**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 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 “Favorite Women of Faith.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

  Prelude

 Lighting the Candles and Remembering Our Baptism (1 Corinthians 12:13)

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

[Please remain seated while singing these songs.]

 Hymn 443: *There Is a Redeemer*  (verse 1)

 Hymn 626: *As the Deer*

 Hymn 627: *I Love You, Lord*

 Call to Worship

 Leader: What do we bring to worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer?

 **People: We bring our prayers, our joys, our sorrows, our hope, and our pain.**

 Leader: What do we bring to worship the Lord?

 **People: We bring our voices, our offerings, and our journey toward home.**

 **All:** **Let us worship God together.**

 Hymn 775: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  (all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, we bring all that we are to you, our faith frayed or whole. We come accepted, knowing that you will not break off a dimly burning wick. Thank you for the grace that embraces us each and every day, creating us new every morning. Help us to extend that grace to the people we deal with each day and those who have hurt us in the past. May we live with bold and gracious love. 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 Chris Kozich

 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

 *God Welcomes All*  Hymnal 399

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;**

**God’s love is strong and it never ends.**

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Romans 5;1-11 Pew Bible, p. 155, (N.T.)

 Isaiah 49:14-16 Pew Bible, p. 680, (O.T.)

 Sermon: “Love Poured Out”

Children present in worship may choose to go to Kids’ Corner with Miss Blair.

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison) (Galatians 3:11)

**Now it is evident that no one is reckoned as righteous before God
by the law, for “the one who is righteous will live by faith.”**

 Hymn 819: *Be Still, My Soul* (all 3 verses)

 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: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* Keith and Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa

 \**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 353: *My Hope Is Built on Mothing Less* (all 4 verses)

 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: Gretchen Fleming
Greeter/Fellowship: Sue Knisely
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Beth Bonde in memory of Jim.

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; masks and social distancing are at your discretion.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Using the comments section on Facebook, you can say hello, ask for words of peace, or request prayers.
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet this week.

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 for the next opportunity to share your photos. If you have an idea for a PhotoStory, please connect with Pastor Wendy.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our adult Bible class will not meet on Sunday, ‘cause its Mom’s Day. We will meet on the 21st, and then we will discuss whether to meet on the 28th (Memorial Day weekend).

**Youth**: Celebrate national be-nice-to-your-mom day No event this weekend (did I mention that it is Mom’s Day), but don’t forget that we need all hands on deck for the **Rummage Sale and Car Wash** on June 3 and 4. Parents, please respond to the email about dates for summer activities, if you have not yet.

**Rummage Sale and Car Wash**: It’s coming on June3-4. So, as you are doing your spring cleaning, please put aside items to donate for our sale. Price stickers are on the counter in the main hallway; please price your donated items, since you know what they’re worth. We have set prices for books and clothes, so no need to price those. ***Do not donate electronics, furniture with glass tops, or cribs, please.***You can begin dropping off item donations after church on May 28. Note that there will be no one in the church building on Memorial Day and the church office is closed on Wednesday. (Office hours Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p..m.) For those who do not have keys, contact Blair N. at 630-917-6035 to arrange to get in. Blair N. will be at church much of the time the week before the sale and a schedule of those times will be released soon.

Finally, come shop and get your car washed in support of our Youth Mission Trip to Imperial, PA for a week of workcamp. Thank you, all.

 **From the Mission Ministry:**May is **Gifts Grow** month at Southminster and one of the ways we bear the Fruit of God’s love. Through Gifts Grow, we have the opportunity to contribute to our missions, and our gifts will be matched by the Mission Ministry up to a total of $5,000 for the entire event. See eNotes, Dialog, and bulletins all this month detailing the Gifts Grow project.

**Can you spare two hours a month?** The Walk-In Ministry is looking for volunteers to each work a 10-to-noon shift once every month. The volunteer will greet clients as they arrive and use pre-established guidelines to provide assistance with food, gas, utilities, prescriptions, car repairs, auto insurance, etc. Southminster Church is one of 17 local sponsors and a founding member. Walk-In Ministry is located within the First United Methodist Church in downtown Glen Ellyn (at the corner of Forest and Duane). Please consider helping with this important community service. If interested, call Steve Henkels at 312-286-1157.

We are once again **collecting zero-balance gift cards along with bread tags and buttons**. The containers are on the shelf in the hallway opposite the pastor’s office.

**From the Worship Ministry**
**The flower chart** for the rest of 2023 is now posted in the Narthex. If you have a person or occasion you’d like to honor with Sunday morning flowers, please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen (ridesrowdy@aol.com) with your choice of flower dates and honorees. There are only a few dates left this year. Flower arrangements are $35.00 each.

**Presbyterian Readers** meet this Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This group is open to everyone who likes to read and discuss what they’ve read! This month’s book is *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate, who brings to life startling stories from actual “Lost Friends” advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00p.m. on May 17:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>
Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

**Presbyterian Women’s Circle:**  *If you have signed up*, don’t forget to come to the final event of the year, our Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Reserve 22. If you have any questions regarding the luncheon (or Women’s Circle), please call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming. Use phone number (630) 517-0926 or email her at gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com.

**Meet and Greet the Artists!** We are hosting a reception next Sunday, May 21, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to meet and greet the artists from COD whose works are now displayed in our hallway art gallery. There will be beauty, refreshments (thanks to our deacons), and some wonderfully creative people you don’t want to miss. This is one way we bear the fruit of God’s love.

**A community invitation**: The Westminster Choir College Concert Handbell Choir is on tour and will present a concert next Sunday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. at Downers Grove First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove. The public is invited! For more information, contact pattiebarnes@gmail.com or call 630-726-9215. No tickets needed, but a free will offering will be collected.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Thanks to everyone who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards last Sunday. So far this year your purchases have earned Southminster $594.17 in “free” money.

The next order date will be June 4. **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):
It is amazing how our church has been supporting PRC with our donations! Weekly deliveries of food, personal care products, and cleaning products have been greatly appreciated! The number of clients has been increasing and all items donated greatly needed and utilized. Donation boxes has been relocated a few steps farther into the church... just past the second set of doors (across from the church office).

**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.

**Friends,
You are all invited to offer prayer for people whether they are members or not. It would be a joy and very helpful to know how people are doing. If you have submitted a person to be prayed for, can you send an update to the office, please, once in a while? Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

**Joys and Concerns**   **The flowers today** are from Beth Bonde in memory of Jim. **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, though she is weak and in need of much care and rest, has been told “there is no evidence of the disease at this time”. Her immune system is still on the mend, so it will be a while still until we see her in worship.
  - Lynn Smith is home, though her recovery will be a long journey. Lynn is Steve Sanders’ sister and Traci Smith’s mother.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation, especially the families of the 8 people killed at a shopping mall in Allen, Texas, last weekend. 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 tornadoes and flooding.  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, Myanmar, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights.
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - Linda Ellinghausen requests prayers for Hal’s extended family: Chandy Greenholt passed away on Easter, and his wife, Pam, had a kiwi-sized tumor removed from the base of her brain this past week.
 - The family of Evelyn Ericksen who died April 25
  - 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:** - Barb’s former pastor, Tom Potenza, who is struggling with advanced pancreatic cancer
 - Barb’s friend Jan Mazur, having multiple tests this week because there are signs her cancer has metastasized… again
 - Sandy Lopata’s friend Rebecca Moeckler, who is beginning chemo for a mass on her liver
 - Amy Christensen Henning, undergoing 6 months of chemotherapy
  - Marta Sundquist, who had surgery for a brain tumor. She is safe at home and will need further treatment down the road. Her doctors are putting a plan together. You can be updated on her condition and send her messages online through CaringBridge.org.
  - Floyd Rogers, recovering from surgery. He said he came through it well and has managed to deal with pain.
  - Ian Van Beveren, diagnosed with lymphoma. Prayers for his strength for chemo and for better news.
  - Continuing prayers for Nikki Petersen Mendoza (adult daughter of Pete Petersen) as she continues to heal
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Tracy J., Shelayne L, Tracy N., Felicita 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 recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - Donna Marton’s brother, Richard, has an infection in his foot
  - Pray for Ian Vierck, Linda Ellinghausen’s grandson, having surgery May 15 on his lungs.
 - Mike Stewart, who is very sick and having a hard time the husband of June, who has been a visitor here)
  - Francine Long’s friends Ed and Maxine as Ed transitions home from long-term care
  - Del Meester, herniated disc
  - Our members who are in long term care: **Ed Koska** in hospice care 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
  - Those struggling with house issues
  - Those who are suffering from depression
 - Those making difficult life transitions
  - 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.

**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, May 14** **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
 **No Youth or Adult Ed. activity today
Monday, May 15 – Pastor’s Sabbath. The church office is closed.**
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m. **Tuesday, May 16**
 **Pastor’s Bible Study** 4:00-5:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Pastor’s Prayer Meeting** from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 Join Pastor Wendy in prayer…
 **Session meets with officers-elect** at 7:00 p.m., followed by regular Session meeting in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, May 17
 eNotes go out
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 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Artists’ Reception** from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the hallway Art Gallery and Narthex
 **Youth:** check with Blair!
**Note that Pastor Wendy Boden will leave for a study group/retreat** on Sunday evening, May 21, and return sometime after lunch on Tuesday. May 23.

**Bearing Fruit – May 14, 2023**

**Gifts Grow, Part One**

My friend, Rev. Dr. Daniel Diss, pastor at Glen Ellyn First United Methodist, is fond of quoting George Hendry, a Scottish Presbyterian, a professor at Princeton, and a moving force behind the New English translation of the Bible. Rev. Dr. George Hendy says that none of us would have faith if it weren’t for our mothers and our grandmothers. I think he is correct, but there are also many women who have inspired faith as well. Our PhotoStory will show some of our inspiring women. Happy Mother’s Day to all our women.

**May holds many wonderful days for us: Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, and of course, Gifts Grow.** May is Gift’s Grow month at Southminster and is one of the ways we bear the Fruit of God’s love. Below is Part One profiling some of the missions that Gift’s Grow supports. **Bridge Communities** is the largest provider of transitional housing in DuPage County. SPC also supports Bridge by participating in their “Sleep Out Saturday” event in November. Alicia Rasnic, and Angela Smith, members of our congregation, are Bridge volunteers. Pastor Wendy invites you to be her guest at the annual Bridge Luncheon on Friday, June 16. Chad Pedigo, of DuPage PADS and his wife, Cat, will be at our table, as well. The luncheon will be from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Danada House, Wheaton. We expect to have golf carts shuttling guests to the venue from the parking lot. Please RSVP with Wendy by June 1 if you would like to attend.

**DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)** is the only non-restrictive sheltering program in our county. PADS bring together a variety of organizations to help address the needs of the homeless. Their slogan is “The Solution to End Homelessness.” PADS recently purchased the Red Roof Inn in Downers Grove and turned it into an IHC, (Interim Housing Center), which his currently sheltering 310 people nightly, including 131 children.

**People’s Resource Center (PRC)** is a community-based service organization that provides numerous human service programs to DuPage County residents who are in economic distress. Nearly 26,000 DuPage residents rely on PRC for help each year, receiving nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance. PRC also connects people with resources – education and tutoring, jobs, technology, art, and a caring community – to create a future of hope and opportunity for all.

Southminster has collected food and personal care products for PRC for years, but when the pandemic arrived in our area in March 2020 and our building closed, we began collecting goods for PRC on the front porch of the Freys’ home, Bobbi and Tom. (Bobbi is a longtime volunteer at PRC.) We have moved the collection boxes back to the church – they are now located in the main hallway opposite the church office. The weekly carloads of donations Bobbi delivers to PRC make a difference in the lives of many in our county!

**World Relief:** According to the World Relief website, World Relief operates through 25 offices across the United States. Working in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, World Relief and local church partners welcome and resettle thousands of refugees referred by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to the United States each year. Local offices help refugees secure housing, employment, and education. In addition, they provide immigration legal service to refugees and others who have immigrated to the United States, offering legal clinics and counseling, working, guiding refugees and immigrants along the path towards U.S. citizenship. Members of SPC volunteer in a variety of ways. Some of SPC’s volunteers at World Relief are Julie Storey, Steve Henkels, and Susie Salins.

Giving to Gifts Grow is one way of helping us bear the fruit of God’s love in DuPage County.