



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

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

REMINDER:

Masks are recommended, but not required while in the building.

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

Nursery/Toddler Room 8 is open with caregivers every Sunday.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

David Lowe

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Leader: We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence and direction of the Holy Spirit.

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE *Acts 8:26-40* (Pew Bible p. 1705)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC *Thy Word is a Lamp* Amy Grant
Kathy Sawicz, soloist

SERMON *Connected in Christ: Come to the Water*
Rev. Eun-Hye Choi and Linda Duback

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF 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.

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

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!**"

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Sharing

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

569, vs. 1-3

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

All loose coins and singles in the offering plates during July will go to Debra Gelfand Foundation.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

America, the Beautiful

Melody Bober

**congregation is invited to stand if it is comfortable to do so*

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## USHER: Curtis Corbige

*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.*

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP WILL BE IN THE PARLOR!**

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES**

in the offering plates during July, August and September will go to Debra Gelfand Foundation. This non-profit organization is currently helping District 34 families experiencing hardship with food, household items, rents to prevent evictions and other types of assistance. The Foundation relies solely on donations. Please donate generously to this partnership between our church and this resource to those most needy in our community. If you'd like to donate more, write a check with "Debra Gelfand Foundation" on the memo line. To learn more about this group, visit [www.DebraGelfand.org](http://www.DebraGelfand.org).

### **SUPPORT GROUP MEETS MONTHLY ON SECOND THURSDAYS**

Do you cope with loss and grief? Do you need some encouraging words or understanding ears? The Support Group of Glenview UMC meets every second Thursday at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Choi at [echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org) to get zoom link.

### **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 of \$45 for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service. Call the church office to reserve your Sunday.

### **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](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org), or at: 847-525-7261.

### **CHILDREN FROM KIDS ABOVE ALL**

made the paper peace cranes that are hanging on the lectern in support of the people of Ukraine. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

### **OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB WILL BE DISCUSSING "LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY" BY BONNIE GARMUS**

at the meeting on Wednesday, August 3 at 7 pm in the parlor.

### **REFUGEE UPDATE**

More refugees are coming to Chicago and help continues to be needed. Please read the April Visitor that includes a list of needed items to help set up apartments for the arriving refugees. Lists are also available at the collection

bins near the social hall or church office. Mark them "For Refugees". If you have larger items to donate, like furniture, contact Ethel Doyle at 847-975-0361.

#### **UPPER ROOM**

for July/August is available on the literature rack in the narthex or by the church office.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Cereal, juice boxes, pancake mix, canned chicken, canned beef stew and hearty soups, canned pasta with meat, peanut butter, jelly, brown and white rice, boxed potato sides, tuna, oil, sugar, flour and canned fruit.

#### **MAKING GLENVIEW UMC A MORE CARING PLACE**

We can all help make GUMC a more caring place with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a word of encouragement. As you greet people this morning, let them know how much you care. And remember, when you meet someone with extra needs, tell them about our Stephen Ministry. If you or someone you know is hurting or alone, please have them contact Pastor Eun-Hye.

#### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**



Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **THIS WEEK: July 3 - July 10, 2022**

**Monday:**           **Happy Fourth of July!!!**  
7:30 pm A.A., rooms 11 & 12

**Tuesday:**       10 am Staff meeting via Zoom  
11 am Prayer Shawl meeting, choir room

**Wednesday:**   7 pm A.A., rooms 11 & 12

**Saturday:**      6:30 am A.A., choir room

**Next Sunday:**  
10 am Worship

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