**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 9, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>
2) our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

3) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/>

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

Our Photo Story today is “Resurrection of Our Lord Artwork.”

 Welcome and Announcements

  Improvisational Prelude: An Easter Medley

 Lighting the Candles and Remembering Our Baptism (Revelation 7:17)

**…for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

 Call to Worship

 Leader: The Lord is risen!

 **People: He is risen indeed!**

 **All:** **We are witnesses to the resurrection! Alleluia!**

 Hymn 232: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*  (all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the risen one! On the cross you gave your body and shed your blood that we might enjoy full fellowship with you and one another. Sometimes we believe that we are not good enough to be welcomed here, as if we do not deserve your love. Mend our hearts and minds, so that we can not only receive your love but share it with others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 The Good News of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:33-34)

 Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

 **People: Only Christ and Christ died for us;**

 Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

 **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response 240: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (verse 1)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children

 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 Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 33, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Resurrection, Not Hibernation”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (responsive) *The Apostles’ Creed*

 Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

 **All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

 Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

 **All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
 Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated
 at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living
 and the dead.**

 Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

 **All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
 of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
 life everlasting. Amen.**

 Easter Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in us. Send us forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 Hymn 248: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (verse 1)

 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

[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.]

 Offertory: *Awake! Arise! Go Forth!*  Price and Besig

 \**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 245: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* (verses 1, 2)

 Charge and Benediction

 Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Pete Petersen
Greeter/Fellowship: Southminster’s Deacons
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir, David Kozich
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Daniel Kozich, Blair Nelson

The Easter flowers are given by the following people:

Sarah and Craig Allen Caroline and Ralph Linde

Deb Bohi Francine Long

Sue and Walter Briney Donna Marton

Linda Ellinghausen Lanny Russell

Lynn Ferino Lois Stevenson

Gretchen Fleming Julie Storey

Sue Knisely Diane Swiss

Barb and Joe Kocinski Barb Zink

Chris and Steve Kozich

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. Coffee and canned beverages will be served, plus special goodies today for Easter thanks to our Deacons. 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 this week**. Have a joyous Easter!

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) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*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/> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. Watch here for future opportunities to share your photos.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**:  Our class on Zechariah does not meet this Sunday. Have a blessed Easter. Our next class is on April 16.

**Youth**:  No youth event this Sunday. Have a happy Easter! The Talent Show is April 16 from 4:00-5:30 p.m., but be prepared to spend a good part of the afternoon at church getting ready. Watch for an email with more information. Also, we need to know who is available for events on April 23 & 30.

**You’ve got talent!**So, you never got on one of those reality TV talent competitions! Who cares? You can showcase your talent at Southminster’s annual Talent Show **next Sunday, April 16**. Sign your act up on the door of the CE/Youth office and entertain your family and friends in support of our Youth Mission Team. The show begins at 4:00; it will have an intermission with snacks but no meal; and we will be done about 5:30. Of course, then the after-party begins. A free will offering for the Youth Mission Team will be accepted with all gratitude. See you there.

**From the Worship Ministry**
**We thank all who donated flowers** for our Easter Sunday service. You may take your plants home following worship. **All Easter flowers**, if not claimed after services on Easter Sunday, will need to be picked up on Monday, April 10, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at church. If you are ***unable*** to retrieve your flowers, please make arrangements with a friend to get them for you. It is appreciated!

**From the Mission Ministry
One Great Hour of Sharing – a Special Offering we dedicate today**For over seventy years, Presbyterians have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent and culminating on Easter. In a world where many of our brothers and sisters lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, education, and opportunity, the three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing supports three programs. These programs are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works to provide relief to those affected by natural or manmade disasters. The Presbyterian Hunger Program helps to provide food for the hungry. Self-Development of People helps provide resources to communities working to cast of the bonds of poverty and oppression.

There are envelopes on the table by the entrance to the sanctuary. Please give generously, if you haven’t already – we are dedicating this offering today.

**March Mission Madness** **2023** has come to a close, and what a crazy, bracket-busting year it was! No brackets in the men’s tournament picked any of the Final 4 teams! It was a little more competitive on the women’s side, with several brackets naming one of the Final 4 teams, even though no bracket in that tournament named the correct team as the eventual winner. Still, we hope you had fun following the action!

Congratulations to our winners and the missions they chose:
Top 3 Men’s Tournament
1. Rita Zapel - World Relief
2. Gracie Hammer – Bridge Communities
3. Rob McIntyre – DuPage PADs

Top 3 Women’s Tournament
1. Steve Kozich – Cuba Sister Church
2. Neil Swiss – Youth Mission Trip
3. (TIE)  Chris Kozich – People’s Resource Center
3. (TIE)  Neil Swiss – Youth Mission Trip

Bracket contributions totaled $1,260, so each of these winners will have $210 to donate to their designated missions. The 2-way tie between Chris and Neil means their $210 share is split between them, giving them each $105 for their chosen mission. Neil wins the title of Best Prognosticator of 2023 with 2 winning brackets, so he won $315 for his mission, the Youth Mission Trip. And the rest of us just have to say… wait till next year!

**Elders, moderators, and staff**: Note that this Thursday, April 13, at noon is the **deadline for the Session docket**! Session meets on Tuesday, April 18.

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry**

**Connect with Our Kids!**

Southminster is looking for volunteers to be available on Sunday mornings in the event we need nursery + Sunday School services! Hopefully, we’ll have some new chicks hatching this spring, which means we need YOU! Yes, you – the adults of the church – to step up and nurture our future generations. If you are willing to be on an “on call” list of volunteers, please contact Blair Baldwin at the email address above. This is not a weekly commitment but rather an attempt to gain a list of folks who can potentially help out if we need additional adults.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month—this month that’s April 19. This month’s book is *The Bad Muslim Discount* by Syed Masood. “Following two families from Pakistan and Iraq in the 1990s to San Francisco in 2016, *The Bad Muslim Discount* is an inclusive, comic novel about Muslim immigrants finding their way in modern America.”

We will need to choose books for April-June at the April meeting. Please bring your suggestions.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle** will meet on Friday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. We will then depart right away, carpooling up to Addison to visit SCARCE’s new larger facility. While we are there, we will be given a tour, hold a short business meeting, and have some refreshments. All women are invited to join us. If you are planning to attend, please help us in planning by adding your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex (by the opening to the coatroom) or by emailing Sue Knisely at sueknisely@gmail.com.

**Save the date! Saturday, April 22 – our annual Spring Clean-Up Day**. The work will go on from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; come when you can during that time. We’ll save the following Saturday, April 29, as a rain date.

**Valet Parkers Needed**

We are starting up the Valet Parking service again for Sunday morning services. Duties consist of arriving 20 minutes before the service begins, putting out the Valet Parking sign, and if requested, parking a person’s car and returning keys to the driver. In addition, the valet will assist those who need help by opening the front doors. At 9:30 when the service begins, you put away the sign and you are free to attend the service. After the service, retrieve the car for anyone who requests it. In practice the valet rarely has to park a car, but assisting worshippers by opening the front door and helping those who are dropped off at the entrance is also a service that is needed and greatly appreciated. If interested in being a valet, contact Steve Kozich (skozich@yahoo.com). We already have some volunteers, and we would like to have a few more so each will need to valet once a month or less.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to all who ordered in April! This year to date we have earned $452.37 in “free” money for Southminster! The next opportunity to order will be May 7. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
The number of clients at the PRC keeps rising, which means the need continues to be great. If you are looking for ideas to donate, rice, dry pasta, and peanut butter are always in needs, as are personal care items like toothpaste, bar soap, and diapers size 5-7. All donations are appreciated! Collection bins continue to be inside the main entryway of the church.

 **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 email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

 **Joys and Concerns**
**The Easter flowers today** are given by those listed in the bulletin. **We give thanks to God for joys.
We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation and in particular for Covenant Presbyterian Church and The Covenant School community in Nashville, where 3 children (one of whom was the daughter of the Covenant Presbyterian Church’s pastor) and 3 adults were killed. That attack was the deadliest U.S. school shooting in nearly a year and the 19th shooting at a school or university so far in 2023 that left at least one person wounded, a CNN count shows. Some 562 such shootings have occurred since 2008. So far in 2023, there have been more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics.
 - We pray for all the communities in our country that have been devastated by recent tornadoes.  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine, the Holy Land, Pakistan, Iran, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights
**Blessed are those who mourn::** - The family and friends of Cheryl Allen, who died of cancer at 41 leaving a husband and three small children
 - The families, friends, and coworkers of those who were killed at The Covenant School in Nashville: children Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs, and adults Mike Hill, Katherine Koonce, Cynthia Peak, and the family of Audrey Hale
 - The family and friends of Doug Wozek, brother of Victor King’s coworker Jeff Wozek
  - The family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and the four grandchildren.
 **We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:**
  - Floyd Rogers, cancer diagnosis
  - Nikki Petersen Mendoza, adult daughter of Pete Petersen, home from the Mayo Clinic
  - Continuing prayers for Linda Wolf Jeziorski as she rests at home
 - Shelayne, friend of Angela Smith, whose cancer has returned; she will need chemo again.
 - Maykell’s mother, Felicita Salomon Martinez, who has thyroid cancer. Maykell is our translator in Cuba.
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Tracy J., Tracy N., Jan M., Margaret R, Charlene S., Helen S, Jim S., Jon S., Connie V., Beverly W., and others we name in our hearts.
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by Covid.
We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - Pray that Ian, Linda Ellinghausen’s grandson, will not need surgery
 - Diane Adams, having knee surgery
 - Lynn Smith, Traci Smith’s mother and Steve Sanders’s sister, hospitalized with sepsis
 - Ian Van Beveren, recovering from a recent hospitalization  - Jim, undergoing tests
  - Our members who are in long term care: **Ed Koska** at Tabor Hills, **Gail Johnston**, in hospice care at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card, please send to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.), and **Grace Van Beveren** at Oak Brook Care
  - Former President Jimmy Carter and his family, as he is under in-home hospice care
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.** May we reach out beyond our doors to invite people to share in our spiritual journey with Jesus Christ.
**Those elected to office in last week’s voting**, and the search for a new superintendent in District 89

**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) from April 1-9, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376), from April 10-30, call Deacon Barb Kocinski (630-710-4703). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at wendy@southminsterpc.org. (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.

**Office Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.**Barb’s regular schedule is to be in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from approximately 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while her son attends his day program 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 –for details contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**    **Sunday, April 9 – *Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of The Lord
“The Lord is risen!” “He is risen indeed!”*** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service with special goodies
 provided by our deacons
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity
Monday, April 10 – Pastor’s Sabbath. The church office is closed.**
**Tuesday, April 11**
 **Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, April 12
 eNotes go out**
 **Property** meets at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, April 13
 Session docket deadline** is noon today! **Friday, April 14**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday, April 16** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either by Google Meet or by joining Blair in
 the McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Talent Show!** 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Bearing Fruit – April 9, 2023**

**Alleluia, the Lord is risen!**
Today*,* Resurrection/Easter Sunday, we will receive formally the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during worship as part of our offering to our Lord.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters.

OGHS is celebrating over 70 years of love and care for the world in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. The Church of Jesus Christ is one church, all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior are sisters and brothers in faith. One of the ways that the wideness of Christ’s Church is demonstrated is with the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. During World War II American churches made appeals for reconstruction and relief for Europe. In 1949 several denominations untied to organize their separate appeals into one. This is their statement:

*This nationwide united effort by America’s Christians has an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund raising. For this great joint program will not only strengthen the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas, but will also prove to all the world how great is the power generated when Christians unite in a common cause.*
One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their OGHS funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid, and more.

Through the years One Great Hour of Sharing has borne the fruit of God’s love by transforming suffering into “healing and hope” around the world through the financial gifts of people like the folks at Southminster Presbyterian Church. What a wonderful way to celebrate love’s unfolding in the world!

“Alleluia” is one of the richest words we use in worship! It means, “Praise God!” which we get from the Hebrew word *Halleluya*. In the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament, the phrase occurs only in the psalms. Alleluias are a summing phrase, calling us together and a sending phrase before the psalms. It was adopted into Christian liturgy early on as an expression of joy and praise particularly in the season of Easter. In the Eastern tradition of Christianity, they use the phrase all year, but in the Western tradition it is retired for the season of Lent. We have been saving our Alleluias during the last six weeks of Lent. Today and through the Easter season, the next seven weeks, we will be singing and saying Alleluia a lot. May your heart be full of Easter joy this season.