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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.

We have "worship bags" for children to use during worship and they are in the back.

The parlor is open to hear the worship service every Sunday.

There are large print bulletins, hymnals and supplements in the back of the sanctuary on the table. You are welcome to use them during the service and then return the hymnals to the table after the service.

***FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT***

**April 6, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*There Is a Green Hill Far Away*

Traditional

**INTROIT**

*Eat This Bread*

Beth Peterson, flute soloist

(Children PreK-K, room 10c; 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, room 10b; 6-8<sup>th</sup>, room 10a may leave for Sunday school.)

**WELCOME**

**\*PEACE**

**Leader:** May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Merciful God, we thank you that in love you sent Jesus Christ to share our earthly life with its joy and suffering. Give us grace and courage, that in our need we may come to you in humility and receive your blessing with open hearts, that we may once again serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Grace Alone</i>	2162 (small black book)
PSALTER	<i>Psalms 126</i> Lauren Locke , cantor	847, res. 2 (large blue book)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT	<i>Philippians 3:4-14</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1828)
ANTHEM	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	
*GOSPEL	<i>John 12:1-8</i>	(Pew Bible p. 1670)
*HYMN	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	298 (large blue book)
SERMON	<i>Wasteful Love</i>	Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

*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.*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving for Lent**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of the universe, you created us from dust and  
breathed into us the breath of life.

You made us for relationship, with you and with each other,  
but so often we view the world through the lens of our  
own desires, pride, and vanity.

When we forget our origins in the soil, and hold  
ourselves as more valuable than others, you gently  
humble us, reminding us of our place in the  
universe, calling us to honor all the life you have

created, setting us free from the tyranny of self-importance.

Together with those who have gone back to the dust and those who share your breath of life still today, we praise you with this joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is Jesus, born of stardust and Spirit,  
created and called to remind us that we  
are your beloved children, and so is  
everyone else.

He walked a humble path with the poor and lowly, and reminded those who had any form of power that they were responsible for their treatment of others.

Through his life, suffering, death, and resurrection, he bore witness to your saving love for all people.

On the night before Jesus gave up his life, he had dinner with his friends. And taking the bread, simple gift of the earth, he gave thanks, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat of the bread of life.

As the grain is crushed and the loaf torn apart,  
so my body will be broken, a sign of God's  
self-giving love and presence with all who  
suffer.

Each time you eat this bread, remember me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take and drink of the cup of salvation: as the grape is crushed, so my blood is poured out as a sign of the new covenant of forgiveness and compassion. Remember me, whenever you drink this cup."

And so,  
remembering your life-giving work in Jesus Christ, we  
joyfully re-dedicate ourselves to your purposes,  
seeking to let our lives become a sign of your power  
to transform and make all things new,  
as together we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Spirit of life into us again today, God, and  
bless these gifts of bread and cup.

May they remind us to keep turning our lives toward you, following  
the example of Jesus as we seek to become the Body of Christ  
in the world, witnessing to your life-giving love.

By your Spirit draw us into right relationship, in unity with  
Christ and with all the saints, inviting all people to be  
transformed and made whole.

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 the Cup

Music *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Lorie Line  
Prayer after Sharing

\*HYMN *We Are Called* 2172 (small black book)

## SENDING FORTH

### COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates during April, May and June will go to Loaves and Fishes.*

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro in F* J. S. Bach

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

**USHER: Curtis Corbige**

**ACOLYTE: Izzy Janke**

**LAY READER: Lauren Locke**

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*Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall today.*

*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**

#### **JOIN US TODAY RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN THE CHOIR ROOM FOR A TALK ON PURPOSE**

We will have a best-selling author, Matt Berrafato, talk to us on the "Top 5 Ways to Find God's Purpose for Your Life." This session is designed to guide you on a journey toward discovering your true purpose and understanding the divine reasons behind your existence. What you will discover: Practical steps to identify your unique purpose;

Techniques to incorporate your purpose into daily life; Answers to one of life's most profound questions - Why were you born?

### **JOIN OUR LAST "SOUP AND SUBSTANCE"!**

Lenten practice of simple soup and bread dinner along with learning and discussion will be held on Wednesdays, at 6 pm in the parlor/narthex area. This year's theme is Christianity and History. Our speaker on April 9 will be Michel Agriopoulos on Middle Age Christianity. Invite friends, family and neighbors to join you in the Early Christianity as well as Christian fellowship!

### **SOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!**

We have opportunities to support Glenview Youth Services in the coming weeks:

**April 13:** 11:15 am, immediately following church - join Curtis Corbige in the kitchen to prepare a dinner meal for youth services.

**April 14:** 5:30-7:30 pm - sign up to serve the dinner prepared on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please email Holly at [ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ed.porrett@sbcglobal.net) OR use the Sign Up Genius links on the church website to indicate your interest in participating in any of these three opportunities.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - OLIVET, HERE WE COME AGAIN! Let us celebrate the joy of spring together!**

Join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Caravan to Olivet! Just one week after Easter, a group of us will be heading down to Olivet UMC for a Pulpit Exchange. We want YOU to come too! Pastor Eun-Hye will preach! The GUMC Choir (and perhaps a few other creatively minded GUMCers) will raise the roof with glorious melodies! And all will share in abundant fellowship with our OUMC brothers and sisters. Enjoy a feast during coffee hour and take a tour of the youth music facility (the "Sanctuary Studio"). No need to drive! Be at GUMC before 9:45 am to hitch a ride with a GUMC chauffeur and relax in our caravan to Olivet for the 11 am service. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the choir room and available near the refreshments during coffee hour. For more info: Diana Berger (773-640-7812; [palilaberger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:palilaberger@sbcglobal.net)).

### **HINTS OF SPRING ARE IN THE AIR!**

That means thoughts of gardening are beginning to pop up in gardeners' minds. In the near future, the church will begin the process of growing delicious vegetables in our Sabbath Garden. Remember, all of this produce grown is donated to local food pantries. Such activities as building raised boxes, garden clean up, spreading dirt and mulch, planting, and watering are music to any gardener's ears. If you would like to be involved in any, or all of these activities, please notify Mark Netherland at 847-337-2417 or at [marknetherland314@gmail.com](mailto:marknetherland314@gmail.com). Any help would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping for a blockbuster harvest this year! Hope to hear from you.

### **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.

### **DIAPER DRIVE THROUGH MOTHER'S DAY!**

Your contributions will benefit WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger). Supportive services provided to WINGS residents include budget planning, counseling, child and family services, support groups, crisis management, goal setting, and access to vocational counseling. WINGS has Emergency Safe Houses in Chicago and the suburbs, Transitional Housing for unemployed survivors and their children with refuge while they seek employment. WINGS apartments are distributed throughout the north and northwest suburbs and Permanent Housing for long-term and optional supportive services to physically or mentally disabled adults and their children. Please bring any size diapers (not adult) and wipes to the bins by the social hall and the church office.

### **LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES DURING APRIL WILL GO TO LOAVES AND FISHES.**

Volunteers from our congregation prepare substantial and nutritious balanced meals and snacks for Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. At this time we serve around 50 youth plus their tutor volunteers. We prepare

3-4 meals and 2-3 snacks a year. Also, last year we served a morning snack and lunch for the volunteers at the Midwest Mission packing event at our church. This coming October we will be hosting another food packing event for Midwest Missions. The money you donate helps to provide for these outreach programs.

**THIS WEEK: April 6 - April 13, 2025**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, social hall  
11:15 Program on "Purpose Hunt", choir room  
11:15 am Bell Choir rehearsal, sanctuary  
4:30 pm GUMYouth, social hall

**Tuesday:** 9:30 am Mission and Service Committee, choir room  
9:30 am Staff meeting, pastor's office  
10 am Ruth Circle, parlor  
7 pm Trustees, parlor

**Wednesday:** 10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
6 pm Last "Soup and Substance", narthex/parlor  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**Friday:** 8 pm "Laughing Academy", 3230 Glenview Road, Glenview

**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday**  
9:45 am Gather in parlor for palm procession  
10 am Worship, Bells play, Confirmation and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, parlor  
11:15 am Bell Choir rehearses, sanctuary  
11:15 am Staff Parish Relations, pastor's office  
11:15 Mission and Service cooks in kitchen

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