**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday of Easter or the 115th Sunday of Covid**

**May 22, 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: *Shall Tribulation or Distress;   
 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (Psalm 136);  
 We Give Thanks unto You (Your Love Is Never Ending – Psalm 136);*

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Our slideshow today is “Beautiful British Columbia (Blair Nelson’s home province).”

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

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His love endures forever!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord of lords! His love endures forever!**

**All:** **We worship God, whose love endures forever!**

Hymn: *Grace Alone* (all) p. 14, blue supplement

Prayer of Confession: (inspired by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel)

**Lord God, your love endures forever, and we cherish that gift, most of the time. We sometimes forget the great commitment of faith. We own that sometimes we are angry at the slightest insult and imagine recompense upon those who have wronged us. Forgive us and wrap us in your grace. Empower us through your Holy Spirit to welcome the new creation that is within each of us. 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 Deb Bohi

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

*Jesus Loves Me*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons   
 First Lesson: Psalm 136:1-9, 26 Pew Bible, p. 576 (O.T.)

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35 Pew Bible, p. 108 (N.T.)

Sermon: “What’s Love Got to Do with It?” Rev. Grayson Van Camp

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 301: *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)* (all verses)

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 Anthem: *Lamb of God* Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

\**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 39: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  (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

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp

Liturgist: Sarah Allen   
Deacon at the Door: Steve Sanders

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Chris Kozich

Flowers today are given by Jim and Tricia Smith in remembrance of Jim’s mom, Eleanor.

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**, which normally meetsat 11:15 a.m. via Zoom, will not be held May 15 or 22 while Dr. Blair Nelson is away.   
  
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. most weeks Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Wendy is away but will be back and on Heart to Heart again this 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>

**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**: Wendy and Blair will be out of town for a couple of weeks. Let Blair know if you want to meet on May 29, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. This is a grassroots, democratic decision!  
  
**Youth:** Our next event is the **Rummage Sale**, June 4-5. We need all hands (and feet) on deck for this one. Please be at church at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday the 4th for set up. The sale runs 8 a.m.-3 p.m., then we tear down. It is a long but fun day. We also run a carwash during the sale, so dress to be wet. Then we’ll do it all over again on Sunday the 5th but starting after worship rather than early morning.  
  
**Rummage Sale:** What is the best way to get stuff out of your house and new stuff in? By donating to and shopping at Southminster’s Rummage Sale. It is coming Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 5th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Got stuff to donate? Please price your donations—there are stickers near the church’s main entry. Clothes and books do not need to be priced. ***Please: NO ELECTRONICS of any kind!***   
Rummage Sale donations can be dropped off at church beginning next Sunday, May 29, after worship until noon and during the week of May 30. Please do not bring anything before May 29.

**From the Mission Ministry****Time is running out to “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.  
  
  
***Save the date: Southminster-sponsored free movie screening!*Sunday, June 5, at Studio Movie Grill, 301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton  
Arrive at 3:00 p.m. for a 3:30 p.m. movie start.  
RSVP by Sunday, May 29** -Our movie selection is a free private screening of ***Emanuel***! Please ask friends and family as we have an entire theater.   
 - ***Emanuel*** is a 2019 [documentary film](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Documentary_film%20/t%20_blank) directed by [Brian Tetsuro Ivie](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Tetsuro_Ivie%20/t%20_blank) about the [Charleston church shooting](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charleston_church_shooting%20/t%20_blank) that killed nine Emanuel AME church members in an act of terror. [Stephen Curry](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Curry%20/t%20_blank) and [Viola Davis](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viola_Davis%20/t%20_blank) are executive producers;[1] [Mariska Hargitay](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mariska_Hargitay%20/t%20_blank) is a co-producer. *Emanuel* first received critical acclaim at the 2018 [Geena Davis](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geena_Davis%20/t%20_blank)’ [Bentonville Film Festival](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bentonville_Film_Festival%20/t%20_blank), where it won the Jury Prize for Best Documentary.[2] The film also won the Heartland International Film Festival audience choice award.[3] Emanuel’s limited theatrical release opened June 17, 2019—exactly four years after the shootings.   
 - John Shepherd, son of SPC and of Bill and Marie Shepherd, is one of the film’s producers. He has generously offered to loan us the movie *Emanuel* for free!  
 - The theater wants a headcount 5 days prior to the showing. If you plan to attend (and especially if you are bringing friends), **please RSVP to Angela Smith at 630-235-1376 by Sunday, May 29**.  
 - The full service menu will be available with at-your-seat service!  
  
  
Come hear musical presentations from our multi-faith communities.  
**"Sounds of Music and Prayers"**  
**Wednesday, June 1, at Lake Ellyn Park  
Gather at 6:30 p.m.; program from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**followed by ice cream and sherbet social until dusk.**  
No tickets or registration required.  
This event is sponsored by the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast planning group.  
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):  
This Sunday, May 22, is a Jubilee Bucks gift cards order date. Buying Jubilee Bucks is a great way to prepay for your own gas, groceries, etc. or give as gifts and still give the church “free” money. Win-win! Email Bobbi Frey at [bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com) by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday 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. Next order date: 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 Jim and Tricia Smith in remembrance of Jim’s mom, Eleanor.  
**We celebrate joys**:    
 - Kathy Davidson’s recovery from hip surgery  
**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.  
  - 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**.  
 - Tony Bednarz, friend of Lanny Russell, who is starting a new trial to fight his leukemia  
  - 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**.

- Rev. Blake Severson and his family  
  - 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**.   
  - prayers for Ed Koska and his wife, Joan. Ed is now back at Tabor Hills.   
 - Victor King, recovering from knee surgery  
  - Bill, a friend of Barb Doppelt, recovering from surgery  
  - Barb’s friend Sue as her 95-year-old father’s health deteriorates  
  - people giving up addictions  
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  
  - prayers for peace for Amanda  
  - 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 is away through May 26**. If you need **pastoral care** while she 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:**     
**Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson are away through Thursday.  
Sunday, May 22   
 Worship at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook, Rev. Grayson Van Camp 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****Tuesday, May 24**  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall   
**Wednesday, May 25  
 eNotes go out but it is also the deadline for the June Dialog** going out the following Wednesday.  
**Thursday, May 26** **No choir rehearsal**   
**Friday, May 27  
 Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** resumes live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m.  
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next Sunday, May 29**   
 **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.  
 **Rummage Sale Drop-off** begins after worship until noon in Fellowship Hall **Adult Ed. Bible Study** – It’s Memorial Day weekend. Blair asked for opinions about whether to meet. Watch for an update.   
 **Youth Group** – this is Rummage Sale/Car Wash week. Be prepared to help!