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*We are a Reconciling Congregation!*

*Grow, Play and Serve with a people with  
Hearts for Children and Hands for Service.*

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**CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY**  
**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 24, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Johann Walther

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Darkness descended over the land; the people lived in fear. Then something so unexpected happened, something that filled the people with surprise. A star burned brightly in the heavens, a star beyond imagining. Fears are vanished; failures are forgiven. God has heard our cries and has given us hope. Come, let us celebrate God's light given to us for peace. Let us praise the God of hope, the God of all nations. Amen.**

HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*  
Lindsay Kleckner, soloist

*Vs. 1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Vs. 2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.*

*Vs. 3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.*

*Vs. 4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Beth Peterson

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 8:18-30*

SERMON

*Can You Recognize Jesus?*

Bishop John Hopkins

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

*If you have a special prayer request, please call or email the church office.*

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during January, February and March will go to Wesley Child Care Center Scholarship Program.*

*Please mail your offering to the church office or donate online.*

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

*Wesley Child Care Center Scholarship Program*

Craig Solomon, Director

HYMN

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

### SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

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*Following the loving example of Jesus Christ, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God. We welcome into the life and ministry of Glenview United Methodist Church all persons of every age, ability, race, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, marital status, sexual orientation, family configuration, or socioeconomic or employment status.*

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **OUR PASTOR**

regularly calls all members of the congregation who are known to be in the hospital. If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the church office.

### **PROJECTS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VOLUNTEER MONTH - JANUARY 2021**

Since we are not able to meet in groups at this time for MLK Service Day, if you are interested, here are some suggestions of helping others by making items at home. Start around Jan. 4 or later, turn in items to the church office by Jan. 30. For more information, patterns, recipe or kits or item pick up, contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361 or [lareth@aol.com](mailto:lareth@aol.com). Instructions and recipes can also be picked up in the church office.

For Midwest Mission Distribution Center - sew school bags, layette kimona or layette gown - instructions; knit or crochet baby sweaters - instructions

For animal shelters - dog biscuits - recipes

For ill or traumatized children - Linus blankets - kit or pattern

For Mary Lou's place - a shelter for battered women and their children - gift baskets - list of needed items

For the elderly - in nursing homes or Meals on Wheels - make cheerful placements - paper provided

### **THERE WILL BE NO RUMMAGE SALE IN MARCH!**

If you have been saving warm clothing for the sale, please consider donating it to our warm clothing drive for our sister church.

### **WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT**

warm clothing for our sister church, Olivet UMC, throughout the winter months. The box will be in the rotunda across from the church office. Just drop off your donations any time Mon - Thurs 10 am - 2 pm.

### **DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD PANTRIES AS YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING - THEIR SUPPLIES ARE LOW!**

They especially need boxed cereal, boxed potatoes, soups, rice and rice mixes and pet food. The donation bin is in the rotunda.

### **NEW YEAR, NEW BOOK AND NEW GROUP!**

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom to study the Book of Romans. Paul's letter to the early Christians in Rome is the most significant letter in the history of Christianity. The impact of the book of Romans on Christian belief, behavior, spirituality and worship has been profound. No book to buy, just notify Pastor Eun-Hye that you would like to join so she can send you the link every Wednesday.

### **ARE YOU STRESSED, ALONE, ANXIOUS, WORRIED OR JUST NEED TO TALK TO OTHERS?**

Then please join our Thursday confidential Zoom support group. It is held every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Meet with Pastor Eun-Hye and others who share your concerns. Email Pastor Choi to get the zoom link ([echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org)).

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY -**

Contact Pastor Eun-Hye by email at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) or cell: 847-525-7261.

**LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES**

in the offering plate during January, February and March will go to *Wesley Child Care Center Scholarship Assistance Program*. This program is committed to providing financial assistance to families in need of quality child care. This program assists low-income families and in other instances helps families in need due to a loss of a family member, health issues, or other short term emergency. Since full paying families do not subsidize families on scholarship, Wesley must depend on contributions from a variety of other sources. Wesley provides nearly 60 scholarships annually. If you are called to give more, please submit a check with *Wesley CCC* on the memo line.

**THIS WEEK:**

**January 24 - January 31, 2021**

**Sunday:** 11:00 "Coffee Fellowship" Time via Zoom  
4:30 GUMYouth/Confirmation via Zoom  
**Monday:** Deadline for February Visitor articles  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 Staff meeting via Zoom  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 Adult Study on Romans via Zoom  
**Thursday:** February Visitor mailed  
2:00 Support Group via Zoom  
**Saturday:** 7 am A. A., choir room

**Next Sunday:**

9:30 Sunday school on Zoom  
10:00 Worship on line  
11:00 "Coffee Fellowship" Time via Zoom  
4:30 GUMYouth/Confirmation via Zoom

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