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***We are a Reconciling Congregation!***

***Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!***

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**REMINDER:**

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.

The parlor is also open to hear the worship service every Sunday; and Room 8 is open for parents and their young children to watch and hear the service.

**MISSION SUNDAY**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 24, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Gilpin

\*WELCOME Ethel Doyle

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself:  
We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to help  
each other in every corner of the world. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a  
community of love has been gathered today to bless your name and to meet your presence  
and that in every place your servants of love call upon your Name, Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In* 2236

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

Response *You Are My All in All*

*You are my strength when I am weak*

*You are the treasure that I seek*

*You are my all in all*

*Chorus:*

*Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is your name*

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(sung as the children come forward)

(Children 3-5<sup>th</sup> may leave to go to Sunday school.)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MUSIC	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Dorsey/Schrader
*GOSPEL	<i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1542)
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God.	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
*HYMN	<i>Live in Charity</i>	2179, sung twice
SERMON	<i>Caring For Real</i>	Rev. Gregory Gross

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Mary Bentley

*Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please write it on the card and place it in the offering baskets at the exits.*

Leader: Confident that God always hears the cry of the poor and the marginalized, we lift up the following needs, saying: “Generous God, hear our prayer.”

Leader: Give the church the grace to be a “poor church for the poor”, and so become an even greater sign to the world of Christ’s charity for the least and those in need, we pray:

**People: Generous God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give the people of our nation the collective will to make the economic, social, and political choices to reverse the human-made disaster of poverty, and so offer a new vision of life and society, we pray:

**People: Generous God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give those in elected office the conviction and courage to promote social policies and economic structures which reduce poverty and promote a just distribution of the world’s goods, we pray:

**People: Generous God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give those who struggle with poverty renewed hope, economic and educational opportunity, and dignified work in safe conditions for just wages, that they might live in economic security, we pray:

**People: Generous God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us open hearts that we might willingly share our gifts with others, follow Jesus in his own poverty, and seek his face in the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, we pray:

**People: Generous God, hear our prayer.**

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.*

## SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>The Summons</i>	2130
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## COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Mark Netherland

## OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to Midwest Mission Distribution Center.*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Cornerstone

Morgan/Myrin

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

## **WE WELCOME REV. GREGORY GROSS AS OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY!**

*He is a former pastor here and is now Executive Director for Care for Real.*

**USHER: Holly Porrett**

**LAY READER: Diana Berger**

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*Everyone is invited to join us in the parlor for coffee/treats provided by the  
Missions and Service Ministry Committee.*

*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**

### **WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND**

is approaching soon, and we are eager to invite all women 18 and above to join us in this fun, relaxing and friendship filled weekend. Our presentation topic and discussion is "No More Faking Fine", which we hope will appeal to everyone, and there will be more free time on Saturday afternoon to relax and enjoy friendships. The dates of the weekend are Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 and we are hoping that old friends and new will join us for this lovely weekend. Please sign up after church or contact Kathy Sawicz ([kpsawicz@aol.com](mailto:kpsawicz@aol.com)) for a registration form. We are looking forward to seeing you there! (There will also be a half day Saturday program on Oct. 14 for those who can't make it up to Wisconsin. See Kathy for details.)

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AFGHAN WOMEN**

World Relief (WR) is assisting a group for Afghan women to come together, learn about the United States culture and norms (topics ranging from health to schooling to home safety), practice English and decrease social isolation. WR is in need of a few more volunteers to help support the program and supervise the children so their mothers can focus on the class. They are looking for **female volunteers** who have daytime availability and can commit to regularly assisting with childcare about once a week. Here is the information about the group meeting times and location:

**Afghan Women's Group Chicago Program** (Mon. & Wed. 9:45 am - 12:15 pm)  
Devon Street - Sabra Sahara Church (2538 W. Devon Ave., Chicago)  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - May 2024

If you are interested in volunteering and/or in learning more, contact: Hannah Thompson, Integration & Orientation Coord., WR Chicagoland, 773-681-8551. If you know someone who might be interested, please share.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

will begin on Wednesdays, starting October 4, at 10 a.m. in the choir room.

### **GUMC'S NEW NEIGHBOR, THE PANZU FAMILY, UPDATE!**

Isaac and Natasha are very happy and excited because they have received their work permits and Social Security cards! World Relief, the agency that helps them and many new immigrants, will help them with the job search process and they also have job leads. Sergio and Amelia are enjoying school and their bikes that you donated. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

### ***"EVENING IN VENICE"***

is coming to the Glenview United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 6-9 p.m. It is a fundraising event for the church which will include a live presentation of an old-time radio program presented by Kay Harr and friends. An Italian inspired meal prepared by Curtis Corbige, which will include an assortment of appetizers, Chef Salad, Chicken Piccata and a variety of pasta and sauces. A selection of desserts and beverages. A few Silent Auction items to bid on. All this for a wonderful price of \$25 per adult. A family rate of \$60 and children 12 and under \$10. There will be alternative programming for children to attend before and after dinner. Tickets available with credit card or check in the office or online at [www.glenviewumc.org](http://www.glenviewumc.org) - click "Donate" now then "Other".

**Silent Auction - If you wish to donate a gift card, sports tickets or a future baked goods certificate to the silent auction, please contact the church office or Karen Daniels ([kbddaniels@gmail.com](mailto:kbddaniels@gmail.com)) by October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **COMING THIS JANUARY: THE PETS OF GUMC!**

Submit the highest quality photo of your pet to [jferrone@glenviewumc.org](mailto:jferrone@glenviewumc.org). 2024 calendars will be printed showcasing the family members we never get to see. Depending on participation, we may have TWO pets of each month. Photo submissions due by October 31 to insure printing by the new year. The calendars will be available for a small fee as a fundraiser for the Sunday Fellowship Committee. Let's have fun with this!

### **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:**

**September 24 - October 1, 2023**

#### **Today:**

11 am Fellowship, parlor  
4:30 pm GUMYouth, social hall

#### **Monday:**

October Visitor article deadline

#### **Wednesday:**

7 pm Adult Choir rehearsal, choir room

#### **Thursday:**

Mail October Visitor

#### **Friday:**

Women's Wellness Weekend begins and returns Oct. 1

#### **Next Sunday:**

#### ***World Communion Sunday***

10 am Worship with Rev. Chris Walters preaching, Sunday school, Confirmation and Communion  
11 am Fellowship, parlor  
11 am GUMYouth, social hall

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