**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost or the 123rd Sunday of Covid**

**July 17, 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: *Remember Not, O God; O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer;   
 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive; God, How Can We Forgive*

Our PowerPoint today is “On Their Way to Workcamp!”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Candles (Romans 15:13)

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,   
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Call to Worship (Nathan Decker, edited)

Leader: How many times must we forgive others? Seven times?

**People: Not simply seven, but seven times seventy.**

Leader: Is the limit of forgiveness 490 times?

**People: No, God’s forgiveness knows no limits.**

Leader: But we have limits! Look at how we suffer.

**People: Look at how God loves each of us.**

Leader: God forgives murderers? God forgives drunks?

**People:** **God forgave Moses and Noah.**

Leader: What about those who betrayed and denied Jesus Christ?

**People: God forgave Peter and Judas.**

Leader: God of mercy and grace, help us.

**All:** **We worship God who loves and forgives and calls us to do the same.**

Hymn 443: *There Is a Redeemer* (all 3 verses)

Prayer of Confession:

**Honest God, there are times when we don’t want to forgive. In fact, bitterness is savory, and holding grudges can become familiar and comfortable. We know what you call us to: a new way of life reflecting your love and grace for everyone. Forgive us and help us to embrace the values of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Titus 3:4-6, edited)

Leader: Through the loving kindness of God our Savior, we are saved,

**People: Not by our righteousness, but by God’s mercy.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has been poured on us through Jesus Christ.

**People: We are forgiven!**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response 288: *Spirit of the Living God* (sing 2 times)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children Blair Baldwin

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

*Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Romans 12:17-18 Pew Bible, p. 162 (N.T.)

Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible, p. 20 (N.T.)

Sermon: “As far as it depends on you… forgive.”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)    
 from *The Confession of Belhar* (10.2-10.3, edited)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another.**

Hymn 444: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (all 4 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: *O My Lord, Please Don’t Forsake Me* Alison Krauss and Union Station

\**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 754: *Help Us Accept Each Other* (all 4 verses)

Charge and Benediction (2 Timothy 1:14)

Leader: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you.

**People: We will with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.**

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

**All: For we are blessed to be a blessing!  
 Alleluia, amen!**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Angela Smith

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Louanne Jourdan

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul Jeziorski, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Blair Nelson, Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Tricia’s dad, Harlan.

Last week’s white flower arrangement was in honor of Paul and Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s   
20th wedding anniversary.

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 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 4:20 p.m. most weeks 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>

**PowerPoint/slideshows help us feel connected!**PowerPoint/slideshows help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. You’re invited to share your photos:  
**July 24: Golf photos** - send photos from your favorite courses by this Thursday, July 21.  
**July 31: Education Matters** - People who work/worked in education and photos of our educational institutions  
**August 7: Garden Bounty** - What’s beautiful in your flower/vegetable/fruit gardens?  
**August 14: School Days** - You or your children ready for school (current or throw-back photos)  
**August 28: Summer Fun** - What have you been doing for fun in the summertime?  
  
We welcome both “throwback” and current photos.   
We would also love to hear additional ideas from you for PowerPoint subjects.

**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 PowerPoint/slideshow title for which your photos are to be used. Please send photos no later than the Thursday before they are to be shown.***

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: Looks like this will be our last day for Zephaniah, then we go on to Matthew’s gospel and three more minor prophets. Join us at 11:15 a.m. Sundays using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82920574961?pwd=dEwxU2NhaFM5VWhPSzBtYkZvUld2dz09>  
Meeting ID: 829 2057 4961 Passcode: 537355   
  
**Youth:** Our annual **Fox River Naval Battle** is today! We will meet at 1:45 p.m. at Ayer’s Landing near Ottawa for a six-mile canoe trip and over-the-top squirt gun fight. Be prepared to get wet (might want a change of clothes for when we are done), and bring a towel (or two), a water bottle, the biggest squirt gun you can find, sunscreen, and bug juice. The cost per canoe is $65 (cash or check only!)   
  
  
**Our Youth Mission Team**:   
Next Saturday, our Youth Mission Team will be leaving for a week of workcamp in Huntington, West Virginia, where they will work with other youth to provide hours of service improving homes in the community. Please pray for our team: pray for safety in travel and at camp and on the work sites; pray for spiritual growth; pray for our influence on the residents whose homes we fix and paint, that they may have a better home but also see the love of God in our work and presence in their lives. The members of our 2022 Youth Mission Team are Jake Falkman, Samantha Falkman, Noah Salins, Kevin Schmidt, Kayla Schmidt, Rachel Johnston, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson. Be sure to ask them about their experiences when they get back! You will hear some great stories.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet this Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss a classic (published in 1939): *How Green Was My Valley*by Richard Llewellyn. The book tells “the compelling story of the Morgans, a hard-working, close-knit Welsh coal mining family. The story is set in the late Victorian era.”  
To join the book discussion at 7:00 p.m. June 15, 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.    
  
  
**From the Property Ministry: Recycling**We would encourage everyone to recycle their cans and bottles after enjoying beverages during fellowship time. Look for the brown recycling container in the narthex. (It is only for bottles and cans, please.) There is now also a recycling container by the front door, so you’ll have a place to recycle the can or bottle you still have in your hand as you leave fellowship time.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):  
Thanks to all who continue to order Jubilee Bucks! So far this year we have earned $945.16 in “free” money with the sale of gift cards. Next order date: July 31.  
  
**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
Continued thanks to all who donate food, personal products, and cleaning products. The weekly appearance of clients in need of them has been increasing. No donation is too small. There are drop boxes in the foyer of the church or they can be left on 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 flowers today** are given by Tricia and Jim Smith, in memory of Tricia’s father, Harlan.  
**We celebrate joys**:     
 - our Youth Mission Team, leaving this Saturday for workcamp in West Virginia  
 - Lanny Russell’s son, Andy, who was promoted to Battalion Chief for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department  
 - Pedro Luis Laza, brother of Yoelkis, the pastor of our sister church in Cuba. Pedro passed his ordination exam in Havana Presbytery.  
 - the ordination of Dr. Deborah Suikhinmawi, a World Relief employee and a refugee herself from Myanmar. She is also the first woman to be ordained in her church (the Falam Christian Church), either in Myanmar or in the United States. Ask Steve Henkels to describe the joyous occasion of her ordination on July 10.  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in 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  
 - the victims of the recent shooting in Soweto   
 - Sri Lanka  
**We pray for those who mourn**:    
  - We continue to remember families who still mourn.   
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.   
  - Brian, a friend of Lanny Russell, who has a brain tumor  
  - Donna Marton is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from one of her lungs. The doctor believes it was completely removed, but Donna will be closely monitored as follow-up.   
 - Meagan Nielson, a young mother with stage 2 ductal carcinoma (breast cancer) and friend of the Nelsons  
 - Harlene Sperling, now in hospice care  
  - Please also remember Tammy Grey (Louanne Jourdan’s niece), Beverly Webb (Bill Curry’s sister), Dan Bohi, John Wallace, Kurt Parent, Connie Vernon, Karin Formento, Shelayne Larson, Rod Boehmer, and Jim Rundquist.  
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID**.  
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges**.   
 - Heidi, who is undergoing new treatments  
 - Marc, the father of Barb’s son-in-law, recovering from unsuccessful surgery   
 - Jean, Barb’s sister-in-law, hospitalized with complications from chronic illness  
 - Sandy Phee’s son Brian, who was in a car accident and now has neck issues  
 - Ed and Joan Koska  
  - people giving up addictions  
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  
  - prayers for personal peace   
  - 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 (which now has been renamed Nourishing Hope), 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 July, call Heidi Shierry (630-853-6836).

**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 June Dialog for details or contact Ron Birchall. ***(Note that when signing up at Vanco, the correct church phone number to enter is 630-469-9149.)***

**Dates to remember this week:**      
**Sunday, July 17** **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.   
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study** meets at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom  
 **Youth: Fox River Naval Battle** (canoeing on the Fox River) – meet at Ayer’s Landing at 1:45 p.m.  
**Monday, July 18**  
 Pastor’s Sabbath   
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:20 p.m. **Tuesday, July 19**  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, July 22** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, July 23**  
 **Youth Mission Team** leaves for their week of workcamp  
**Next Sunday, July 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.   
 **No Adult Ed. Bible Study** (Blair will be with the Youth Mission Team.)