**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost or the 125th Sunday of Covid**

**July 31, 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: *With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim;*  *Come, All You Servants of the Lord; Called as Partners in Christ’s Service;
 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace; Take My Life*

Our PowerPoint today is “Thank You, Educators.”

 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 (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

 Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

 **People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

 Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

 **People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

 **All:** **Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

 Hymn 625: *O Lord My God! (How Great Thou Art)*  (verses 1, 2)

 Prayer of Confession:

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We pray 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 (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 Sarah Allen

 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: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 Pew Bible, p. 193 (N.T.)

 Romans 12:3-8 Pew Bible, p. 162 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Different Gifts”

Children, as you listen to the sermon, you may want to choose an activity
from the children’s packet that will help you think about what you hear in the sermon.
Children present in worship may choose to go to Kids’ Corner with Miss Blair.

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 2 + refrain)

 Ordination and Installation

 Presentation

**To be Ordained and Installed as Elder**

 Rita Zapel, Class of 2023

 Our Common Ministry

 Questions to Elder

 Questions to the Congregation

 Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept this person as
 an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
 to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

 **All: We do.**

 Leader: Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions,
 and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone
 is head of the Church?

 **All: We do.**

 Prayer of Ordination

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

 Welcome to Ministry

 Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

 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: Improvisation on *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

 \**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 65: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  (all 3 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: Pete Petersen

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Paul Jeziorski

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Louanne Jourdan celebrating Jennifer and Louanne’s shared birthday
on July 26.

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** is not meeting today.
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:

**August 7: Garden Bounty** - What’s beautiful in your flower/vegetable/fruit gardens? Send photos by Thursday, August 4.
**August 14: School Days** - You or your children ready for school (current or throw-back photos). Send photos by August 11.
**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. (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**: We are taking a break from our studies and will resume on August 28.

**Our Youth Mission Team**: They did it! They traveled; they worked; they worshipped. Our Youth Mission Team returned from Huntington, WV, last night tired, weary, weathered, and blessed. Watch for more of the story and some photos in the August Dialog. And if you see a member of the team, be sure to ask them about it! Our team: Jake Falkman, Samantha Falkman, Noah Salins, Kevin Schmidt, Kayla Schmidt, Rachel Johnston, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson.

**1st Wednesday Women’s Breakfasts starts this week!
For All Women**: We will once again begin having informal breakfasts for all women in the church who wish to come on **the first Wednesday of each month**, starting in August (i.e., on August 3rd – this Wednesday). The breakfasts will be held at Danby’s Station (750 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn) at 8:30 a.m. Please let Gretchen Fleming know, if you possibly can, by the prior Monday that you plan to come to breakfast so that we have some idea of how many will be there for the purpose of reserving enough space. However, **if you find you can come at the last moment, come anyway**! You may email Gretchen at gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com or text her at 630-517-0926.

**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): **Order today!**
Today, July 31, is a Jubilee Bucks gift card order day! Gift cards are a great way to not only give for gifts but also pay for groceries, gas, or household incidentals. Email bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 tonight with your order, number and value of cards, and total of your order. If you’re not sure what cards are available, be sure to pick up an order form at church (on the shelf in the hallway opposite the church office); a copy of the form is also emailed every Friday along with the Sunday worship bulletin.
Your next chance to order will be August 21.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
A very big thank you to all who keep contributing to PRC. The need is definitely growing! During the middle week of July last year (2021), 262 families were served in Wheaton. This past week, 438 families were served - almost a 75% increase!!! Since late spring, the weekly average is 450 families served per week. The increase is probably due to increases in food, gas, and inflation which affects everyone but hits those in need the hardest. So once again, your contributions are greatly appreciated!!!

 **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 Louanne Jourdan celebrating Jennifer and Louanne’s shared birthday on July 26.
**We celebrate joys**:
  - Our Youth Mission Team returned yesterday after a week of workcamp serving people in Huntington, West Virginia.
  - A joy for Jack Thorne and family: the marriage yesterday of his grandson, Sam Thorne, to Darby Grant. The officiant was another of Jack’s grandsons – the Rev. Walter Thorne.   - Donna Marton returned home from rehab on Friday. She continues to gain strength as she recovers from surgery to remove cancer from one of her lungs  **We pray for the whole world and our nation**.
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation
**We pray for those who mourn. Please lift up the families and friends of the following people who have died:**
 - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Nelsons, who died early Tuesday morning
 - John McCormack, childhood friend of Jeff Smith, who died Saturday morning
 -Joseph Tristino, owner of Linea Hair Salon, who died on Saturday.
**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
 - Meagan Nielson, a young mother and friend of the Nelsons
  - Please also remember Rod Boehmer, Dan Bohi, Karin Formento, Tammy Grey, Shelayne Larson, Kurt Parent, Jim Rundquist, Connie Vernon, John Wallace, and
Beverly Webb.
**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**.
 - People receiving new treatments
 - 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 August, contact Angela Smith (630-235-1376).

**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 31
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m.
 **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 or Youth activity
Monday, August 1**
 Pastor’s Sabbath
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:20 p.m. **Tuesday, August 2**
 **Mission Ministry** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Henkels’ home
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, August 3
 August eNotes/Dialog goes out
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby Station. If you can, let Gretchen Fleming know that you plan to attend.
 **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor
**Friday, August 5** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, August 7** **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 or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – July 31, 2022**

**Building Community**

One of the things many folks have missed as we met the challenge of Covid back in March 2020 was not only meeting together for in person worship but sharing refreshments during fellowship. Now both are back! The deacons have moved the refreshments to the library table so that folks can move more easily outside during the good weather, enjoying both our Memorial Garden, one another, and the fresh air.

Presbyterian Women will resume this September with Gretchen Fleming and Sue Knisely giving leadership. They have some wonderful ideas to present to the group. Normally the women meet the third Friday of the month, but the first meeting is the fourth Friday of September, the 23rd, at9:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Readers was started long before Covid but moved to online discussions and still continues thanks to Rita Zapel’s leadership. The next book club meets on Wednesday, August 17, when they will discuss *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny.

Another opportunity to build community is the Women’s Breakfast! This Wednesday morning at 8:30 you are invited to join them at Danby’s Station. (See details in the blurb in the bulletin announcements.) Years ago, Women’s Breakfast was begun by Joan Koska, as was Secret Pals. There is no talk yet of resuming Secret Pals, but both the breakfast and Secret Pals were ways to build our relationships with one another.

We bear the fruit of God’s love by stretching to love our enemies, serving and loving neighbor. Intentionally meeting with each other is a way that we love God and one another.

Do you have some ideas on how to build our sense of connections? If so, let someone know - your deacon, an elder, the pastor, your pew neighbor. Please make a point of helping us to rebuild community through fellowship.