**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday of Easter or the 111th Sunday of Covid**

**April 24, 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: *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real;
 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!;
 O Day of Joy and Wonder!; Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Our slideshow today is “Easter Celebrations Past and Present.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Improvisational Prelude

 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!**

 Call to Worship (Psalm 30:11)

 Leader: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing.

 **People: The Lord has dressed us in gladness.**

 **All:** **For the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

 Hymn 246: *Christ Is Alive!* (verse 1)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Grace is good when it is for us, Lord, but when it comes to others it is sometimes hard to embrace. Help us to not only trust in your grace but extend it to others. 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 (Romans 8:33-34)

 Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

 **People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us,**

 Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

 **All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response 240: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (verse 1)

10 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Andrea Schmidt

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward..

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-23 Pew Bible, p. 115 (N.T.)

 John 20:30-31 Pew Bible, p. 115 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “A Little Spirit”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
  from *The Nicene Creed* (1.3)

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

 Hymn: *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* (verses 1, 3) p. 22, blue worship supplement

 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: *A Hymn to Glory Let Us Sing*

 \**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 236: *The Strife Is O’er*  (verse 1)

 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 the Lord is risen! **All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Andrea Schmidt, Blair Nelson
Deacon at the Door: Louanne Jourdan

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are given by Rita Zapel celebrating Zoe’s birthday.

If you are present for worship, following the service and the meeting, you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. Coffee and bottled beverages will be served; 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 no longer offer Zoom fellowship.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.** via Zoom. Join us at: <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 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 – April 24, 2022**

**Supporting Hands-on Mission**

The Mission Ministry of Southminster is an extremely thoughtful and prayerful group of people. No, their heads aren’t bowed in prayer at all moments, but they talk with each other in a prayerful manner, as if God is in the room. Every meeting has lively discussion and reflection on what they are called by God to do in the name of Southminster and hence in the name of Jesus Christ. They do not simply write checks. One of the questions they ask is how we are connected with a particular mission: “Are any of our members engaged physically with a particular ministry?’ One of those ministries is the annual Youth Mission Trip. This summer a group of youth and adults will be engaged in hands-on ministry in Huntington, West Virginia.

In 2020, due to Covid restrictions when Group Workcamps were canceled, the youth stayed local and helped our administrative assistant, Barb Doppelt. Among other work they accomplished was the restoration of the screened-in porch Barb loves but had been unable to use for some time, and she thinks of them with thanks every time she relaxes out there!

Most summers our youth participate in Group Workscamps at a site chosen from opportunities throughout the country. It is an eye-opener for the youth to get out of the Glen Ellyn bubble and see the world through fresh eyes as they serve people in need of home repair but unable to afford to do so.

Among the ways the youth raise money to cover the expenses for the trip is through car washes, a huge rummage sale, and a return to our Talent Show.

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, but this is what we do know. 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 then-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 in 1998, about four years into their involvement. 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. This year Noah is a graduating senior from Glenbard South High School. ***Please join the fun at the Talent Show today, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. and start your spring cleaning for the annual June Rummage Sale.***

**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:
**May 1: “The Grounds of Southminster”** -Send photos by April 28.
**May 8: “Your Favorite Women”** – because May 8 is Mother’s Day, of course.
 Send photos by May 5.
**May 15: “Meet Vince Gaddis”** (our guest preacher) - no submissions needed
**May 22: “Meet Blake Severson”** (our guest preacher) - no submissions needed
**May 29: “Meet our New Officers”** – no submissions needed
**June 5: “School’s Out”** – send your favorite school photos by June 2.

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.

**Communications:** Barb is on vacation through May 3 – please note the following:
1. There will be **no eNotes** this week.
2. **The May Dialog will go out Friday, May 6**. All articles, announcements, and calendar
 items need to be turned in by Tuesday, May 3, so Barb can get to work on them
 immediately when she returns to work on May 4.
3. We will, of course, continue to pray for those on our prayer list, but the list will not be printed in worship bulletins today and next week.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Join us at 11:15 a.m. by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355

**Youth:** Watch for emails from Blair about Talent Show skit ideas and other reminders and be sure to be at church by 4:00 p.m. today for set up and last-minute rehearsal. It is going to be GREAT!

**The Talent Show is today, April 24!** Be sure to be with us either in the sanctuary or on the webstream for our annual Talent Show and all-around good time! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert social. (If you will be streaming the show, then you are on your own for dessert.) This is a fundraiser for our Youth Mission Team, heading to Huntington, WV, in July to attend a Group Mission Trip work camp. The trip is service, spiritual growth, and great fun for the youth. The Talent Show helps make that happen, but it is also great fun for us all.

**Rummage Sale:** Spring cleaning? Please put aside some choice items to donate to our annual Rummage Sale coming June 4-5. Price stickers are available in the hallway by the main entrance. It really helps us if you take a few minutes to price your donations. Those items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall beginning after worship on May 29 and from then right up to the sale starting on Saturday, June 4.

**From the Mission Ministry
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.

Watch for our annual **Gifts Grow** project that will be coming in May, where total donations to the missions Southminster supports will be matched up to $5000! Details will be in the May 6 eNotes/Dialog.

***Help us with our spring cleaning!*** The Property Ministry can use your help with Southminster’s annual **Spring Clean-Up!** this Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (or whenever we finish). With COVID rules loosening up we are hoping to be able to do more inside work. We promise a sense of accomplishment for all who assist! More details to follow in the coming weeks in the bulletin and eNotes.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Looking ahead at the many Sundays in May and June, dates have been altered a bit. Following are the order dates: **May 1**, **May 22**, and **June 12**. These turn out to be 3 weeks apart. I hope one or more will fit into your schedule. Questions? Ask me: 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, we will, of course, continue to pray for those on our prayer list, but with Barb away the list will not be printed in worship bulletins this week and next*

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 April, call Esther Marcovici (630-776-6389); in May call Deb Bohi (630-935-1225). 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:** Barb’s regular schedule is to be in the office 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. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home. She is on vacation through May 3.

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:**   **Barb is away through May 3.
Sunday, April 24** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages and coffee.
 Masks and social distancing are at your discretion if you are vaccinated. **Adult Ed. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom **Youth** arrive at 4:00p.m. for set-up and final rehearsal for Talent Show
 **Talent Show and Dessert Fellowship** – a benefit for the Youth Summer Mission
 Trip – at 6:00 p.m., followed by desserts in the narthex.
**Monday, April 25 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, April 26**
 **Session** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, April 27**
 No eNotes today while Barb is away. **But it is still the deadline for the May
 Dialog**, so all articles will be turned in and ready for Barb to work on as soon
 as she returns!
**Thursday, April 28
 Choir rehearsal** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**Friday, April 29**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, April 30** **Spring Clean-Up Day** from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or whenever work is done**Sunday, May 1
Order Jubilee Bucks** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m. (Next
 chance after this is May 22.)
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
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