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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**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 23, 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: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne;*  *Spirit of God; Bring Forth the Kingdom;  
 Find Us Faithful*

****Our PowerPoint today is “Stewardship Begins at Home.”

2 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Stewardship

**** 3 Prelude

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4 Lighting the Candles (Romans 5:5)

**God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift   
of the Holy Spirit.**

**** 5 Call to Worship (Cliff Stout, edited)

Leader: We are blessed by the Eternal God, who is faithful to us.

**People: As grateful stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ’s call   
 upon our lives.**

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit, God is our Comforter and Guide,   
 our unfailing source of strength.

**All:** **Together we worship God.**

**** 6a Hymn:  *He Knows My Name* (all) pg. 16, blue supplement

**** 6b Hymn: *Hold Me Fast* (all) pg. 19, blue supplement

**** 7 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, your love is all about us. Wherever we turn, we are overwhelmed by your bounty. Your gracious goodness toward us never ends. We have not earned it. We cannot repay it. Your love never leaves us, though sometimes we fail to recognize your presence. We lose awareness that you give us life. We so easily take your love as our right. We forget that relationship with you is life-giving even in our darkest moments. Loving God, teach us your ways again. You call forth from us a total response of every part of our life. Draw us back into rhythm with your will. Forgive us and restore us again, we pray. Use us, Lord. Help us to say “Yes” to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, who we honor as both savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** **** 8 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,   
 abounding in love.

**People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,**

Leader: So great is his love for those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west,**  **so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**** **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

9 Response 582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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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: Jeremiah 29:1-14  Pew Bible, p. 731, (O.T.)

John 14:1-3, 8-11, 15-17, 25-27; 15:9-15, 26-27 Pew Bible, p. 108-110 (N.T.)



14 Sermon: “We just got a letter.”

****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 Corinthians 9:7-8)

**Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessingin abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.**

****16 Hymn: *Find Us Faithful* (all)

By email, this hymn is a separate attachment. In person, this hymn is on the last pages of the bulletin.

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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

[The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary. Please leave your gift or pledge  
in the plate on your way into or out of worship.]

18 Offertory: *Home* Phillip Philips

****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

****21 Hymn 712: *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* (all 3 verses)

****22 Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

****23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

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Pastor Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Francine Long  
Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir  
Word with Children: Chris Kozich  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

Flowers today are from the Jeziorskis celebrating granddaughter Madison’s marriage to Ben Finch on October 22.

**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…” |
| 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.