**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**3rd Sunday of Easter or the 112th Sunday of Covid**

**May 1, 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.

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: *O Lord, You Are My God and King;
 Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure; Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies:* *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Our slideshow today is “The Grounds of Southminster.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 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

 Leader: You come to us when we ask for healing and restoration.

 **People: You come to us when we seek to forgive.**

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

 Hymn 250: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (verses 2, 3)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, you come to us in Jesus Christ speaking grace and love, but honestly, we do not extend that grace and love to others. We want to give up on people – the difficult ones, the awkward ones, and the demanding ones. We need your forgiveness. Drill it into our hearts so that we may build gracious loving lives. 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)

 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Blair Baldwin

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

 *Jesus Loves Me*

 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 3:14-21 Pew Bible, p. 193 (N.T.)

 John 21:9-14 Pew Bible, p. 115-116 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “BLM”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) ( Ephesians 3:20-21)

**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

 Hymn 300: *We Are One in the Spirit*  (verse 3)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory:  *In the Breaking of the Bread*  Michael P. Ward

 \**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

 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: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

 *The music during communion gives us time to reflect on God's love and grace found
 in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. When the music is finished, our pastor will invite
 everyone to partake by saying, “Take, eat, and drink, all of you.”*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 468: *In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)* (all verses)

 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

***Please join us in the Memorial Garden so we may enjoy our beautiful grounds.***

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Terry Kline, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door: Lynn Ferino

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich, David Johnston, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Pastor Wendy Boden in honor of Southminster’s Property Ministry – past, present, and future!

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 – May 1, 2022**

**Blooming**

Our congregation was founded on March 5, 1961. The charter was issued to the Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, which within the first year was renamed Southminster Presbyterian Church. Sunday, March 5, 1961 was also the very first meeting of our Session at what was then Wagner School.

A note about our name: The suffix “minster” in Presbyterian circles is equivalent to “parish” in other traditions. In Anglican tradition, it is meant for a cathedral.

We have a ministry not only within our walls but outside, as well. The inspired idea is that we have a mission beyond ourselves to south Glen Ellyn. Over the years our ministry has not only been to our community, but we have touched people around the world.

Reading through the session minutes it is clear some things haven’t changed, but one of the challenges the young congregation had was the revolving door of the church. People were moving in, and people were moving out. During the late 1960’s the phrase “Bloom where you are planted” was prolific and popular. The pastor at that time, The Rev. Rich Thompson, appropriated the phrase as a way to encourage people to participate in the life of the church despite the big possibility that “Dad” (It was mostly fathers at the time.) would be transferred somewhere else, and the family would have to move yet again.

During Covid, 2020 and 2021we have had to say goodbye to some much loved members of the congregation, who have a new permeant address with our Lord. Many of them were on the Property Ministry. Today in worship we hope to look both backward and give thanks for the people who through the years served on Property and look toward the future as we consider what it means to be a post-pandemic congregation.

Looking through old directories we have come up with the following names of people who helped create Southminster’s beauty and witness to Jesus Christ. They cared for the building behind the scenes often, but always with love and faithfulness.

David Stevenson

Diane Windish

Darrell Larson
Mel Leach

Dave Schmoe

Camille Grabski

Ted Johnston

Lew Garrison

Dion Clary

Sandy Phee

John Sundquist

Bill Shepherd

Jim Smith

Betsy and Floyd Rogers

Barb and Dave Zink

Joan and Ed Koska

Hal and Linda Ellinghausen

Ralph Linde

Diane Swiss

Ann Anderson

Sue Knisely

Steve Shierry

Steve Kozich

We are sorry if we inadvertently missed anyone.

Linda Ellinghausen has remarked, “I might add that I believe there have been more couples serving on Property than any other ministry, and it has been such a blessing working on/at/for the church with one's spouse. The time Hal and I spent working at church was always a joy to both of us and more so because we were doing God's work together. I'll always treasure that time and those memories.”

Marie Shepherd used to say, “I think I have to put a steeple on our house so I can see Bill more often.”

We are grateful to those who served on Property in the past and those who continue to serve now. Our future is in God’s hands, but their hands help steward what God has given us. Property Ministry is one way for us 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:
**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. **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 until Barb is back.

**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: Pizza & Games** today (unless you’ve heard otherwise). Be here at 4:00 p.m. with $5 for your food.

**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.

This is May, so it’s time for our annual **Gifts Grow** Mission appeal, where total donations to the missions Southminster supports will be matched up to $5000! Details will be in the May 6 eNotes/Dialog.

**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: **Today**, **May 1**, followed by **May 22** and **June 12**. These turn out to be 3 weeks apart. Bobbi hopes one or more will fit into your schedule. To order today, email Bobbi at bobbifrey@aol.com by 9:00 p.m. with your order, number and value of cards, and total of your order. Cards will be delivered to you by mid-week, and payment can be made at that time if you haven’t already prepaid.

**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 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, 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.
 **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: Pizza & Games** at 4:00 p.m.
**Monday, May 2 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, May 3**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, May 4**
 The eNotes/Dialog is delayed until Friday since this is Barb’s first day back to
 work. But she needs to have **all items for this Dialog waiting in her inbox
 on Wednesday morning** in order to have it ready to go out on Friday!
**Thursday, May 5**
 Hawthorn Garden Club meets at 12:00 p.m. in the narthex
 **No choir rehearsal**  **Friday, May 6**
 We hope to have the **May Dialog** ready to be sent out today.
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Sunday, May 8**
 **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