**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday of Easter or the 113th Sunday of Covid**

**May 8, 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: *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord;   
 Give Thanks; We’ve Come This Far by Faith;  
 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

Our slideshow today is “Property Ministry Thank You.”

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 (Romans 12:9)

Leader: Let love be genuine! Not fake or simply friendly.

**People: Let love be genuine, a work of the Holy Spirit within us.**

**All:** **Because the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed.**

Hymn: *Blessed Be Your Name* (all verses)p, 8, blue supplement

Prayer of Confession:  (Hermann, edited)

**Lord God, we try to run our own lives, and the lives of others, attempting to be our own gods. We love you too little. We love others hardly at all. We love ourselves too much. Forgive our failure to love and forgive. Open our eyes to your grace and mercy each day so that we might remember the gift of love we are to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward..

*Jesus Loves Me*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:25-34 Pew Bible, p. 136 (N.T.)

Philippians 1:1-18 Pew Bible, p. 196 (N.T.)

Sermon: “Love Overflowing”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Ephesians 3:16-19)

**I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Hymn 767: *Together We Serve* (verses 1, 2, 4)

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: *Gymnopédie No. 1*  Erik Satie

\**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 366: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  (verses 1, 4)

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: Gretchen Fleming, Blair Nelson   
Deacon at the Door: Nick Kaskovich

Musicians: Tom Anderson, David Kozich

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are given by the Parks family celebrating Joe’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 – May 8, 2022**

**“Gifts Grow”—Hands-On Ministry**

During the month of May you have the opportunity to contribute to our missions, and your gifts will be matched by the Mission Ministry up to a total of $5,000 for the entire event.

Throughout May, Bearing Fruit will offer brief sketches of our various outreach ministries. This is not an endorsement or recommendation but a little bit of extra information about some of our missions and how we bear the fruit of God’s love. Our missions are: Bridge Communities, Cuba Sister Church, DuPage PADS, Metropolitan Family Services (formerly Family Shelter Service), People’s Resource Center, Walk-In Ministry, World Relief, and the Youth Mission Trip. You also have an opportunity to support Star Fish Ministry Haiti, a mission that we are considering.

Southminster Presbyterian Church has always been a congregation that reaches out in love to those around them. Today, we are looking at several of the ministries in which we have had particular hands-on involvement. Next week we will highlight other “Gifts Grow” opportunities and other organizations in which we give hands-on work. Presbyterians believe that whatever we do, we do it to the glory of God. This is one way we worship during the week.

**Cuba Sister Church:** Since 2006 Southminster has had a special relationship with the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Guanabacoa, Cuba. This ministry is one of relationship and support. SPC is the only official sister church of Guanabacoa and their main support for ministry. Many from SPC have visited, and you are encouraged to consider a visit, as well. You are also invited to be part of a faith and interest group that plans events on behalf of the Mission Ministry for our sister church. We are looking forward to a visit to Guanabacoa in 2023.

**Metropolitan Family Services (formerly Family Shelter Service):**

Supports families that are making transitions from abusive situations. One of our members volunteers in their thrift store to help raise funds.

**Walk In Ministry:** Serves people in Glen Ellyn who need help. We have people who serve there and on the board.

**World Relief:** According to the World Relief website, World Relief operates through 25 offices across the United States. Working in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, World Relief and local church partners welcome and resettle thousands of refugees referred by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to the United States each year. Local offices help refugees secure housing, employment, and education. In addition, they provide immigration legal service to refugees and others who have immigrated to the United States, offering legal clinics and counseling, working, guiding refugees and immigrants along the path towards U.S. citizenship. Members of SPC volunteer in a variety of ways.

**Youth Mission Trip**: Annually the youth of SPC carry on the SPC tradition of service by refurbishing homes of elderly and poor residents in various communities around the United States. Going away from home and caring for people outside of their home community is one way for our youth to not only serve others but also to step outside their comfort zone. Every fall, our youth and other members of our congregation help with local homelessness by participating in Sleep Out Saturday, a project organized by **Bridge Communities**. (You can read more about Bridge Communities next week.)

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Here is an opportunity to share your photos:   
**May 15-29:** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:ridesrowdy@aol.com) or with Pastor Wendy at [wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org). Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We have just a few books remaining of our study of the minor prophets, then it is on to Matthew’s Gospel. 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  
Note that we will meet today (May 8) but not again until May 29.  
  
**Youth: No Pizza & Games** today (celebrate your mom) and then Wendy and Blair will be gone for two weeks, so our next **Pizza & Games** is May 29. The big thing to put on the calendar is **Rummage Sale**, June 4-5. We will need everyone’s help that weekend!   
  
**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. See details of the sale (and ways you can help) in the May Dialog.  
  
**From the Mission Ministry  
Watch Your “Gifts Grow”**

Do you on a regular basis provide food or monetary support for the People’s Resource Center? Do you support the homeless through the work of PADS or Bridge Communities? How about Walk-In Ministry? Right now you can contribute money to any of these groups and have your dollars doubled.

For just four weeks in May, you have an opportunity to give a donation to your favorite Southminster-sponsored mission organization and have your mission dollars matched. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help others.

Consider making a donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, baptism, graduation, or other special event or person. A dollar amount (but no donor name) will show on the flower that is put up in the narthex display. What better way to celebrate that special event or person than with a gift to those in need?

Southminster-supported missions include:

**Bridge Communities Starfish Haiti—a new mission**

**Cuba Ministry we are looking to support**

**DuPage PADS Walk-In Ministry**

**Metropolitan Family Services World Relief**

**People’s Resource Center Youth Mission Ministry**

When you donate a gift of $15 to any one of these missions, Southminster will contribute an additional gift of $15 to the same mission; a $50 gift is matched with $50, and so on.

Write a check to Southminster Presbyterian Church and place it in a special Gifts Grow envelope. Those envelopes are on the shelf across from the office and also on the table as you enter the sanctuary. On your check, write “Gifts Grow” on the memo line and be sure to include a note that tells the amount and mission(s) to which you want to donate. Drop your envelope in the offering plate, bring it to the church office and put it in Tom Frey's mailbox, or mail it to the church.

There are a few restrictions:

Gifts must be received by May 31, 2022.

You must designate your gift to a mission already supported by Southminster. (See the list above.)

We will match up to $5,000 in donations.

Only gifts up to $300 per family will be matched.

Only $1,000 will be matched to any one ministry.

The Mission Ministry reserves the right to designate use within a given fund.

Please take advantage of this opportunity today to watch your mission “Gifts Grow.” And, thank you.

**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.

**Presbyterian Readers** will meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ***The Nature of Fragile Things*** by Susan Meissner. “On April 18, 1906, a massive earthquake rocked San Francisco just before daybreak, igniting a devouring inferno. Lives were lost, lives were shattered, but some rose from the ashes forever changed.”

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.

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle – Out to Lunch**

The May luncheon will take place on Friday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. at [Reserve22](https://www.reserve22.com/) in Glen Ellyn.If you plan to attend (yes!), please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or call Louanne Jourdan (630-244-6866) or Linda Ellinghausen (630-469-9039).

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):  
Thanks to all the faithful people who order Jubilee Bucks! It is a great was to prepay for your own gas, groceries, etc. or give as gifts and still give the church “free” money. To date, the amount the church has earned from your purchases is $608.48!   
Next order dates: May 22, June 12

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
Even though the pandemic is waning, the need at PRC is growing. With prices of food and gas rising, people are struggling more than ever. The collection box is in the entryway of the church. Donations can also be dropped off on the Freys’ front porch. Any size donation is very much appreciated! Thanks for all the support you have shown over the years!

**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 the Parks family to celebrate Joe’s birthday.  
**We celebrate joys**:    
  - the marriage of Katie Boehmer and Shane Boston on Saturday, April 23  
**We share our concern:**   
  - We pray for Lois Stevenson and Amie Cantarella after a fire in their home made the house uninhabitable for the next 6 months. We give thanks that everybody is safe. Please pray for a place to live during reclamation.  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**:  
  - Prayers for the people of Ukraine and an end to war. We especially mourn the death of Vitaliy Vinogradov, the dean of the Slavic Evangelical Seminary (Kyiv) – a “Presbyterian” (though they don’t use that label there) – who was shot dead by the Russian army in Bucha. The tiny Protestant community in Ukraine is in danger of being completely wiped out.  
  - 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**:    
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn.  
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer**.  
  - Dan Bohi  
  - John Wallace, former longtime member of Southminster  
  - Connie Vernon, a friend of Angela Smith, diagnosed with breast cancer, who got hit by a car 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  
  - 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 those who have contracted Covid or are caring for people with Covid.  - prayers for our leaders and all   
 of us as they and we discern the wise way forward.  
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges**.   
  - Marc, the father of Barb Doppelt’s son-in-law, in rehab with multiple health issues  
  - Kathy Davidson, recovering from hip surgery  
  - Barb’s cousin Mike and her Aunt Ruth, both with multiple health issues  
  - people giving up addictions  
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  
  - prayers for peace for Amanda  
  - prayers for Ed Koska and his wife, Joan, as Ed adjusts to Tabor Hills, but they had a wonderful Easter dinner at son Tim’s home  
  - Jan Kaskovich’s mother, Norma, who is having health problems. Jan is with her now   
to help.     
  - 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 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](mailto: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.

**Pastor Wendy Boden will be away from May 15-28**. If you need **pastoral care** while Wendy is away, you may call Rev. Jay Moses of Hope Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. His phone is 630-258-9172. 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.

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. Online giving through Vanco is also now an option – see the May Dialog for details or contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**     
**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 **No Youth: Pizza & Games**  
**Monday, May 9 – Pastor’s Sabbath**  
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. **Tuesday, May 10**  
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor  
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m.   
 **YAT** meets at 7:45 p.m. Location TBA.  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall   
**Wednesday, May 11  
 Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor  
**Thursday, May 12  
 Session docket deadline**  
 **Choir rehearsal** at 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 13** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, May 15 to Saturday, May 28—Pastor Wendy Boden and Blair Nelson will be away.**  
**Next Sunday, May 15**   
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook, Dr. Vince Gaddis preaching.  
 **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. **No Adult Ed. Bible Study or Youth Group**