**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 7, 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: *Psalm 23;   
 O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace (Psalm 116);* *I’ve Got Peace Like a River; There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Our slideshow today is “Garden Bounty.”

Welcome and Announcements

Improvisational 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

Leader: We meet together, yet apart, without fear.

**People: Lord, share your peace with us.**

Leader: We meet knowing that Jesus came back from the dead.

**People: Christ is the risen one who offers love and peace.**

Leader: We meet because no matter where we are…

**People: We are your church.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

Hymn 507: *Come to the Table of Grace* (verses 1, 2, 3)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, you call us to live lives of reconciliation, forgiveness, and love, but even so, we avoid your claim you have on our lives. There are people we avoid. There are people we have nothing nice to say to or about. We blame others, and we struggle to bless some. Thank you that in Jesus Christ you forgive us and offer us peace, love, and a new life. It is in Christ’s name that we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s anger lasts but a moment, but God’s favor lasts a lifetime.

**People: The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance  
 through Christ.**

**All: In joyful response, we go forth to spread the gospel.  
 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 12:9-13 Pew Bible, p. 162 (N.T.)

Philemon (selected verses) Pew Bible, p. 215 (N.T.)

Sermon: “Refreshing Hearts”

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

**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.**

Hymn 767: *Together We Serve*  (all 4 verses)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory:  *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name*  (Hymnal 510)

\**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 Anthem: *Bread for the World* Dennis Eliot

*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 761: *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (verses 1, 2)

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!**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Gretchen Fleming

Deacon at the Door: Anny Davidson

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Alec Parks

The flowers today are given by Caroline and Ralph Linde, celebrating their   
60th 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** will resume on August 28.  
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. Wendy is away this coming week; Heart to Heart will resume August 16.  
  
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 14: School Days** - You or your children ready for school (current or throw-back photos). Please send photos by this Thursday, August 11.  
No photos are needed for the PowerPoints the rest of this month.  
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**: Our next after-worship Bible Study is August 28, and we will continue in Matthew’s Gospel.    
  
**Youth**: Feel the glow of Mission Trip. Our next event is **Pizza & Games** on August 28th. See you then.  
  
**Our Youth Mission Team**: Our Youth Mission Team returned on July 30 from their week of workcamp in Huntington, West Virginia. They painted, cleaned, built, and generally helped their residents. They focused on service to people as service to God. I encourage you to have a chat with one of our team members to hear about what God did in and through them. The team members are Jake Falkman, Sam Falkman, Rachel Johnston, Noah Salins, Kayla Schmidt, Kevin Schmidt, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson.

**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 your purchases of Jubilee Bucks gift cards, we now have earned $1,011.91 for Southminster this year! Gift cards are a great way to not only give for gifts but also pay for   
groceries, gas, or household incidentals. Your next opportunity to order is **Sunday, August 21**. Email bobbifrey@aol.com no later than 9:00 p.m. on that Sunday 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.  
  
**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 Caroline and Ralph Linde in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.  
**We celebrate joys**:     
  - Our Youth Mission Team returned after a week of workcamp serving people in Huntington, West Virginia.  
  - A joy for Jack Thorne and family: the marriage last weekend 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. She continues to gain strength as she recovers from surgery to remove cancer from one of her lungs.  
 - the birth of Ivy Grace, daughter of Ian Van Beveren  
 - the birth of John Shepherd’s first grandchild  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation**.  
- Our schools, from preschools to universities, as they open for the new school year  
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.  
 - all who are affected by the devastating flooding in Kentucky  
 - the country of Tunisia  
**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  
 - John McCormack, childhood friend of Jeff Smith  
 - Joseph Tristino, owner of Linea Hair Salon  
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems**.   
 - Jim Rundquist, partner of Angela Smith’s longtime friend Carolyn Hudson, who has colon cancer that has spread to his lungs   
 - 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, Connie Vernon, John Wallace, and Beverly Webb.  
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID**.  
 - Jessica, Lilly, and all others who have Covid  
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges**.   
 - Blair Baldwin, expecting to have surgery this week for a significant leg/knee injury   
 - Brian Lamberti, a friend of Kathy and Steve Sanders, who needed an ER visit  
 - 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).   
  
**Pastor Wendy Boden will be away** August 7 (right after worship) through August 15 and again August 18 (in the afternoon) through August 27. She asks that if you have a pastoral need while she is away, you call her first so she can pray with you. (If you don’t have her cell phone number, call the church office: 630-469-9149) For pastoral care in case of an emergency, you may call Pastor Daniel Diss of Glen Ellyn 1st United Methodist Church; his church office number is 630-469-3510 and his cell number is 815-354-9786.

**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, 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  
Pastor Wendy Boden and Minister of Youth and Young Adults Blair Nelson will be away through August 15.**   
**Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook at 4:20 p.m. resumes August 16. **Tuesday, August 9**  
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor  
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, August 10   
 eNotes go out**   
**Friday, August 12** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday, August 14** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook. Rev. Keith Draper from World Relief will be our guest preacher.  
 **In-person Fellowship** will be in the narthex, with bottled beverages and coffee.   
 **No Adult Ed. Bible Study or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – August 7, 2022  
Thinking about Communion**   
  
Changes have been made due to Covid in how we share communion during worship. We now have tiny “communicables,” small plastic cups of juice and a tiny wafer to represent the cup and the bread that Christ offers us. Very few of us are happy with the arrangement, but we look forward to the day when we might enjoy something more substantial. If you are at home, please prepare to receive communion, as well. Perhaps you can find a beverage if you have no juice or wine? What might best represent bread?   
  
Our particular branch of Christianity celebrates two sacraments: Baptism and Communion. Communion is also knowns as the Lord’s Supper and the Eucharist. We understand that these two sacraments or ordained by God and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ.   
  
In baptism we are united to Christ as members of the Body, his Church. In communion we share and give thanks for our salvation in Christ. Both baptism and communion are “marks of the church,” vital signs of the worldwide church’s identity, mission, and ministry. Our sacraments are “gifts of God for the people of God.” At communion we have a visible, tangible experience of God’s grace and goodness.   
  
We seek to love God, neighbor, one another, and even stretch to love enemies. One way to think about communion is as fuel for faith as we seek to bear the fruit of God’s love into the world.