**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 25, 2025**

**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/Photo Story: “Paving the Way Forward”

 Welcome and Announcements

 Lighting the Candles (1 John 1:1-4)

**That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.**

 Prelude

[Please remain seated while singing the opening song.]

 Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*  (all verses)

 Call to Worship   (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

 Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

 **People: There are different ways of serving God,
 but it is the same Lord who is served.**

  Leader: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

 **People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

 **All: Together we are the body of Christ,
 and individually members of it.**

 Hymn 339: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (all verses)

 Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord, you ask us to forgive, be patient, be gracious, and not just be tolerant but loving. There are times when this seems impossible. The effort appears too immense. Even so, you have forgiven us. You are patient, gracious, and loving with us. Please help us to live out what you have given us through Jesus Christ; in the power of your Holy Spirit, 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 Blair Baldwin
 Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

As the children leave:

 *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

 Scripture Lessons:  2 Peter 3:10-17 Pew Bible, p. 238 (N.T.)

 Galatians 2:11-21 Pew Bible, p. 188 (N.T.)

 Sermon: “Peter and Paul”

 Hymn 69: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)* (verse 1 + refrain)

Verse 1

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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 Ordination and Installation

 Presentation

**To be Installed as Elder**

 Andrea Schmidt, Class of 2028

**To be Ordained and Installed as Deacon**

 Heather Kralicek, Class of 2028

**To be Installed as Deacon**

Paul Jeziorski, Class of 2026

Barb Kocinski, Class of 2028

 Our Common Ministry

 Questions to Elders and Deacons

 Questions to the Congregation

 Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders
 and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
 to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

 **All: We do.**

 Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions,
 and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone
 is head of the Church?

 **All: We do.**

 Prayer of Ordination

 Congregational Prayer (unison)

**Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church
that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

 Welcome to Ministry

 Response: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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: *A Living Prayer*  Ron Block/Alison Krauss and Union Station

 \**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 340: *This Is My Song* (all)

 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: Victor King
Greeter/Fellowship: Lynn Ferino
Elder at the Door: Julie Storey
Musicians: Tom Anderson, Paul Jeziorski
Worship Associate: David Kozich
Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given by Donna Marton for daughter Katie’s birthday.

**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,
We have refreshed our list of people fighting cancer following Luminaria Sunday. Please make a point of sending an email, text, phone call, or filling out a blue prayer request and letting the people of Southminster know who you would like us to keep in prayer. All prayer requests are welcome. We want to be able to know who to talk to in order to follow up on all the people we pray for each week.

*New requests and updates are italicized in our prayer list.*

**Joys and Concerns**
*The flowers today* *are given by Donna Marton for daughter Katie’s birthday.* **We give thanks to God for joys: (*Romans 12:15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”*** *- Jonathan continues to improve.
 - Dr. Madison Jeziorski graduated from med school and is starting residency in Texas.
 - Deb Bohi asks for prayers of joy for her friend Sue Clary (who is also the friend of many at Southminster) as she retires and starts new adventures.
 - “Help! Thanks! Wow!”
 - We are thankful for Katie’s presence in the world and pray that she will continue to enjoy many more birthdays. May she know your love and share it with others.* **We pray for the whole world and our nation: *(1 Timothy 2:1-2) “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”***
 - We pray for all those affected by devastating tornadoes that struck Missouri and Kentucky last week.
 - Our trans siblings and families, prayers for serenity and peace.
 - We join with our Catholic sisters and brothers around the world to celebrate the new pope, Pope Leo XIV. We ask for divine wisdom and grace for him in this leadership role.
 - May we resist the temptation to hate and embrace the law of love.
  - Lord, may you grant all our leaders and authorities wisdom, justice, and empathy as they carry out their duties.
 - We pray for people in prison. May they know that you have not forgotten them.
 - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation. May our public servants come together to solve this problematic issue. Bring comfort to those who have suffered loss because of gun violence, and we ask you to reach out to those who are so very desperate to pick up guns to resolve their issues and pain.
 - We pray for the peace of the world and all her people. May they have food, shelter, clean water, clothing, health, and loving relationships.
**Blessed are those who mourn: *(Romans 12:15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”*
We continue to lift up the families and friends of:** - Ruben Nelson, former colleague of Lanny
 - Alicia Rasnic
 - Bobette Barfod, our pastor’s mother
  - Joan Koska
 - Linda Wolf Jeziorski, and for Paul, her husband
  - Gail Johnston, Andrea Schmidt’s mother
  - Franklin Keith Beeler, Angela Smith’s father
  - 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 the church office with the information of your loved ones. We support them and you in their journey.
 - Former President Joe Biden, diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer
We continue to pray for Alyssa, Kerri, Margaret F., Marge H., Ginny O., Cis R., Marta S.,
Meagan S., Shelayne, Kurt Parent, who is now in palliative care, and those we name in our hearts.
**We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:** *- Barb’s friends, Tony and now also Sue, both recuperating after serious falls*  - Helen Shierry (Steve’s mom) has been moved into memory care. She continues to have balance problems – she fell on Mother’s Day. We continue to pray for Steve and Heidi as they support her.
  - Jack Thorne, recovering at home now, aided by his daughter
  - Helen Shierry (Steve’s mom), now in a skilled nursing center with continuing health issues. We also pray for Steve and Heidi as they support her.
 - Jim Smith, at Brookdale, and all who are in care centers
**Prayers for our worshiping community and the Jeremiah Task Force** as we discern together God’s call on SPC for the 21st century.

**This week at Southminster:**  **Sunday, May 25**
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **Fellowship time** will follow the service.
 **Staff meeting**, 11:00 a.m., Pastor’s office
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study**, 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
**Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27
 No Heart to Heart today**
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday-Friday –** **Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart on
 Facebook live at 5:05 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28
 eNotes go out, but it is also the deadline for the June *Dialog*
 Men of Southminster** at 7:30 p.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library **Thursday, May 29
 Staff calendar meeting**, 12:30 p.m., Parlor/Library
 **Choir rehearsal,** 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Young Adults Video Club**, 8:30 p.m.
**Friday, May 30**
 A.A., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
**Next** **Sunday,** **June 1
Order Jubilee Bucks** by contacting bobbifrey@aol.com before 9:00 p.m.
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook
 **“Tailgate” Fellowship** will follow the service in the parking lot, weather permitting
 **Start bringing donations for the rummage sale after worship**
 **Staff meeting**, 11:00 a.m., Pastor’s office
 **Adult Ed. Bible Study**, 11:15 a.m. in McHenry Parlor/Library
 **Artists’ Reception**, 12:30 p.m., Hallway Gallery and Narthex
 **Continuing the Conversation**, 12:30 p.m.
**Monday-Friday, June 2-6**
 You may bring **donations for the Rummage Sale** every day this week. Donations should be brought to Fellowship Hall. Call the church first to be sure someone will be there to let you in if you don’t have a key. Contact Blair Nelson (630-917-6035) if you need access.

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, please wear a name tag; they are on the Mission shelf in the Narthex and on the shelf across from the church offices. Following the service, you are invited by the deacons to gather for a time offellowship in the narthex.

**Our “Comfort Zone”** – It is still cold, flu, and Covid season, so we continue to have a “comfort zone” toward the back of the sanctuary. You may wear a mask, of course, if you so choose.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study,** **11:15 a.m.:** If you’re at church and wish to join us, get your coffee at fellowship time and then find Blair 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 5:05 p.m. most weeks Tuesday through Friday. ***Note: This week Heart to Heart will be shared Wednesday 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 coming opportunities to share your photos.

**Calling all musicians, vocal or instrumental!** If you would like to offer your musical gifts in worship during the summer, please talk to Tom Anderson on a Sunday when he is here, by text at 651-246-5029, or by emailing the office (admin@southminsterpc.org) and we’ll forward your message.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**
**Adult Education**: Our study of Philippians continues this Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor/Library. Looking ahead, summer is almost here, with summer travels and other events. So our Adult Class will meet when enough folks are available; keep an eye on eNotes and Sunday bulletins for dates. In June, the 1st and 22nd are the only dates Blair is available for our class.

**Men of Southminster**: Be sure to have this Wednesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. on your calendar for our next get-together.

**Youth**: Remember that **Rummage Sale** is June 7 & 8. Mission Trippers, look for an email coming soon with details about preparing for our trip to the Rosebud Reservation.
 **The Rummage Sale!** Southminster’s annual Rummage Sale is coming Saturday and Sunday, June 7 & 8. You can begin bringing your donations into Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday, June 1, and any time during that week. Price stickers are available on the counter in the main hall. Clothes and books get flat rates, so no need to price those. ***Please do not donate furniture or electronics—they don’t sell, and we have to pay to get rid of them.***

Donations should be brought to Fellowship Hall. Call the church first to be sure someone will be there to let you in if you don’t have a key. Contact Blair Nelson (630-917-6035) if you need access.

This is one of our largest fundraisers for the Youth Mission Trip, and your support in donating and shopping is priceless! If you have the time and energy to donate some sweat, please help us set up on Saturday, June 7, at 7:00 a.m. The sale begins at 8:00, so we need to haul everything out into the parking lot by then.

**From the Mission Ministry: It’s time to watch your “Gifts Grow”**
During the month of May (and there are only a few days left!), you can donate to your favorite Southminster-sponsored organization and have your donation doubled with matching mission funds. Got $50 to donate? Southminster will chip in another $50 to the mission of your choice.

Consider making a donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, baptism, graduation, or a special someone. Then watch as the donations grow week-by-week in the narthex bulletin board display.

Simply write a check to Southminster and note that it is for Gifts Grow – or use the Gifts Grow envelopes available at church. Be sure to indicate your choice of mission on the envelope or check. Donations must be received by Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Southminster’s Gifts Grow-supported missions include:

 **Bridge Communities People’s Resource Center**

 **Cuba Sister Church Walk-In Ministry**

 **DuPage PADS World Relief**

 **Metropolitan Family Services Youth Mission Trip**

Matching funds are capped at $522 per family, $1,624 per organization and $5,800 total. The Mission Ministry reserves the right to designate use within a given fund.

**From the Worship Ministry**:

The **flower chart for the remainder of 2025** is posted in the Narthex. Please sign up in person or email Sarah Allen at sarah.cleland.allen@gmail.com with your choice of flower dates and honoree. Flowers remain $35.00. Thanks for your support of the Flower Ministry at Southminster.

**From the Deacons: Can you help?**
In the narthex this Sunday there will be a signup board. If you would be willing to help the deacons once in a while, check it out! Occasionally we need assistance, such as extra food for receptions or special fellowships, rides for members to church or appointments, or meals for those going through difficult times. Signing up means only that you're willing to be called to see if you're available when we need assistance; it does not mean you're required to help each time we call. We plan to do this signup each May. Thank you from the deacons.

**Women’s Monthly Breakfast – Wednesday, June 4**Are you looking for a way to meet other women in the church without having to serve on a committee or attend a meeting? Then the Women’s Monthly Breakfast may be just the thing for you. The breakfast is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Danby’s Station (750 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn). The next breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gretchen Fleming. All women of the church are invited to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship in a casual environment.

**An invitation to all from the Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Foundation and People’s Community Church:**On Thursday, June 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will have a **Juneteenth Celebration**: A Reckoning: Reclaiming the Past, Remembering Black Voices, Reshaping the future. Join us as we celebrate the culture of African Americans on Juneteenth through food, music, and ceremony to celebrate freedom and culture. Peoples Community Church is at 670 S. Lambert Road, Glen Ellyn.

**Jubilee Bucks – order next Sunday, June 1**Thanks to all who order Jubilee Bucks! So far this year Southminster has earned $835.67 from the sale of gift cards.
Next chance to order: June 1

**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)**:
This is the 50th year People’s Resource Center is distributing food to our neighbors in DuPage County! That first year, bags of groceries were shared from a house with 125 families. This past year, groceries were provided over 63,000 times! Our weekly trunkful of groceries from Southminster is truly appreciated! Not only does PRC distribute food, they also assist people with other needs - ELL (English Language Learner) classes, job assistance, social work, computer classes and repair, gas cards, rental assistance, tutoring, art classes, and more. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated!

**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 from May 13-June 10, call Deacon 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. You may 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.

**Bearing Fruit – May 25, 2025
Ordination and Installation of New Officers… and more**
There is talk about having a tailgate fellowship after worship next week to celebrate our new parking lot. Keep watching for more information about it this week!

**Ordination and Installation of New Officers**Presbyterians ordain not only their pastors, but also their Ruling Elders and Deacons. Today we are ordaining and installing Heather Kralicek in the office of Deacon. Andrea Schmidt is being installed as an Elder. Next week, we will install Melissa Hammer for a one-year term as elder. The Deacons being installed today are Paul Jeziorski and Barb Kocinski.

The following people have faithfully served God and our church family for several years. Thank you! We praise God for you! Elders: Sarah Allen\*, Christina Kozich\*, Steve Shierry\*, and Deacon Beth Bonde. (\*Two terms of office)

**Gifts Grow**During the month of May, you have the opportunity to contribute to our missions, and the Mission Ministry will match your gifts up to a total of $5,800 for the entire event. Gifts Grow is one of the ways we come together to bear the fruit of God’s love. Gifts Grow contributions to our missions are shown on a chart in the narthex. The missions are Bridge Communities, Cuba Sister Church, DuPage PADS, Metropolitan Family Services (formerly Family Shelter Service), People’s Resource Center, Walk-In Ministry, World Relief, and the Youth Mission Trip.

Program restrictions:
 - Gifts must be received by June 1, 2025.
 - You must designate your gift to one of the 8 listed missions already supported by Southminster Church.
 - Only gifts up to $522 per family will be matched.
 - Only $1,624 will be matched to any onemission.

And let’s not forget **Memorial Day**!
Our community has a special event planned:
The Glen Ellyn American Legion, Post 3 invites you to the Memorial Day Celebration Program at Lake Ellyn Park Memorial tomorrow (Monday, May 26). We will gather at 10:30 a.m., and the program will start at 11:00 a.m. Come and help remember those veterans who gave their lives in defense of our freedom. The Glenbard West choir and the Glenbard South band will add to the program as well as some great speakers. There is no admission; this is a free event. All are welcome.

Southminster loves our community, loves to bless the world, and loves one another. There are many ways we bear the fruit of God’s love.