**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 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 “Linda Ellinghausen.”

 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 Medley: *Were You There* and *The Old Rugged Cross*

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn: *I’ll Fly Away* (all verses) pg. 24, gold worship supplement

 Call to Worship  (Jeremiah 33:2-3)

 Leader: The Lord who formed the earth spoke:

 **People: “Call to me and I will answer you.**

 Leader: I will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

 **People: For the Lord is risen!**

 **All:** **He is risen indeed!**

 Hymn 726: *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we need you. We cannot renew our lives without you. We need your help, power, and Spirit in order to grow more and more into your image. We fear what is different. We want to turn inward, locking our hearts and our thresholds to those who are different from us. Give us courage to listen – to listen to you and to one another – and trust your story of redemption in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Lord and savior. 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 Blair Baldwin
 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

As the children leave:

 *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:  Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14 Pew Bible, p. 731 (O.T.)

 Acts 2:1-4 Pew Bible, p. 119 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Together in One Place”

 Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)
 (*PCUSA Book of Order* F1.02)

 Christ Calls and Equips the Church

**Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he will.**

 Hymn 835: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (all 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 Anthem: *Praise to the Lord* Gordon Young

 \**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 280: *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (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

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden
Liturgist: Jesica Parks
Greeter/Fellowship: Sue Knisely
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given to celebrate Walt Briney’s birthday.

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. Our fellowship today is a special reception to say good-bye, thank you, and God bless to Linda Ellinghausen.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet today because of the lunch downstairs at 11:00.
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. Here’s the next opportunity for you to share your photos:
 May 5: “**Our Talent Show**” – Send photos by this Thursday, May 2.

**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.

 **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 Francine Long as a deacon.**

**From the Jeremiah Task Force: Join us for lunch today!**Please plan to join us for lunch today 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.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**:  The Jeremiah Task Force lunch is today, so our adult Bible class will not meet. Looks like we are good to meet every Sunday after that up to Memorial Day weekend.

**Men’s Group**:  The consensus seems to be that Saturday, May 18, should work for our next meeting. Let’s gather at 9:00 a.m. Should it be coffee and donuts again, or should we get more ambitious?

**Youth**:  Great job on the Talent Show! Are you ready for fun and games with **Pizza & Games** today, 4:00-6:00 p.m.? Please let Blair N. know that you are coming.

**Talent Show**: Thanks to all who performed last Sunday evening: Nick K, Lynn F, all the Parks, Lauren H and Maggie M, Gracie S, Noah S, Wendy B & Blair N, and the youth group/youth mission team. Of course, Talent Show would not be Talent Show without Mr. Red Vest himself, Sean S. Thanks to all who attended, enjoyed, and donated to the Youth Mission Team. You donated $787.00 to help pay for our workcamp trip to Dexter, Maine, June 20-30. (Since Nick taught us to enjoy trivia, you can fill in the last names of our performers as a trivia challenge!)

**From the Mission Ministry:**

**Repeat Boutique clothing collection ends this Tuesday, April 30!**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.

**For our sister church in Cuba**: On May 21 a team of 6 people from Southminster will leave to visit our sister church in Guanabacoa, Cuba. From today through May 12, we will collect items for our mission team to take with them. These are items that are sorely lacking in Cuba.

**Items for collection for our sister church in Cuba**

**For children’s activities**:

 Paste—glue sticks, or school glues

 Scotch tape—single sided, in different widths

 Colored paper

 Christian themed and other types of stickers

**Over-the-counter medicines—large bottles when possible (which will be doled out in small bags)\***

 Acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol) 500 mg. tablets *(containers of 200 or more pills when
 possible)*

 Ibuprofen (e.g. Advil, Motrin) 200 mg. tablets *(containers of 200 or more pills when
 possible)*

 Naproxen Sodium (e.g. Alleve) 220 mg. tablets *(containers of 300 or more pills when
 possible)*

 Antifungal creams (e.g. Clotrimazol) 2 oz. or 60 gm tube

 Triple antibiotic ointment 1 oz. or 28 gram tube

 Hydrocortisone cream 1 oz or 28 gm or 2 oz. or 60 gm tube

 Medicines for stomach (e.g. Omeprazol, Famotidine or Zantac) 20 mg. tablets

**Vitamins—large bottles when possible (which will be doled out in small bags)\***

 Complete Multivitamins for adults and seniors

 Complete Multivitamins for children –chewables (not gummies)

 Vitamin C 500 milligram tablets *(large containers whenever possible)*

**Bed and bath items needed (should be new):**

 Flat sheets for single beds *(not fitted because they may not fit the mattresses used)*

 Sets of sheets for queen-sized bed

 Bath Towels (**bath towels in Cuba should be thin: plush towels do not dry out)**

 Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes (very small size only)

\***For the over-the-counter medicines and vitamins, save your money and the space needed to pack them by purchasing the larger bottles whenever possible. Also purchase the generic or house brands when you can because they are much more economical. The most reasonable places to purchase medications and vitamins are usually Walmart, Target, and Amazon.**

***Please bring donations by Sunday, May 12.***

*You may contact Sue Knisely if you have questions about items to donate: 630-776-7998 (phone or text) or* sueknisely@gmail.com.

**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.

**All women invited: First Wednesday Women’s Breakfast!**Our next monthly Women’s Breakfast will be this 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.

**Presbyterian Women** will have our final meeting for the 2023-2024 year on Friday, May 17, when we will celebrate the past year of activities and the coming of summer with our **Annual Spring Luncheon**,to be held at Reserve 22 at 11:30 a.m. All women of the church are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women’s bulletin board just outside the Parlor/Library. All who wish to go should sign up by May 10.

**Jubilee Bucks: order next Sunday!**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 next Sunday, May 5.

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
Many thanks to all who contribute to People’s Resource Center! The need is definitely there! Last week they served 544 families. This is about the weekly average. Each family received over 60 pounds of food- pasta, rice, canned corn, soup, tomato sauce, tuna, cereal, salad greens, apples, squash, potatoes, bread, pastries, meat, milk, eggs, and other assorted items. 544 families at 60 pounds each equals ***over 30,000 pounds of food a week!*** Our donations do help make a difference!

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.

**Southminster Musicians: In Perfomance!**
Our Ann Anderson and David Kozich are playing in a concert with Sinfonietta DuPage this Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 21W500 Butterfield Rd., Lombard.

Our Derek Buckley will sing with Sinfonietta Bel Canto in the U.S. premiere of Daniel François Auber’s comic one-act opera “Le Concert à la Coeur ou La Débuntante.” Also on the program will be Saint-Saëns’ Second Symphony, op. 55. Performances are Friday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove, and Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m. at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook.

**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 to celebrate Walt Briney’s birthday.
**We give thanks to God for joys:**
 - Nicole Russell, who will receive a Dr. of Nursing, Neonatal Practitioner, on Saturday
 - Dean Lohrback, a high school classmate of Lanny’s for whom we’ve been praying, has been declared cancer free!
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**
 - 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 Sunday, April 21 – there were 90 incidents of gun violence in 28 states, killing 39 people and wounding 66 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 last week after a serious illness
 - The family and friends of Rev. Richard Thompson, a former pastor of Southminster, who died on April 11. His service will be at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ft. Collins, Colorado, on May 13 at 5:00 p.m. A peace lily will be sent from Southminster.
 - 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
  - 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., 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:** - Prayers for all who are looking for meaningful employment
 - Rick Crilly, recovering from spinal surgery
 - 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
 - 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.
  - 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); in May call Lynn Ferino (630-272-2269). 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 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.
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Tuesday, April 30**
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, May 1** **Women’s Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. at Danby’s Station
 **the May *Dialog* goes out**
 **No Pastor’s Prelude Bible Study** today
**Thursday, May 2** Hawthorn Garden Club at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 **Worship Ministry** meets at 6:00 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Choir rehearsal** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Young Adults Online** at 8:30 p.m. **Friday, May 3** A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
**Saturday, May 4
 Spring Clean-Up Day (rain date)**
**Next** **Sunday,** **May 5**
**Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey@aol.com by 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 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
 **Confirmation class** at 11:15 a.m. in the pastor’s office
 **Youth: Pizza & Games** at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Bearing Fruit – April 28, 2024**

**God is faithful still**

In 2011 Southminster Presbyterian Church celebrated our 50th anniversary jubilee. We made a year of it by inviting former pastors, both called and installed pastors and interims, each preaching on their own Sunday. The celebration culminated on Labor Day weekend. Most of the former pastors attended, including former members and youth directors of Southminster who had become pastors. That Jubilee weekend was a glorious day celebrating what God had done and what God will do in the ministry of Southminster.

Our Bearing Fruit writings began as part of the Celebration of our Jubilee, highlighting stories of faith, love, and service from the past but also the present. After our celebration at the request of many we continue to write about Southminster’s faithfulness, love, and service through the grace of God. Our Bearing Fruit later transformed due to Covid into the Welcome Letter, when we started sending the worship bulletins to friends and members by email on Friday. Over the years we have witnessed God’s faithfulness to the members and friends of Southminster. Our stories are God’s story of redemption in the world.

Today we are saying good-bye, thank you, and God speed to Linda Ellinghausen, who has been part of our faith community for decades. She was instrumental in our Jubilee celebration, but she has also been an elder, a deacon, president of the Women’s Association, treasurer of the Presbyterian Women, member of the Worship Arts Team, member of Property Ministry, and the guiding hand of our Art Gallery. There is probably more. We will miss Linda, but we also know that the people of God are a worldwide fellowship of Christ that stretches beyond time and place. Our coffee fellowship today will honor Linda. Following our coffee fellowship, Linda will join us at the Jeremiah Luncheon downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

If you have not signed up for the luncheon, please consider attending anyway. Your story is an important part of what God has done, is doing, and will do at Southminster. The Jeremiah Luncheon is the beginning of waiting for God’s direction. Please join us, and together we will bear the fruit of God’s love.