**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Trinity Sunday**

**June 4, 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.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

 Gathering Music

 Our Photo Story today is “Trinity Art.”

 Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

 Prelude

 Lighting the Candles and Remembering Our Baptism (Galatians 5:22-23a)

 **By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

 Hymn 291: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (all)

 Hymn 695: *Change My Heart, O God*

 Call to Worship (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

 Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

 **People: There are different ways of serving God,
 but it is the same Lord who is served.**

  Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

 **People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

 **All:** **Together we are the body of Christ,
 and individually members of it.**

 Hymn: *God Offers a Mysterious Pair* (all)
  Sung to the hymn tune Old hundredth (like Hymnal 385)

**God offers a mysterious pair.**

**Both one and three, how can God be?**

**Why mortal flesh would our Lord bear?**

**Christ's great commandment is the key.**

**Love God with all your heart and mind;**

**Hold as your self your neighbor dear;**

**For God is love, and thus we find**

**All of God's being, will, and cheer.**

**In solitude love cannot dwell.**

**Lover, belovèd bound by love:**

**Three loving persons God's self tell,**

**Proof of the harmony above.**

**For harmony on earth to reign,**

**Among us dwelt God's self as gift.**

**Christ, God with us, fell Death has slain,**

**All saints He shall to heaven lift.**

**When love of God and neighbor blend,**

**Then God the Triune we shall see,**

**Then God appears our Lord and friend;**

**Thus we adore the Trinity.**

Text: Arthur Shippee

Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth, Public domain

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We pray 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.

 *God Welcomes All*  Hymnal 399

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

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

Text: John L. Bell, 2008

Music: South African song, transc, John L. Bell, 2008

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: John 14:1-7, 15-27  Pew Bible, p. 108, 109, (N.T.)

 John 16:13-15 Pew Bible, p. 110, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “The Loving Gift of the Knowledge of God” Rev. Arthur Shippee

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 1 + refrain)

 Ordination and Installation

 Presentation

**To be Installed as Deacon**

 Linda Ellinghausen, Class of 2025

**To be Ordained as Deacon**

 Elise Henkels, Class of 2026

**To be Installed as Elder**

 Rita Zapel, Class of 2026

 Our Common Ministry

 Questions to Elders and Deacons

 Questions to the Congregation

 Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as
 elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice
 of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

 **All: We do.**

 Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,
 and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ
 who alone is head of the Church?

 **All: We do.**

 Prayer of Ordination

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

 Welcome to Ministry

 Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory:  *Gaelic Prayer*  John Rutter

 \**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.**

 Prayer of Dedication

 Service of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation

 [We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People**: **And also with you.**

 Leader: Lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 *The minister gives thanks…*

 The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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 *The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

 **According to Christ’s commandment**

 **We remember his death,**

 **We proclaim his resurrection,**

 **We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World
and Prayers of the People…*

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

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

 Our 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.**

 Words of Institution

 Communion

 Communion Music: *Come As You Are*

*We all will receive communion by intinction, including the choir. Our usher will invite you to come forward by pew, beginning from the back. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you after everyone else has received. Please consume the elements when you are comfortable doing so. You do not need to wait – please do so as the Spirit leads (right away, as you pause after receiving, or back in your seats).
With Christian love we serve gluten-free communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 700: *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (all)

 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**

Guest preacher: Rev. Arthur Shippee
Rev. Wendy Boden

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Nick Kaskovich

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Lynn Ferino

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Julie Storey in honor of her parents’ anniversary.

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 today. Help us set up for the Rummage Sale… or stay and shop and have your car washed! Our next classes will be June 11 and June 25.

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. You’re invited to share your photos for these dates:
 **June 11: “Our Youth in Mission.”** If you have photos taken during the chili cook-off,
 talent show, or rummage sale, please send them by Thursday, June 8.
 **June 18: “Favorite Men of Faith.”** In honor of Father’s Day, we’d like photos of
 men (either famous or known personally by you) who are/were men of faith.
 Please send us your photos by Thursday, June 15.
 **July 2: “Our National Parks.”** For Independence Day weekend, we’d like photos
 taken in any of our many national parks. Please send your photos by Thursday,
 June 29.

**Send photos to our dedicated email address, used just for photos:** **PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org.**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our after-worship Bible-class will not meet today—shop the Rummage Sale, instead, and get your car washed! We will meet on June 11, but then not until June 25th.

**Rummage Sale**: The Rummage Sale continues today.
1. **Want to lend a hand**? The hardest part of Rummage Sale is setting up and tearing down. We need to haul everything out into the parking lot immediately after worship and at 3:00 this afternoon. We appreciate any help you can give during any of those moves!!

2. **Shop**! All proceeds support our Youth Mission Team, heading to Imperial, PA, for a work of service, spiritual enrichment, and adventure, in mid- June. **And have your car scrubbed** by our crack team of youth car-washers for a free-will donation. Hours today: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

3. Finally, please **be in prayer for the Youth Mission Trip**, that our team will be safe, productive, and have a deep and lasting spiritual experience, and that the folks whom the service will see the love of God in them.

**Young Adults**: Join us for food and fellowship next Sunday, June 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at Wendy and Blair's for a Shish Kabob BBQ (call it a Shish-Ka-Q?). All you need to do is show up with a side dish expecting good food and good conversation. Please RSVP to Blair N. or Anny Davidson.

 **From the Mission Ministry:
Mission Ministry** will have a regular meeting this Tuesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library.

**Women’s Breakfast** meets the first Wednesday of the month – that will be this Wednesday, June 7. All woman are invited to join this informal group at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com—if you have any questions. Danby’s Station is at 750 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn.

Put this on your calendar: “**Summer Songs and Prayers**,” hosted by the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast group, will meet at Lake Ellyn on Wednesday evening, June 14, at 6:30. Our Sean Salins will represent Southminster. Come enjoy an hour of music followed by ice cream.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):
Today is your only opportunity this month to order Jubilee Bucks. Gift cards are a great way to prepay for your groceries, gas, dinners out, or other household items. Southminster benefits by getting a percentage of your purchase. A list of participating merchants is available online, attached to the Friday bulletin emails, or on the shelf in the hallway at church opposite the offices. Orders must be received by 9:00 Sunday evening. Email bobbifrey@aol.com with merchant, number and amount or cards, and total of your order. Cards will be delivered to you - usually the following Tuesday.

The next order date will be July 2 (but delivery of orders may be a bit delayed because of the 4th of July holiday). **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).

If you are looking for ideas, donations of rice, dry pasta, and peanut butter are always in need, as are personal care items like toothpaste, bar soap, and diapers size 5-7. All donations are appreciated!

**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 Julie Storey honoring her parents’ wedding anniversary **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - The Ordination and Installation of Elias Cabarcas-Arroyo, husband of Rev. Traci Smith, will take place today (June 4) at 4:00 p.m. at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church (where Traci is the pastor). Our Elder Steve Sanders will represent Southminster on the commission.
 - Congratulations to our high school graduates: Samantha Falkman, Ryan Sundquist, and David Vanderford!
  - Ian Vierck, Linda Ellinghausen’s grandson, is doing well after surgery on his lungs. He has a 95% chance of never needing that surgery again.
 - 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. As of May 31, there have been over 17K deaths in this country from gun violence. (This number includes all gun-related deaths, including homicide/murder, defensive use, unintentional shootings, and suicide.) Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics. - Guam, recovering from a devastating typhoon
  - 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:**
 - Our friend and brother in faith Ed Koska passed away Monday afternoon. We pray for Joan and for the Koska sons and their families. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Saturday, June 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the Southminster Sanctuary; visitation will begin at 10:00.
 - The Rev. Tom Potenza, retired former pastor of Glen Ellyn 1st United Methodist Church, died May 25 of pancreatic cancer. His ministry touched the lives of many!
 - Kathy Sanders asks prayers for the family of Tracey Jarzombek, who died following a long struggle with cancer
  - 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:** - Helen Shierry is doing well on her chemotherapy. She is experiencing no side effects from the chemo drugs and is feeling good. She is very upbeat and is thankful for all the prayers from our congregation.
  - 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.
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Pam G., Amy H., Shelayne L., Jan M., Nikki M., Felicita M., Rebecca M., Tracy N., 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 is at CDH with unexplained pain in her back
  - Our members who are in long term care: **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; he is under in-home hospice care and his wife, Rosalynn has recently been diagnosed with dementia.
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.**May we all be attentive to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

 **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) in June, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376). 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, neighbor, and one another. 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, June 4 – *Trinity Sunday*** **Worship with Communion and Installation of an elder and a deacon** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
 **Rummage Sale/Car Wash:**

 **Set-up:** right after worship **Sale/Car Wash:** 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Clean up:** from 3:00 p.m.-??**Monday, June 5 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday, June 6**
 **Pastor’s Bible Study** at 4:00 p.m.
 **Pastor’s Prayer meeting** in the Sanctuary from 7:00-7:30 p.m.
 **Mission** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, June 7
 Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station **the June *Dialog* goes out**
**Friday, June 9**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Next Sunday,** **June 11** **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
 **Youth: Will there be an activity? Keep in touch with Blair!
 Young Adults BBQ** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Boden-Nelson homestead

**Bearing Fruit – June 4, 2023**

**In Memory of Arthur Fournier**

Whether or not we desire it, change happens. Circumstances cause change. The Covid pandemic caused many changes in the world and home here at Southminster. Due to the Covid pandemic we stopped passing the offering plate in worship. We now collect our offerings, pledges, and special gifts simply by placing them in the offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.

The value in receiving collections this way is that we can reflect on the sermon and the meaning of the offertory during the time we would pass the plate. We can also use that time as a time for personal prayer without having to keep our “eyes open” for the plate passing down the pew toward us. In addition, no one needs to feel uncomfortable passing the plate without placing a gift in the plate. Worship is a free gift to God’s people and our community.

We have been collecting our offering by placing the plate on an ad hoc arrangement of wooden blocks originally created by David Stevenson for flowers. David passed away many years ago, but his gift inspired us to have an offering table created. We now have an offering table created by the same carpenter who crafted our pulpit, Jim Ebbole.

Today during the Word with Children we will thank God for David Stevenson, Jim Ebbole, and Arthur Fournier. Art Fournier’s memorial donation fund was used to pay for the offering table. We are very blessed to have Margaret Fournier with us today, up from South Carolina. Art was a long-time member, an elder serving in many different committees and ministries – in particular personnel, finance, and mission. He was a regular member of the pastor’s Bible study and also the Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning. We bear the fruit of God’s love by responding creatively to the challenges of life!