nursery
 - Please return stuffed eggs to the nursery
  - Please use the sign in/sign out board, to help us keep track of our progress

**Donate plastic bags**
  - We will use these bags to package crafts, to send home with the kids from the Easter celebration.
  - We need some quart size and gallon size sealable bags.
  - Leave bags in the collection bin in the hallway across from the church office.

**From the Mission Ministry**March Madness – and **March Mission Madness** – are in top gear! How well will your bracket(s) do? Even if you aren’t one of the top finishers, the winners in the end are the missions we support!
If you haven’t yet contributed your $15 per bracket (or more, if you feel like it!), please write a check to Southminster and add your bracket name(s) on the memo line so our treasurer can reconcile the contributions.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** is a special offering collected during Lent that supports the work of our denomination – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Envelopes for the OGHS offering will be on the Mission shelf at church, or you may write a check to Southminster with “OGHS” on the memo line and mail it, drop it off, or put it in the offering any time before Easter.

**A Special Appeal: Emergency Response to the War in Ukraine**
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently working with trusted groups already present in the Ukraine to provide financial assistance for humanitarian aid efforts.  The PDA anticipates that its ongoing work in the Ukraine and the region will include both financial and technical assistance. Southminster invites you to assist in relief efforts by making a special donation—a check to Southminster with PDA on the memo line—that Southminster will send on an unrestricted basis to PDA to use as needs arise.

**From the Worship Ministry**Worship Moderator Sarah Allen is recruiting readers for Holy Week services (Palm Sunday-April 10, Maundy Thursday-April 14, and Good Friday-April 15). Or, you can always volunteers before she asks you.

**Flowers costs have gone up!** Due to rising costs, our Sunday flower supplier***,*** *Green Branch Florist*, has increased the price of weekly flowers to $35.00 for 2022. This is completely reason-able, 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. make $35 check out to SPC with “flowers” in the memo line.

The Jablonski family has established a memorial fund for their daughter, Haley, who died last September shortly before her 21st birthday, in cooperation with the veterinary hospital where Haley worked in Wheaton, Illinois. Donations may be made to American Veterinary Medical Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and directed to Haley’s Fund. Donations to Haley's Fund will support care for patients and clients in need at Danada Veterinary Hospital.
Click this link for more information:  <https://danadavet.com/haleys-fund>.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
The next order date is Sunday, April 3. If you have any questions on how the Jubilee Bucks sale works, contact Bobbi Frey at bobbifrey@aol.com.

**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 flowerstoday are given by Craig and Sarah Allen celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary and granddaughter Madelyn’s 3rd birthday. **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine and an end to war.
  - Prayers for Poland, Hungary, Romania, and all those who are helping Ukrainian refugees  - Peace throughout our world
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. **We pray for those who mourn:**  - The service for Bill Curry was held yesterday. We continue to pray for Gretchen and for Bill’s family and friends.
  - We pray for Del Meester and family – the service for his wife, Linda (who died December 21), was held last weekend.
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn. **We pray for all who are affected by cancer.**  - Bill Paradise, good friend of Pete Petersen, who is now in hospice care
  - Dan Bohi
  - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster, recently diagnosed with cancer
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer, who got hit by a car last week but is mending.
  - Kurt Parent (a friend of several Southminster members), facing cancer surgery this spring
  - Karin Formento, wife of Mike Formento, a friend of Wendy’s  - 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, especially those who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions.
  - those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic
  - strained relationships due to the pandemic **We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.** - people giving up addictions
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  - Barb’s Aunt Ruth, who has transferred to a rehab/skilled nursing facility. Barb’s cousin Mike continues in rehab.
  - prayers for peace for Amanda
  - prayers for Ed Koska, as he adjusts to Tabor Hills, and Joan, his wife
  - 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
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues
  - Carolyn Hudson, 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 **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, Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, and our members who serve them
**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Task Force on Affordable Housing, 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 this month, 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.

**Office Schedule Change**: Barb will now be in the office most Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays full days (approx. 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.) while her son attends his day program full time on those days. 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, March 20 – 3rd Sunday in Lent
 Annual reports** are available in the narthex. (The Annual Meeting will be next Sunday, March 27.)
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** following the service. Fellowship will be in the narthex, no food or drinks served – masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **No Adult Ed. Bible Study**
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** (Yes, the meal is back!) – 4:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 **Interfaith Prayer Service for Ukraine** at 4:00 p.m. at the Baet-ul-Jaamay Mosque, 2S510 Rt. 53, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
**Monday, March 21 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday, March 22**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, March 23**
 **eNotes** go out
 **Confirmation** meets at 7:45 p.m. at Wendy and Blair’s home **Friday, March 25**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday, March 27 – 4th Sunday in Lent** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** immediately follows worship
 **In-person Fellowship** follows the Annual Meeting. Fellowship will be in the narthex, no food or drinks served – masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
 **Youth: Pizza & Games? Check with Blair.**