**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 11, 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 “Birds of DuPage County.”

Welcome, Announcements, and Moment for Mission

Prelude

Lighting the Candles (Galatians 5:22-23a)

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

[Please remain seated while singing these songs.]

Hymn 175: *Seek Ye First* (all 3 verses)

Hymn 616: *Our God Is an Awesome God* (sing 2 times)

Hymn 853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (verse 1)

Call to Worship

Leader: May the doors of Southminster be open wide enough to receive all   
 who hunger for love and friendship.

**People: May we welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express,   
 and hopes to nurture.**

**All:** **We worship the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious God, we hold before you what has wounded us or brought injury to others. Lavish your grace upon us that we might experience your renewal of life and be your light in our community. Thank you for the blessing of the Holy Spirit so we may live as your people in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and savior. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of God’s Grace/The Good News of Jesus Christ

Leader: May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins

**People: Strengthen us in all goodness,**

Leader: And by the power of the Holy Spirit

**People: Keep us in eternal life.**

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

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.**

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

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The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children Blair Baldwin

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:  Matthew 14:22-27 Pew Bible, p. 16, (N.T.)

Matthew 5:3 Pew Bible, p. 4, (N.T.)

Sermon: “The Garden Path - Poor in Spirit”

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

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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: *Hold On* composed and sung by Elizabeth Mannhardt

\**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 852: *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* (all 4 verses)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,

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

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden   
Liturgist: Pete Petersen  
Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino  
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Elizabeth Mannhardt  
Worship Associate: David Kozich  
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Betty Eichin in memory of Dan Janson, and by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Jim’s mother, Eleanor.

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, 11:15 a.m.:** Join us by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>. If you’re already at church and wish to join us, find Blair at his computer in the McHenry Parlor/Library.  
  
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 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 this 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](mailto:PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org).**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**   
**Adult Ed. Bible Study:**Our Sunday morning (11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) Bible class has been alternating Matthew and the minor prophets. We will continue through the summer with some skipped weeks. We will NOT meet June 18 but will meet today and June 25. Join us when you can, either in person in the Parlor/Library or online through this link to Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.    
  
**Youth:**It’s summer vacation time, which means it is hard to plan youth events, but stay tuned—we’ll have some activities… but not until after the Mission Trip, at least. Stay in touch with Blair for future plans.  
  
**Rummage Sale and Car Wash:** Our Rummage Sale last weekend was a blessed success. Over $2500 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip. Thanks to all of you who donated and to those who shopped and got their cars washed and gave generously. Super thanks to all those who helped do the work: Steve Kozich, Andrea Schmidt, Ann Anderson, Noah Salins, the helpful Hammer family, Roxane Johnson, Esther Marcovici, and, of course, to our mission trippers who worked the sale. Special thanks to Sarah Allen and Heidi Shierry for feeding and watering us.   
  
**Youth Mission Team**  
Our 2023 Youth Mission Team is leaving this Saturday, June 17, for Imperial, PA—a rust-belt town with an aging population—for a week for workcamp. We will be fixing and painting the homes of folks who need some help, showing them God’s love and what our youth can do. In the early morning and the evenings, we will soak up the love with spiritually enriching and challenging programs delivered by the Group staff. Thank you, Southminster, for supporting our youth and the Youth Mission Trip. This year’s team members are Jake Falkman, Sam Falkman, Kevin Schmidt, Rachel Johnston, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson. Please pray for us during the week and come see us off at 10:00 on the morning of June 17.    
   
**Young Adults**: **You’re invited to a Potluck/BBQ tonight!**  
Join us for food and fellowship today from 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.   
 **Elders, staff, moderators:** Session meets on Tuesday, June 20, which means all docket items (motions, reports, etc.) are due by noon this Thursday, June 15. **From the Worship Ministry:**

**Choir members and other singers:** During the summer there is no formal choir, but we still need people to help lead worship, not only for those in attendance in worship but for those at home online. If you are willing to lend your voice to this ministry, please simply come in and sit in one of the choir seats during worship.

**Singers and instrumentalists of all ages** are invited to share their gifts during summer worship. Please connect with Music Director Tom Anderson to sign up for a Sunday (or more than one) on which you’re willing to help lead us with music. Reach Tom at 651-246-5029 or [tomanderson101@gmail.com](mailto:tomanderson101@gmailcom).

**From the Mission Ministry:**Gifts Grow 2023, collected through the month of May, was a big success. We raised $5205 in donations for our 7 supported missions plus the Southminster Youth for their mission trip this summer. And with the matching funds, we nearly doubled that to $10,205. This came from 67 separate donations. From the Mission Ministry, thank you all for making this a banner year for Gifts Grow.

For the details of donations and distributions to our various missions, see the June *Dialog*. If you don’t receive a copy by email or USPS mail, you can pick up a *Dialog* on the shelf in the hallway that has the nametags on it (across from the church offices).

**From the Christian Education Ministry**

SPC will be hosting a one-day VBS, *"Blooming Together,"* on Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Taking place on the church grounds, this will be an interactive and fun-filled day learning about all the ways God provides for us through his gardens.

This event will be open to the public, K-5th grade, with pre-registration required. Look for a registration link on the website (coming soon!).

For more information on the event, or if you're interested in helping/volunteering, please reach out to Blair Baldwin: [blairbaldwin@southminsterpc.org](mailto:blairbaldwin@southminsterpc.org).

**We’re all invited to** “**Summer Songs and Prayers**,” hosted by the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast group, will meet at Lake Ellyn this Wednesday evening, June 14, at 6:30. Our Sean Salins will represent Southminster. Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy an hour of music followed by ice cream and sherbet.  
  
  
**Presbyterian Readers** meet at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month—this month that’s June 21, when the group will discuss *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 21st:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861724721?pwd=TE0yYXZGZUtUNkdvYWh4UEhaTFc0dz09>

Meeting ID: 868 6172 4721 Passcode: 600865

Looking ahead: The July 19 book is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):   
Thanks to all who ordered Jubilee Bucks gift cards in June. Our year-to-date total of “free” money earned from the sale of these cards is $773.49. 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 Betty Eichin in memory of Dan Janson, and by Tricia and Jim Smith in memory of Jim’s mother, Eleanor. **We give thanks to God for joys:**   
 - Heidi Shierry was able to worship with us in person on Sunday, June 4.  
 - The Ordination and Installation of Elias Cabarcas-Arroyo, husband of Rev. Traci Smith, took place June 4 at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church (where Traci is the pastor). Our Elder Steve Sanders represented 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 she will have a long recovery. She 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. In the first half of this past week, mass shootings in the United States (those in which there were at least 4 victims) left 10 people dead and 36 injured. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics. - Wildfires in Canada  
  - 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 ln Memorial Day. 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 families, friends, and colleagues of those who died this past week: Toni Younker, who died unexpectedly; Harry Hezrich, who died after a major stroke; and Jack Henrici, retired Elgin Fire Chief  
 - The Rev. Tom Potenza, retired former pastor of Glen Ellyn 1st United Methodist Church, and noted theologian The Rev. Dr. Timothy Keller, who both died of pancreatic cancer. Their ministries 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 thank God for the love that God puts in our hearts for our pets. Blessed are those who mourn.  
**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:**  
 - Bob and Rose Audette both have Covid  
 - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale   
 - 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      
  - Ian Van Beveren, looking for a place to live in the area  
  - 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](mailto: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 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   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining Blair   
 in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library **Young Adults BBQ** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Boden-Nelson homestead**Monday, June 12 – Pastor’s Sabbath**  
**Tuesday, June 13**  
 **Pastor’s Bible Study** at 4:00 p.m.  
 **Pastor’s Prayer meeting** in the Sanctuary from 7:00-7:30 p.m.  
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, June 14  
 eNotes go out** “Summer Songs” at Lake Ellyn from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy   
 an hour of music and some ice cream or sherbet.  
 **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor/Library  
**Thursday, June 15  
 Session docket deadline at noon  
Friday, June 16** Bridge Communities annual luncheon at 11:00 a.m. at Danada House  
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Saturday, June 17**  
 Our **Youth Mission Team** leaves for a week of workcamp in Pennsylvania.   
 If you want to pray with them before they leave, be here at 10:00 a.m. **Next Sunday,** **June 18**Tom Anderson, Blair Baldwin (and Blair Nelson with the Youth Mission Team)   
 will all be away.  
 **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 Adult. Ed. or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – June 11, 2023**

**Loving Others Near and Far**

As our community continues to unfold after Covid, new opportunities for loving others come into view. This past week Chad Pedigo, Vice President for Development at DuPage PADS, reached out to Pastor Wendy Boden asking for Southminster volunteers to serve dinner at DuPage PADS this coming Monday evening. We are filling a vacancy. We are convening at church at 4:45 before we go over.  
  
Volunteers will pick up dinner at Fox Bowl (it is Pizza Night!) and bring dinner to the Interim Housing Center of PADS, which is 1113 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove (the former Red Roof Inn). We will also serve and set up. Are you interested in joining with the Southminster volunteers this Monday evening? If so, please connect with our Pastor or Moderator of Mission Gretchen Fleming.   
  
For many years Southminster has demonstrated God’s love by sending our youth on a mission trip to help others. They do not go alone! They go with our prayers and financial support. Each youth has paid the registration fee of $150. They also give up a week of their summer vacation and some even give up some of their summer pay from their jobs. Plus they raise money to cover the other expenses from the trip.   
  
You helped to support them, as well, with the Chili and Soup Cook-Off in the winter, Talent Show in the early spring, donations toward Gifts Grow, and our annual Rummage Sale/Car Wash. Many in our larger community look forward to this last event that is made possible by your donations.  
  
Our Rummage Sale last weekend was a blessed success. Over $2500 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip, one of the highest revenues ever. Abundant thanks to all of you who donated—we even got donations of items from neighbors! Abundant thanks to those who shopped and got their cars washed and gave generously. And super-abundant thanks to all those who helped do the work: Steve Kozich, Andrea Schmidt, Ann Anderson, Noah Salins, the helpful Hammer family, Roxane Johnson, Esther Marcovici, and, of course, to our mission trippers who worked the sale: Sam Falkman, Rachel Johnston, Kevin Schmidt, Jake Falkman, and Parin Schmidt. Special thanks to Sarah Allen and Heidi Shierry for feeding and watering us.  
  
Now our work of prayer begins. This year’s team members are Jake Falkman, Sam Falkman, Kevin Schmidt, Rachel Johnston, Parin Schmidt, and Blair Nelson. Please pray for them during the week and come see them off at 10:00 this Saturday morning, June 17.    
  
Thank you, Southminster, for supporting our youth and the Youth Mission Trip in bearing the fruit of God’s love.