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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.

***FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

**July 6, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*You’ve Got a Friend*

Carole King

Lauri Wade and Jim Ritter, duet; Tom Hutchins, guitar

WELCOME

\*PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

\*PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (unison)

(from the Discipleship Ministry of UMC)

**Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and people may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with**

**your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen**

\*HYMN *America the Beautiful* 696 (large blue book)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 30* (Pew Bible p. 867)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
Dave, Lindsay and Linda Kleckner

\*GOSPEL *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20* (Pew Bible p. 1611)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN *Fill My Cup* 641 (large blue book)

SERMON *Oh, The Places You Will Go* Rev. Steven Conger

WITNESS Dayna Marie

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*

#### Invitation

On the fourth of July, 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 edge 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.

And 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!**"

*(This Communion prayer is by Dr. Macia McFee and used with her permission.)*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Prayer after Sharing

\*HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

707 (large blue book)

## SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to Maine and Northfield Food Pantries.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

arr. Mark Hayes

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

### **TODAY WE WELCOME REV. STEVEN CONGER**

*to our pulpit, who is a past member of our congregation and son of our former pastor, Rev. Fred Conger. He has served churches for close to 40 years in the Indiana United Methodist Conference. He retired in July 2022 and currently lives in Bloomingdale, IL. He and his wife, Nancy, spend their time traveling in their RV.*

### **WE WANT TO THANK JAN HUTCHINS**

*for providing our music today while Cindy Applebee is away.*

**USHER: Steve Ellis**

**LAY READER: Kris Phillips**

*Everyone is invited to join us in the **parlor** for fellowship.*

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

*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**

### **THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

is given by Romeo and Tita Gimeno in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary and also in honor of Tita's birthday.

### **HYMN SING AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 13.**

We will be sitting out front on our lawn for this fun, music filled service. You won't want to miss this service. Then, after worship, we will enjoy root beer floats during our fellowship time.

**OUR OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON JULY 13TH WILL NOT BE LIVE STREAMED!**

**THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR MABEL JANKE ON SATURDAY, JULY 12 IN OUR SANCTUARY!**

### **WE WILL HAVE A SERMON SERIES, *THE SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH***

based on the Book of Acts in the New Testament starting on July 20. The four parts are:

- 1) When the Spirit Moves - Acts 2:37-47 July 20
- 2) Called to Serve - Acts 6:1-15 July 27
- 3) Breaking Down the Walls - Acts 10:1-35 August 3
- 4) Turning the World Upside Down - Acts 17:1-15 August 10

Then following worship, we will have a "Talk Back" Discussion Time at 11:15 am in the choir room. To dig deeper, read one chapter of the Book of Acts each day and finish the book at the end of July.

### **WANT TO SEE "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"?**

We will be going to see this play on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Music Theater Works, 516 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmette. Ticket price is \$48. Call the church office if you are interested no later than **July 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**REMEMBER BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES (LIST IN JULY VISITOR) WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING FOR OLIVET UMC!**

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### **FOOD PANTRIES ARE RUNNING VERY LOW!**

Please help by donating juice, juice boxes, salad dressings, cooking spices, toiletries and paper products. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **JULY/AUGUST UPPER ROOM**

(both regular and large print) are on the literature rack outside the sanctuary and the church office.

### **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.

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 5, 11:15 AM,**

**RICE AND SOY BLESSING BAG PACK EVENT!**

**We will be packing 1440 meal packs and 100 personal dignity kits.**

**WELCOME: 100 ENERGETIC VOLUNTEERS AGES 5 - 105.**

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

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship, parlor  
2 pm MYF Reunion picnic, courtyard

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

**Saturday:** 10 am Celebration of Life Service for Mabel Janke, sanctuary  
10 am GUMY will participate in Heal Well

**Next Sunday:**

10 am Outdoor Worship and Hymn Sing and SSS (NO Facebook Live)  
11 am Special Fellowship with Root Beer Floats, front lawn

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