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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**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 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.

**** 1 Gathering Music

****Our Photo Story today is “Talent Show.”

2 Welcome and Announcements

**** 3a Improvisational Prelude

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3b 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.**

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4a Hymn 406: *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*  (sing 3 times)

4b Hymn 413: *Come into God’s Presence*  (all)

**** 5 Call to Worship  (Galatians 3:27-28)

Leader: All who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**People: We are neither Jew nor Gentile,**

Leader: Neither slave nor free,

**People: Nor male and female,**

**All:** **For we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**** 6 Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*  (verses 1, 2, 3)

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

**Lord God, for the dividing walls that we have set up, forgive us. For the times we have been exclusive rather than inclusive, forgive us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, create within us a true vision of what you call us to do and be in the world – one people, your followers of Jesus Christ, who is both savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**** **** 8 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!**

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9 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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10 The Passing of the Peace



11a Word with Children: God Welcomes All Blair Baldwin

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

****11b *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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13 Scripture Lessons:  Acts 10:1-17 Pew Bible, p. 128, (N.T.)

Act 10:34-38 Pew Bible, p. 129, (N.T.)



14 Sermon: “Everyone Is Invited”

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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 (responsive)

from *The Confession of Belhar* (PCUSA) [10.1-10.2](Revelation 21:6-7; Matthew 28:19-20)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.   
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

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16 Hymn 301: *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)* (all)

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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 Anthem: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  Kendrick, arr. Hayes

****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 239: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* (all verses)

****22 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.**

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23 Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Francine Long  
Greeter/Fellowship: Caroline Linde  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir   
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given in appreciation for our Worship Arts Team that beautifies our sanctuary all year long.

**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.