**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2024**

**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 “Earth Day.”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (Acts 1:3-4a)‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬‬

**After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father.**

  Prelude: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn 664: *Morning Has Broken* (all verses)

 Call to Worship  (Psalm 33)

 Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord.

 **People: God is our help and our shield.**

 Leader: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

 **People: Even as we put our hope in you.**

 **All:** **For the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!**

 Hymn: *City of God* (all) pg. 8, gold worship supplement

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord, there are times when we think we would do a better job running the world than you. There are moments when your timing seems off or you are not aware of what needs to be done. We are impatient, doubtful, and worried that if we wait, we will be missed or forgotten. Grant peace to our hearts and minds as we wait for your direction. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

 (Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

 The Good News of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:33-34)

 Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

 **People: Only Christ and Christ died for us;**

 Leader: Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us,

 **People: Christ intercedes for us.**

 **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

 Response 240: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (verse 1)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is the Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

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 The Passing of the Peace

 Word with Children Chris Kozich
 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

 *I Danced in the Morning* (refrain) Hymnal 157

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be;**

**I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,**

**And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

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Sydney Bertram Carter

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 Prayer for Illumination

 Scripture Lessons:  Acts 1:6-8 Pew Bible, p. 118 (N.T.)

 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Pew Bible, p. 118 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Don’t just do something – stand there!”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 (*PCUSA Book of Order* F-1.0301)

**Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world. The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.**

 Hymn: *In the Garden* (all verses) pg. 26, gold worship supplement

 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: *You Light Up My Life* Joseph Brooks

 \**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 250: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (all verses)

 ***Please be seated for a special Meeting of the Congregation.***

 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.**  Leader:  For the Lord is risen! **All:  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

 Postlude: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Pete Petersen
Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino
Musician: Dr. Derek Buckley
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Rita Zapel to celebrate Zoe’s 29th birthday tomorrow
(April 22).

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.
If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex.

**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 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.

We continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15) on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/> or by going to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. Watch here for the next opportunity coming up for you to share your photos:
 **Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the conclusion of this worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the nomination (by the Nominating Ministry) of Angela Smith as an elder.**

 **Session has also called a Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the conclusion of the worship service next Sunday, April 28. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the nomination (by the Nominating Ministry) of Francine Long as a deacon.**

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**:  Join us in the Parlor/Library Sunday at 11:15 a.m. for our Adult Bible Class’s study of the Gospel According to Matthew. To join us online, use this link: [<https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>](https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye). (Note that there will be no Adult Ed next week so you can attend the Jeremiah Task Force luncheon.)

**Youth and Youth Mission Team**:  The Talent Show is today! Please be in the sanctuary at 4:00 for rehearsal and set up.

**The Talent Show is tonight!** Southminster’s annual Talent Show, hosted by the amazing Sean Salin, is today, in the sanctuary, at 6:00 p.m. There will be an intermission with snacks, and we should be done before 8:00 p.m.

Contact Blair N if you have an act but have not yet signed up.

Think of our talent show like a big family get-together where tell jokes, stories, and sing songs. We may not have the polish, but we certainly have the fun. Talent Show is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip, heading to a workcamp in Dexter, Maine, this June. A free-will offering will be taken. Come, enjoy, and help support our Youth Mission Team.

Where has April gone? It’s already time to think about the newsletter for next month! **The deadline for the May *Dialog* is this Wednesday, April 24**!

**From the Mission Ministry:**

**Repeat Boutique clothing collection:** During the entire month of April we are making a collection of gently-used clothing for Repeat Boutique, which is a shop that provides clothing to those in need, including refugees who come to this country via World Relief. **They especially need children’s clothing**, but they can also use any gently-used adult clothing. There is a large box in the coat room in which you may deposit your donations.

**March Mission Madness 2024** has come to a close, and it was another great year, with the Women’s tournament adding extra excitement right up until the end! While many brackets picked the right teams to make it into the championship game, there were still quite a few surprises and upsets along the way to keep us wrapped up in the action.

Congratulations to our winners and the missions they chose:

**Women’s Championship:**

1. Barb Doppelt – 1,650 points (Walk-In Ministry)
2. Elise Henkels – 1,610 points (Metro Family Services)
3. Steve Henkels – 1,550 points (Cuba Sister Church)

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**Men’s Championship:**

1. TIE:  Chris Kozich – 1,390 points (Peoples Resource Center)
2. TIE:  Sarah Fleming – 1,390 points (Cuba Sister Church)
3. Steve Henkels – 1,370 points (Walk-In Ministry)

Bracket contributions totaled approximately $1,500, so each of these winners will have approximately $250 to donate to their designated missions. This is the most we’ve raised in the past 5 years, so thank you to everyone who participated!

**From the Worship Ministry**:

The **flower chart** for the remainder of 2024 is posted in the narthex. Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen, ridesrowdy@aol.com with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00 per arrangement. Thank you for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**From the Property Ministry**: **Join us next Saturday, April** **27**!
Our annual **Spring Clean-Up Day** is next Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: Saturday, May 4) You’re invited to join us – indoors and out – as we care for our beautiful church and grounds. Check with any Property Ministry member for ideas about what our projects will be and how you can help.

**From the Jeremiah Task Force: Join us for lunch next Sunday!**Please plan to join us for lunch next Sunday, April 28, at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. The meal (from Portillo’s) is free for all! We would like to discuss the book that was our Lenten reading: *When Church Stops Working: A future for your congregation beyond more money, programs, and innovation.* Everyone is welcome to join us for the Jeremiah Task Force Luncheon, whether you are a member or friend. Please sign up in the narthex—you’re not required to sign up to attend the meal, but knowing how many people to expect will help us know how much food to have!

**All women invited: First Wednesday Women’s Breakfast!**Our next monthly Women’s Breakfast will be Wednesday, May 1, at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. All women are invited to join us! 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**Thanks to all who have ordered gift cards! So far this year we have made $679.55 in "free" money for our church! Next time to order is May 5.  **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
It is amazing how much food we donate each week to PRC! They are excited when our delivery is dropped off each Monday. Your donations are very greatly appreciated!!!

PRC has provided a list of the items that are most needed. Copies are printed on bright green paper and are in the stand on the nametag shelf (main hallway – across from the offices). You can view the list online at the PRC website: <https://www.peoplesrc.org/give-food-or-goods/>. Many thanks to all who continue to support PRC’s mission to meet our communities’ needs, neighbor to neighbor.

**A note from Barb:** **Have fun and help SCARCE**! A friend from my church volunteers at SCARCE and often has boxes of donated jigsaw puzzles that need to be assembled so they’ll know whether all the pieces are there. I have several puzzles in the church office (under the front edge of the desk). Take one home, assemble it, and then put a note on the box: “All pieces here” or “Pieces missing.” Then bring it back so I can return it to SCARCE. (They have other things they can do with puzzles that are missing pieces – using pieces for art projects, for instance, or simply recycling the cardboard.)

**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, please send an update to the office once in a while. Thank you! Pastor Wendy**

**Joys and Concerns**  **The flowers today** are given by Rita Zapel to celebrate Zoe’s 29th birthday, which is tomorrow – April 22.
**We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - Laura Price, recovering from successful breast cancer surgery last week. Her doctor told her it looked like “the best case scenario.” She is a friend of Barb and Heidi – wife of Pastor Dave Price of the Glen Ellyn 1st United Methodist Church.
 - Megan Severson got amazing news on her CT scan! (And when the doctor says, “This is amazing!” then it must be!) Her current course of treatment has reduced her tumor and metastasized spots by 60-70%. She will continue treatment and have another scan in 3 months before determining next steps.
 - Thanks and praise that Ian Anderson has a new job!
 - Marta Sundquist had a clean MRI scan! “Clean” means there is a void where the tumor was but no blood supply feeding it, no new growth. She is done with chemo and will continue Optune and have regular MRIs.
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 - All who have been affected by the bridge collapse in Baltimore, especially the families of the workers who had no chance to get off the bridge before it collapsed.
 - Peace for Haiti and Sudan; Hamas, Israel, the people of Palestine, and the tangle of interests in the Middle East; Ukraine and Russia
  - Pray for our President and our legislative and judicial bodies
 - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. On just one day – this past Monday, April 15 – there were 48 incidents of gun violence in 22 states and the District of Columbia, killing 20 people and wounding 30 others. Go to [the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/last-72-hours) to see current statistics for shootings in our country.
  - We pray for our nation as we continue to wrestle with race relations.
  - We continue to pray for peace in the world
**Blessed are those who mourn:**
 - For the family and friends of Donna Henkels, sister-in-law of Steve and Elise, who died Wednesday morning after a serious illness
 - The family and friends of Rev. Richard Thompson, a former pastor of Southminster, who died recently. More information to come.
 - For the family and friends of Nancy Gaa, a very dear friend of Sarah Allen and Rita Zapel, who died suddenly Easter night
 - For the family and friends of Roy Sangmeister, who died after a very long illness
 - Barb Doppelt requests prayers for the family and friends of Jamie Insco, who died on Easter at age 43 after suffering a massive stroke and never regaining consciousness.
  - For the families and friends of Rod Boehmer (Katie Boston’s father), Ruth Thome (Parin’s aunt), Grace Van Beveren, Ed Koska, Dan Bohi, and those we name in our hearts and hold dear.
**We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:
*Please help us pray for your family and friends by updating your loved ones’ information with the church office. We support them and you in their journey.***
 - Prayers for Pam Greenholt, Linda Ellinghausen’s niece, whose cancer has returned  - We continue to pray for: Bobby B., Frank B., Katie B., Tom G., Dean L., Frank L., Jean K., Jan M., Nikki M., Rebecca M., Tim O., Laura P., Gerry S., Meagan S., Beverly W., Shelayne, and others we name in our hearts. **We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** - Rick Crilly, recovering from spinal surgery last week. Darlene said, “He can walk again. Thanks be to God!”
 - Jonathan and Derek Buckley and Delmar Meester ask prayers for their neighbor’s granddaughter, Mya, an 11-year-old who is suffering from an auto immune disease, requiring her to be wheelchair bound. She is currently doing physical therapy. Continuing prayers are needed for a speedy recovery.
 - All those who have medical concerns and upcoming medical procedures
 - All who are recovering from Covid, particularly John
 - Continued prayers for the Khouri family, friends of Derek Buckley, and their daughter Isabella. She is home and on daily dialysis until they’re able to find a kidney donor.
 - Oaklen, a grandchild of a friend of Tricia Smith, who has birth defects
 - Sandy Phee asks prayers for Linda Talaga, who had a bad eye infection and is now blind in both eyes.
  - Ann Anderson asks prayers for her neighbor, Dan, that he might get some good news for his heart condition.
 - Kaylee Gain, a St Louis area high school student who suffered traumatic brain injury after a brutal assault from a classmate
 - Prayers for all who are looking for meaningful employment
  - All those who are experiencing chronic pain.
  - For Faith and others who are depressed
  - Jim Smith, recovering at Brookdale, and for all who are recovering
  - We continue prayers for those in hospice care: Gail Johnston at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card to Gail, please mail it to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.); former President Jimmy Carter.
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force and all of us as we 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 April call 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.

**Regular 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, April 21**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook
 **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of the worship service
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting
 **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
 **Youth and Mission Team** – be here by 4:00 p.m. for rehearsal and set-up
 **Talent Show** – a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Team – at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Monday, April 22 – Pastor’s Sabbath**
**Tuesday, April 23**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, April 24** **eNotes go out, *but it is also the deadline for the May* Dialog**
 **Pastor’s Prelude Bible Study** at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Lois Stevenson
 **Welcome & Outreach** meets at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
**Thursday, April 25
 Young Adults Online** at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, April 26** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, April 27
 Spring Clean-Up Day**, indoors and out, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The rain date will be the following Saturday, May 4. **Next** **Sunday,** **April 28**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. - in person and also live on Facebook
 **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of the worship service
 **In-person Fellowship honoring Linda Ellinghausen** in the Narthex following the meeting
 **Jeremiah Task Force Lunch** at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 Pastor Wendy leaves late Sunday for a retreat; she will return to the office Tuesday mid-afternoon.

**Bearing Fruit – April 21, 2024**

**A loving community of Christian hope and love**
There are many ways to love and serve Jesus Christ in our faith community. Tonight at 6:00 is the annual Talent Show to raise funds to support the Youth Mission Trip to Dexter, Maine. Some of us are displaying our talent while others are enjoying the show. It is always a family fun evening. It will also be shown online on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

Following worship both today and next Sunday we will be electing officers – an elder today and a deacon next Sunday. Both offices, those of deacon and elder, are important to the health and wholeness of Southminster. We are grateful for these dedicated people who serve and work closely with our pastor.

This Saturday, April 27, is Spring Clean-Up Day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our building and grounds are signs of our presence in the DuPage County. Twice a year we ask members and friends to come and join in creating a place of community and worship that looks lovely and welcoming. (You can come any time during the work hours and stay as long as you are able.)

Next Sunday, April 28, we will have a special fellowship honoring Linda Ellinghausen, a longtime member who is moving to Lake Geneva, WI. She has given the gift of beauty and service to our Southminster community. She has served as a deacon, as a member of our Property Ministry, and as our “hall monitor.” With the 1980’s addition to our building she took it upon herself to recruit artists to display their works in our main hall – hence “hall monitor.” This brief description of her service is just the bare bones of her place in our hearts and in our faith community.

Also next Sunday we will have an all-church luncheon hosted by the Jeremiah Task Force. We will be serving Portillo’s beef, hot dogs, peppers, salad, and buns (gluten free will be available). The meal is a free gift from a friend. The Task Force will be leading a discussion about our Lenten Book Club book: *When the Church Stops Working* by Andrew Root and Blair Bertrand. You are not required to have read the book, though there are study guides available in the Narthex. (The guide – all chapters compiled in one pdf file – was attached to last Wednesday’s eNotes and to the Friday email.) We need your participation and input as we discern God’s leading as a faith community. There is a sign-up sheet for the lunch in the Narthex or you may email the office if you plan to attend. (We need an idea of how much food to order.) Please join us as we seek God’s leading for us in the 21st century.

We don’t all have the same interests, skills, or talents, but we do share the love of Jesus Christ. Together we are a loving community of Christian hope and love seeking to bear the fruit of God’s love in the world.