



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

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

REMINDER:

We have 4 hearing-enhancing devices that can be used for those that need them. Please ask Ed Porrett in the sound booth for his help with these.

**6th Sunday After Pentecost
Independence Day**

July 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God Bless Our Native Land

Wilbur Held

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Everlasting God of righteousness and grace, as our nation celebrates this Independence Day, remind us of our complete dependence upon you. We look to you for your wisdom and mercy as important issues are discussed. On this day, we ask you to keep this nation, and all nations, under your care, that we may be peoples who are at peace, and who are a blessing to others on this earth. Grant our nation's leaders wisdom, that there would be times of peace and justice in our land and in our world. On this day keep all of us grounded not in our strength but in yours, ever relying upon the promise that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength ... They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." All of this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

America the Beautiful
Barb Galarza, soloist

696

*If you would like
to follow along.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Chronicles 12:38-40

(Pew Bible p. 646)

*GOSPEL

Luke 5:27-32

(Pew Bible p. 1601)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Table of Unity

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during June
will go to Heifer Project International.*

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

618

*If you would like
to follow along.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion

Invitation

People across this country came together around tables: picnic tables, kitchen tables, dining tables... and whether it was BBQ, fried chicken, Mom's favorite homemade dish, hot dog stand, potluck, whatever was in the pantry or whatever they could afford, many paused to remember the value of independence and hopefully enjoy the company of friends and loved ones. Today we gather around another table to remember what true freedom really means. All are invited to this Table of Freedom. You don't have to earn it or fight for it. You simply have to accept the chair pulled up already for you. Yet, as we prepare ourselves for this feast, we are called to admit the complexity that lies at the edges of our celebrations.

Prayer of Confession

For all the ways we colonize each other with expectations, beliefs, judgments, and our own fear...

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we squander right relationship grabbing to "have" more while some go without.

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we abuse our freedom engaging hateful speech towards those not on "our" side.

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we deny equality deeming some "in" and others "out."

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "I have come to set the prisoner free."

No matter what binds you this day, freedom is yours through new life in Christ.

In the name of him who came to loose the chains, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, set free. Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Liberating God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts with joy.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give praise to the Author of Freedom.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and holy thing,
to give our praise to you this day.

Liberator of all Humankind.

You unleashed your creative power and a world blossomed.

You bestowed upon every living thing life and breath, color and movement.

No matter how many battles we wage within and between ourselves and against you,
your promise, vision and gift of peace and abundance continues.

And so we lift up our voices in celebration of You.

Holy, holy, holy are You.

We join all the prophets and saints.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We join the parade of justice.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

We add our cries and exclamations.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus.

To those who were imprisoned by status, law, illness, poverty, gender, age, disease,
he said, "your belief has set you free. You are a child of God."

He invited disciples, friends and strangers alike to his tables.

[lift the bread]!

He proclaimed God's grace to all with whom he broke bread.

[lift the cup]!

He proclaimed God's love to all with whom he shared the cup.

And he told us to remember:

freedom has come.

Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body,

so that we might be free to love without condition,

invite without hesitance, go without reservation

and proclaim your freedom to all the world.

Let the people say, "**Amen!**"

Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God from Whom Who All Blessings Flow

Piet Post

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.

We follow the United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries guidelines as part of our child protection policy.

USHER:

LAY READER: Sue Acer

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

EARLY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

There will be a worship service outside the sanctuary on July 18 at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy the fresh morning air and hear the word of God. Chairs will be arranged on the front lawn in the shade. If you haven't been to church since the pandemic began, this is a great opportunity to worship in person. Another early morning worship is planned for August 15.

LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES

In the offering plate will go towards Heifer Project International. Heifer Project is a worldwide self-help organization that provides livestock and other animals, as well as agricultural services to over more than 84 countries. Each recipient of an animal agrees to give the first female offspring to someone else in need. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs, and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and sustainable livelihood.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We invite the congregation to commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or a child's special achievement by hosting the altar flowers on Sunday. On your flower Sunday, a note commemorating your event will be published in the Sunday Bulletin. Of course, "To the Glory of God" is always a good choice too. There is a small fee for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service. Call the church office to reserve your Sunday.

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Necessities Network Gardens are ready for planting. It's too late for seeds but plants will still have plenty of time to grow. We are offering a limited number of beds to the GUMC family. If you would like to plant a bed, please call the church office. The idea is for you to take a little and give a lot. You are welcome to plant anything you would like in the hopes that 80% of the harvest goes to the Northfield Township food pantry

MIDWEEK MEDITATION

Pastor Eun-Hye Choi is hosting a mid-week meditation on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. based on the Book of Genesis. You will find the meditation posted on the GUMC Facebook page. A link to the meditation from the night before will be included in the Thursday e-news.

SIDEWALK SALE

The UMW is hosting a sidewalk sale (outside) on August 21 and 22. Tables are available to purchase at \$10.00 each for anyone who would like to buy a table and sell their own items. If you would like to purchase a table or volunteer at the UMW table, please contact Kay Harr.

UPPER ROOM

for July/August is available on the literature rack in the narthex.

COLLECTION SITE FOR MIDWEST MISSIONS DISTRIBUTION CENTER:

GUMC will again this year be a collection site for supplies for the MMDC Any donations are appreciated and can be put in the collection bins in the rotunda or outside the Social Hall. We will be collecting until July 4. Thank You!! Items needed: Toothpaste - 2.5 or larger, Wash Cloths (Bath), Hand Towels (Bath), Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz., Dish Soap 16-34 oz. Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 oz. (No Sprays), Onesies, Donation of \$2 for Diaper Cream, Receiving Blanket-28"x28" or 32"by32" (store bought or handmade), Box of 12 Colored Pencils, Rulers. For a listing of other needs please go to their website, www.midwestmission.org.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE WEEKENDS:

On the weekends (Friday - Sunday evening) our church office is closed, and the phone messages are not retrieved until Monday. For emergencies, please contact our pastor, Rev. Eun-Hye Choi at echoi@glenviewumc.org, or at: 847-525-7261.

THIS WEEK: July 5 - July 11, 2021

Monday: Office Closed for Holiday

Wednesday: 6 pm Boy Scouts
8 pm A.A.

Thursday: 2 pm Support Group via Zoom

Saturday: 7 am A. A., choir room

Next Sunday: 10:00 am Worship

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