**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 2, 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 “Our National Parks.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Prelude: *Prelude in C* J. S. Bach

 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 as we begin worship.]

 Hymn 192: *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* (all 3 verses)

  *(Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

 Call to Worship

 Leader: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

 **People: How good it is to gather in God’s house!**

  Leader: With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

 **People: We greet each other by name; we are equal in God’s Kingdom.**

 Leader: We open our hearts, to welcome God’s love;
 we open our arms, to welcome God’s people.

 **All:** **Here, every single one of God’s children is welcome.**

 Hymn 331: *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (all 4 verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, Welcoming God, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds.**

**Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

 Leader: Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family - sisters,
 brothers, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome
 in the kingdom of love, grace, and hope.

 **All: In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no differences,
 no divisions. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole.
 Thanks be to God. Amen.**

 Response 581: *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

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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

 The Psalm: Psalm 13  Pew Bible, p. 494, (O.T.)

 The Hebrew Bible: Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible, p. 17, (O.T.)

 Special Music: *The Story of Isaac* Leonard Cohen

 James Van Camp (accompanied on guitar)

 Sermon: “God Provides” The Rev. Grayson Van Camp

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

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

**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.**

**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.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

 Offertory:  *Spanish Flang Dang* Elizabeth Cotton

 James Van Camp

 \**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: *Jesus Paid It All*  Grape, arr. Hayes

 *We will receive communion by intinction. Our usher will invite you to come forward
 by pew, beginning from the back. With Christian love we serve gluten-free
 communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.*

 Prayer after Communion

 Hymn 340: *This Is My Song* (all 3 verses)

 Sending and Benediction

 Leader: May we go out into our world with God,
 **People: Where we may work to set free all bound by worry
 and loneliness.**

 Leader: May we go out into our communities with Jesus,
 **People: Where we will gather up those sacrificed on the altars
 of success, hate, and greed.**

 Leader: May we go out into our neighborhoods with the Spirit,
 **People: Where we will offer ourselves as lambs of peace, of gentleness,
 of justice.**

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

 **Alleluia, amen!**

 Postlude: *America the Beautiful* Ward, arr. Hayes

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**Participants and Technical Crew**

Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp
Liturgist: Sarah Allen
Greeter/Fellowship: Barb Kocinski
Guest Musicians: Cindy Trowbridge, James Van Camp
Word with Children: Chris Kozich
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by Andrea Schmidt to celebrate Kevin’s 19th birthday.

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.

You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where most weeks we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. This week H2H will only be live on Thursday and 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. Upcoming dates to observe:
 **July 9: “Our Elders.”** Send us a favorite photo of yourself or let Wendy know if she has
 permission to raid your Facebook entries. Please send photos by Thursday,
 July 6.
 **July 16: “Our Deacons.”** Send us a favorite photo of yourself or let Wendy know if she
 has permission to raid your Facebook entries. Please send photos by Thursday,
 July 13.

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

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our Bible class will meet only once in July, on July 9. We will continue our study of Zechariah.

**Youth:** As the summer schedule goes, there are no dates for a youth event in July. Enjoy the summer and watch for August event information to come.  **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.

**Flowers!** There are openings coming up for flowers in worship: July 16 and August 6 and 27. Do you have a person to remember or an event to celebrate? Sign up in the narthex or contact Sarah Allen at RidesRowdy@aol.com.
 **From the Mission Ministry:
Coming in July – a “kitchen shower” for World Relief!**
Imagine how it would feel to arrive in the United States as a refugee with nothing but what you were wearing and maybe carrying a bag or two. Throughout the month of July, our Mission Ministry will work with World Relief to host a “shower,” collecting items a refugee family would need to equip a kitchen. Check the July *Dialog* for a list of the items that are needed. (World Relief does ask that all the items be new to preserve the recipients’ dignity.)

**Used (zero-balance) gift cards**: Please do not cut the used cards in half before you turn them in. They are used to make guitar picks, and only whole cards are useful.

**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.

**Women’s Breakfast** meets the first Wednesday of the month – the next gathering is July 5. You can all share your 4th of July experiences! 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.

**Jubilee Bucks: Order today, July 2!**
Today, July 2, is your only chance this month to order gift cards. Before 9:00 p.m., email bobbifrey@aol.com with your order. Include merchant, amount of card, number of cards ordered and total of order. Payment can be made when you receive the cards. Because of the holiday, the delivery of the gift cards will probably be delayed. Bobbi’s guess is they will be delivered Thursday or Friday. Bobbi will contact people when she has them.
The next time to order will be August 6. **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 Andrea Schmidt to celebrate Kevin’s 19th birthday.  **We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - For the new family from Sudan who arrived last week… a family of 9 now living in Wheaton.
 - Thanks to God for the beautiful diversity of humanity!
 - the safe return of our Youth Mission Team after their week of assisting people in Imperial, Pennsylvania
 - 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.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. In mass shootings (involving 4 or more victims) over last weekend there were 10 incidents leaving 11 people dead and 44 injured. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics.
 - Wildfires in Canada causing air quality issues through the Midwest, including hazardous breathing conditions here
 - The 4 children found safe in Colombia after 40 days alone in the jungle following a plane crash
 - Both the passengers of the Titan and those who died trying to migrate to Europe
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine and Russia, the Holy Land, Sudan, Myanmar, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights.
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - We pray for Joan and for the Koska sons and their families, mourning the death of Ed. His Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held June 24 at Southminster.
 - The family of Peter Jorgensen, Rita Zapel’s Danish cousin, who died yesterday
 - The Johnson/Woosley family on the death of Lynn Johnson
 - Charlene S (Simpson), who has been on our prayer list, died recently after a long illness fighting cancer
 - Burton Barr, who passed away last week
 - The family of Jon Sutherland and especially for his adult children Eric and Beth. Beth is a friend of Sandy Lopata.
  - 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 the loss of their beloved pets.
**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 on vacation having completed her first stages of treatment. 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., Tim O., Margaret R., Helen S., Jim 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:**
 - Prayers for health for Pat and Tom Grimsey, brother and sister-in-law of Deb Bohi
 - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale
 - Donna Marton is at home
  - 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
  - the family of Maykel Solomon
  - 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 July, 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.

**Pastor Wendy Boden will be out of the office** July 1-5. If you need **pastoral care** during that time, you may call the Rev. Grayson Van Camp at 630-471-4643. You can always call your deacon or Congregational Care/Helping Hands (contact information above). You can always call your deacon or Congregational Care/Helping Hands.

**Revised Deacon Flock Member Lists:** The Deacons have been finalized for the coming year, and revised "Flock" lists have been created with members assigned to each Deacon. The new list will be posted on the Deacon bulletin board this week, closest to the Parlor/Library. You will see an alphabetic list by church member, with their assigned Deacon representative and phone number. Over the next month, we will also be asking Deacons to contact their members and ensure that they have their contact information, email addresses, and best phone numbers. Thank you to all the Deacons for their willingness to serve. We look forward to the year ahead!

**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:**   **Pastor Wendy Boden will be out of the office July 1-5.
Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m. will be streamed
 only on Thursday and Friday this week. **Sunday, July 2
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing [bobbifrey@aol.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cttt%5CDownloads%5Cbobbifrey%40aol.com) by 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship with communion** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook. Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service
**Tuesday, July 4 – Have a safe and happy Independence Day!
 The church office will be closed.**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, July 5**
 **Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station
 **The July *Dialog* would usually go out today,** but don’t be surprised if it’s not ready until Thursday the 6th
**Friday, July 7** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Next Sunday,** **July 9**
 **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. Bible Study** at 11:15 a.m. either online via Google Meet or by joining
 Blair in person in the McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Yoga on the Green** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on the south lawn. (See the Bearing
 Fruit for more information.)
 **No Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – July 2, 2023**

**Yoga on the green**

The biggest asset our church community has is God’s people, the love they have for God, one another, and our neighbors. At our memorial services the love is really evident to outsiders, but how do we invite others to become better acquainted with that love?

That is one of the questions that the Jeremiah’s Task Force has been praying and talking about. Recently, they took note of two other assets that Southminster has: our parking lot and the great lawn behind the church building, just south of the Memorial Garden. They recalled the really wonderful time that many in our community enjoyed in our parking lot for our Trunk and Treat. Our great lawn has also hosted our Easter Saturday Celebration Egg Hunt.

The Jeremiah Task Force asked Session to try a special event: you are invited to our great lawn on Sunday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. for an hour of yoga fun led by a friend of Melissa Hammer: Katy Panek from Mindful Movements. We will not be providing food or beverages, but people are welcome/encouraged to bring a water bottle for themselves. Participants can bring their own yoga mat, towel or simply be on the grass. Children must bring their parents, and participants will be asked to sign a release which will be kept confidential. This event is free to everyone.

This is not the first yoga class taught at Southminster. A few years back Jeanette Fournier Virden, daughter of Art and Margaret Fournier, taught a few sessions for us in the narthex. Only members attended her classes.

The hope is that you will not only come but feel comfortable inviting a friend or neighbor… and that the smoke from Canada will be long gone. There will be no baby goats\*, but we hope God’s love will be evident.

\*Never heard of “goat yoga”? Google it – it’s a *thing!*

**Today we welcome** Rev. Grayson Van Camp to our pulpit and her husband, James, who will offer special music. We also welcome Cindy Trowbridge while our music director is away on vacation. We are delighted and grateful that our friends Grayson, James, and Cindy are here with us in worship. Together we bear the fruit of God’s love.