**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 6, 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 Youth in Mission.”

 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.**

 Hymn 48: *Rain Down* (sing 2 times)

 Hymn 66: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

 Call to Worship

 Leader: Jesus Chris welcomes us to his table.

 **People: Everyone is invited to share in the feast.**

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

 Hymn 526: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (all)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God most loving, holy, and just, for the times when we have embraced** **complacency, or given into hatred and selfishness, please forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit within us, help us to see the world through your eyes. May the things that break your heart break our own hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. 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.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**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 Sarah Allen

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

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons: Micah 6:6-8 Pew Bible, p. 866, (O.T.)

 Matthew 5:7 Pew Bible, p. 4, (N.T.)

 1 Peter 2:9-10 Pew Bible, p. 233, (N.T.)

 Sermon: “The Garden Path – Walking the Walk”

 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.**

 Hymn 70: *What Does the Lord Require of You?* (Tom will lead us in a canon.)

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 Anthem:  *Come As You Are*  David Crowder

 \**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:  *The Table*  Chris Tomlin

*We all will receive communion by intinction. 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 43: *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle’s Wings)* (all)

 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: Jessica Parks

Deacon Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino

Musicians: Tom Anderson

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Ralph and Caroline Linde to celebrate
their 61st wedding 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 so that Blair can meet with potential Youth Mission Team members. Adult Ed. will resume at 11:15 a.m. next Sunday.

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. After a vacation break, “Heart to Heart” will resume this Tuesday.

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. We’re all set for the rest of the month but coming up in August we’ll be looking for these:
 **August 13: “Our Summer Gardens”** - Flowers? Vegetables? Both? Please send us
 photos by this Thursday, August 10.
 **August 20: “Our Pets”** - Those adorable photos are not just for social media! Please
 send us pictures of your beloved pets by Thursday, August 17.
 **August 27: “Summer Fun”** – Let’s see some of the things you did to have fun this
 summer! Please send photos by Thursday, August 24.

**Send photos to our dedicated email address, used just for photos:** **PhotoStory@Southminsterpc.org. (**If you only have hard copies of your photos, please leave them in the photo box on Pastor Wendy’s desk, labeled with your name and the date they are to be used.)

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our Sunday-after-worship Bible class will resume our study of Zechariah on August 13. (Blair will be busy today with an important Youth Mission Team informational meeting after worship.)

**Want to be part of the Youth Mission Trip in 2024?** Join us for an informational meeting after worship on August 6. Guess what! You don’t have to be a youth to be a part. There are roles for adults, too. It is quite an experience! Come and find out!

 **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 contact 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.

**From the Mission Ministry:**
**Connecting with Our Sister Church in Guanabacoa, Cuba**

We are now in the process of planning our next trip to visit our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba. Five people in addition to Pastor Wendy Boden have expressed interest in being part of the group going, although some have restrictions on when they can go, so our next step is to work out the timing of the trip. If you have any questions about this plan, contact Gretchen Fleming at gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com or phone or text Gretchen at (630) 517-0926.

**Save your gently-worn shoes!** The shoe collection for Jolly Old Soles is coming back in September. During this month, please set aside your gently used shoes for the upcoming collection. Formal and casual shoes, boots, sandals… all are welcome, but we ask that you keep them at home until September, when the collection boxes are in place. Thank you.
Remember that **we are** **collecting bread tags and used (0-balance) gift cards**. Collection jars are on the shelf in the hallway opposite the pastor’s office. Please don’t cut the gift cards in half! They’re used to make guitar picks, and only whole gift cards are usable.

**From the Christian Education Ministry**

VBS is coming…

***“Blooming Together – One Day to Grow with God”***

Our one-day VBS will be on Saturday, August 12, with registration opening at 9:45 a.m. and the program starting at 10:00 a.m. The day will include an exploration of God’s green earth, from gardens of the Bible to local plants and produce, including hands-on gardening. Snacks and lunch (a fresh taco bar!) are included. And… it’s free!

Here’s how you can help:

* Register any kids you know who would like to come (kdg. to 5th grade). The registration is on the church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn>. Please register by August 8.
* Sign up to donate/loan things. The sign-up sheet is on Blair’s office door.
**Thanks** to all who have already signed up; please bring your items to Fellowship Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12.
* Join us as a volunteer or just come to see what is going on. Contact Blair Baldwin or Deb Bohi to volunteer or to learn more.

Volunteers will meet and decorate on Saturday, August 6, at 9:00 a.m.

**Thank you for helping our VBS successful.** Look for pictures in next month’s *Dialog*.

**Students** – bring your backpack or lunchbox to worship on August 20 for a **Blessing of the Backpacks** so the congregation can bless your new school year.

**Jubilee Bucks: Order today!**
Today is your only opportunity to order Jubilee Bucks in August. This is a good way to prepay for gas, groceries, school supplies, etc. The form showing what is available can be found online and is always attached along with the bulletin in Friday emails, but the form is not necessary to complete your order. Email bobbifrey@aol.com with a list of the merchants, the amount of each desired card, and the total number of cards ordered. Also include total dollar amount of your order. Cards will be delivered to you, and payment can be made at that time. They will arrive the 8th or 9th.

To date, your purchases of Jubilee Bucks have earned $901.57 in “free” money for our church. That’s a win-win!
Your next opportunity to order will be Labor Day weekend.

 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
People’s Resource Center (PRC) recently sent out a letter encouraging their contacts in DuPage County to help them restock their shelves. They have been receiving less help with donations from the public since prices began to go up.

Of course, many of us at Southminster have been faithfully providing products to PRC all along, taken there regularly by Bobbi Frey, who volunteers at PRC. Just for your information, below is a list of the items that PRC identifies as most needed at this time:

Peanut butter Jelly

Canned tuna Mayo

Canned chicken Canned corn (low sodium)

Chicken noodle soup Black beans (low sodium)

Mixed fruit (packed in fruit juice) Pasta sauce

Canned pineapple (packed in fruit juice) Dried/crushed tomatoes

Dry pasta Apple sauce

Rice Diapers (sizes 5, 6, 7)

Dried pinto beans Adult diapers (all sizes)

Vegetable soup Shampoo

Green beans (low sodium) Bars of soap

Ketchup Body wash

Mustard Toothpaste

Many thanks to all who continue to support PRC’s mission to meet our communities’ needs, neighbor to neighbor.

**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 Caroline and Ralph Linde celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary.

**We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - Thanks to God for the beautiful diversity of humanity!
 - 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 one day (this past Sunday, July 30), there were 5 mass shootings (involving 4 or more victims), leaving 2 dead and 31 injured. One shooting alone – at a block party in Muncie, Indiana – killed one and wounded 17, some critically. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current national statistics for mass shootings.
 - Wildfires in Canada causing air quality issues through the Midwest, including hazardous breathing conditions here
 - All who have been affected by extreme weather conditions – scorching heat, drought, tornadoes, floods
  - 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 loss of Ed.
  - 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:** - Prayers for Tom Grimsey, brother of Deb Bohi
 - Chris Kozich asks prayers for relief from pain and a cure for John D., who is starting treatments for stage 4 oral cancer, as well as prayers for his wife and mother as they care for him.
 - Tim O’Neal, a friend of Heidi Shierry and Barb Doppelt, is receiving care at home for bile duct cancer and recurring blood infections.
 - Helen Shierry is doing well on her chemotherapy with no side effects from the chemo drugs and feeling good. She is upbeat and thankful for all the prayers from our congregation.
  - Marta Sundquist, who had surgery for a brain tumor and has 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., 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:** - We pray for Grace Van Beveren, who has been moved to hospice care at Oak Brook Care, and for Gail Johnston, also in hospice care. Gail is at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card to Gail, please mail it to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.)
 - Bud Boden, Wendy’s father, home following hospitalization. He is “feeling slow.” He will have his gall bladder removed sometime after August 14. Pray for a surgery date.
 - Heidi Shierry asks prayer for her friend Sue, dealing with mental health issues
 - Marjorie Cilley, hospitalized with a broken hip and pneumonia
 - Donovan Eagan (Zee’s son), who broke both bones in his left forearm while playing. Zee says he’s improving steadily.
 - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale
  - 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 August, call Deb Bohi (630-935-1225). 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, August 6
Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **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** will not meet today. Instead… **Youth Mission Trip 2024 information meeting** with Blair N.at 11:15 a.m.
 in McHenry Parlor/Library
**Sunday afternoon through Wednesday** – Pastor Wendy Boden at a Continuing
 Ed. event

**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.
**Tuesday, August 8
 Sisters Knitting Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Deacons** meet at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, August 9**
 **Property Ministry** meets at 7:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, August 10
 Session docket deadline is noon today
Friday, August 11**
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, August 12
 “Blooming Together,” one day VBS** meets 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Next** **Sunday,** **August 13**
 **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

**Bearing Fruit – August 6, 2023**

**Youth Mission Trip – Mercy**

We come by faith in Jesus Christ, nothing else, but our acts of mercy demonstrate our love of God and neighbor. Jesus taught in Matthew that his disciples would be known by their fruit.

Our missions are one of the ways we bear the fruit of God’s love into the world. Youth Mission Trips are one of the ways Southminster supports our youth in growing in discipleship, being followers of Jesus Christ. For all of us at Southminster our mission work, our acts of mercy, help mature us as disciples.

Generally, we have the youth share their thoughts from the most recent mission trip on a Sunday in August, but this year our sermon will connect mercy, the Garden Path of the Beatitudes, with our youth mission trip.

They go to serve God, help other people, and share the good news of Jesus Christ by their example. Yes, they expect to have fun, but they also expect their faith to grow as they serve. The basic work is repairing homes of people who are elderly or poor. In the evenings, they worship with others from around the United States and with other Christian traditions. At night they sleep on the floor of the local school and eat cafeteria food.

Our youth have borne the fruit of God’s love in many places across the continental United States and every November right in Glen Ellyn on Sleep Out Saturday, where they support the work of Bridge Communities.

The gospel of Jesus Christ has two wings: Social (acts of mercy) and Salvation (the good news of Jesus Christ). As we share the gospel with our actions and our words of love and welcome, we bear the fruit of God’s love. We walk the walk of faith.