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| We listen | We pass the peace | We read along | We give our offering of time, talent and treasure | We stand | We sing if we are at home | We pray | We respond | We participate  in the Word  with Children |

(Kids – use your worship packet and the tools listed at the end of the bulletin to do all these things.)

**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 28, 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.

**** 1 Gathering Music: *Celebrate Love;*  *Wounded World that Cries for Healing;  
 We Are God’s People*

****Our PowerPoint today is “World Relief Chicagoland.”

2 Welcome and Announcements

**** 3 Prelude

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4 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.**

**** 5 Call to Worship (Matthew 5)

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:

**People: Come, let us be the salt of the earth;**

Leader: Come, let us be the light of the world;

**People:** **Come, let us love one another.**

**All:** **Let us join together in worship as we love God.**

**** 6 Hymn: *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*  (verses 1, 3) p. 22, blue worship supplement

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7 Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, we read that you are love. We even hear that you are love, but even so it is hard to believe it for ourselves. We struggle to love as you love, and we long to be found without fault, but it is only through you that we find perfection. Stir our hearts and minds so that love will be our first impulse followed by the grace you wrap each of us in. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** **** 8 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.**

9 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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10 The Passing of the Peace



11 Word with Children Chris Kozich

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

****11a *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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12 Prayer for Illumination



13 Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:16-21 Pew Bible, p. 241 (N.T.)

Matthew 5:43-48 Pew Bible, p. 5 (N.T.)



14 Sermon: “Perfection”

****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.

******15 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)  (1 John 4:7-8)

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves   
is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God,   
for God is love.**

****16 Hymn: *Shine On Us* (all verses) p. 36, blue worship supplement

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Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

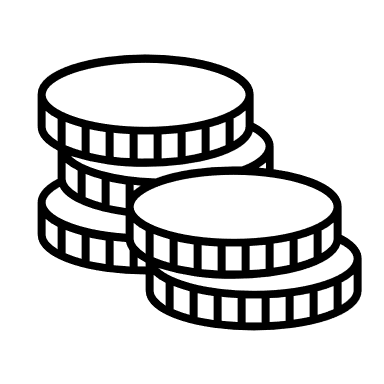
**People**: **hear our prayers.**

**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.**

****Children, draw or write something you would like to say to God in prayer this morning.   
If you want to share it with the church, you may also leave a message   
on the church phone line.

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

****18 Offertory: *I Will Look to the Hills*  Charles Garner

****19 \**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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****20 Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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21 Hymn: *O How He Loves You and Me*  (both verses)

This hymn is on the last page of the bulletin.

****22 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!**

****23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgists: Linda Wolf Jeziorski, Blair Nelson

Deacon at the Door/Fellowship: Caroline Linde

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson, Alec Parks

Flowers today are given by Lynn Ferino celebrating her granddaughter Tatem’s birthday.

**Good Morning to our Children:**

To complete all the activities in this worship folder you will need:

* ears to hear
* a mouth to sing
* hands to fold
* eyes to read
* a brain to think
* a worship kit including:
  + something to color with – crayons, markers or colored pencils
  + something to write with, like a pen or pencil
  + something to write on, like a table or a clipboard
  + scissors and tape

If you would like a worship kit for your child, please contact Pastor Wendy ([wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org)) and one will come to you!

**A Guide to Our Worship Symbols**

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| Ear | **We listen**: “Basically, the sermon is God’s dynamic, eternal Word spoken to us in such a way that we might hear what God has to say to us and be encouraged to follow the Lord  in faith. |
| Dove | **We pass the peace**: “…We greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. This is also a good time to reconcile with those family members who drove us crazy trying to get to church on time, church members with whom we have tensions, or people we're not so happy to see.” |
| Open book | **We read along**: “God’s Word comes to us in many ways—through scripture, special music, sermons. Listen for God's eternal Word addressing you with good news about the Lord’s love for you and all people.” |
|  | **We give our offering of time, talent, and treasure**: “This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, and all that we have, to God’s service. As a symbol of what is of value to us, we make an offering… to promote the gospel.” |
| Man with kid | **We stand**: “We stand as a way of saying, “This is where I stand,” and as a way of standing in continuity with the people of God of ages past…” |

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| Music notes | **We sing**: “…We sing praise with hearts and minds (even if that's a little out of tune), just enjoying God for who God is. As we open up the pathways of breath to sing praise, we make space for the Spirit breath to fill us.” Even if we simply listen and read the words, we are praising God. |
|  | **We pray**: The first thing we do is pray—for our world, the church, other people, and ourselves. The prayer is our prayer as a church. One person may pray for us, but we are all praying together as one in our hearts, continuing Christ’s ministry of prayer for the world.” |
| Pencil | **We respond**: Responding by writing or drawing helps us remember what we are hearing and is a chance to express our beliefs. |
| Children | **We participate in the Word with Children**: It is called the Word WITH Children because the whole church is invited to listen with the fresh, faith-filled ears of children to the proclaimed message. |

Quotations for our Worship Symbols Guide are taken from *Our Order of Worship* by Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), found at <https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/order_of_worship_brochure_dec_2008.pdf>. Edited.

