



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!

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" in the back for children to use during worship.

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Barb Galarza, soloist

WELCOME

*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, you are our creator and our parent, and you welcome us as your beloved children. Jesus told us that unless we become like little children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Teach us to trust you with childlike faith. Help us to marvel at your goodness with childlike wonder. Give us hearts free of pride and filled with humility, ready to receive, ready to forgive, ready to love. May our lives reflect the innocence, openness,

and trust that children naturally bring. Guide us always back to the simplicity of your love. Amen.

*HYMN *This Is the Day* 657 (large blue book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson
(sung as the children come forward and leave for Sunday school)

Response *This Little Light of Mine* 585 (large blue book)
(Children PreK-K, room 10c; 1st - 5th, room 10b; may leave for Sunday school.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 139:1-14* (Pew Bible p. 974)

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Can Only Imagine*

*GOSPEL *Matthew 11:25-30 & 18:1-5*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* 496 (large blue book)

SERMON *Like Children* Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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.

*HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 402 (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

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

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

**USHER: Sandy Vanderburg**

*Everyone is invited to join us in the parlor for fellowship provided by Pastor Eun-Hye.*

*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 Jane Furch to the glory of God in thanks for life and family.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.**

We will be discussing “Vegetarian” by Han Kang at 7 pm in the parlor. Please join us!

**FOOD COLLECTION BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

During the month of August, our children will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food for our local food pantries. Most needed items are boxed cereal, pancake mix, juice & juice boxes, canned mandarin oranges, salt and pepper, etc. Drop off your donations in the cart outside the sanctuary.

**COME JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARLOR AT 3:30 P.M.**

for a great storyteller, Lynn Rymarz, who will share the story of “The Women: A Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam” by Kristin Hannah. We encourage all veterans to join us. You can purchase tickets for \$15 from Kay Harr or in the church office.

**MEN’S GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS**

All men are invited to the Men’s Group of GUMC every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in the parlor. It is a life/faith support group reading a small portion of Adam Hamilton’s book, *Why*, and discussing the topics of life and Christian faith. Please join us! Questions, contact Pastor Chris at [chriswalters@gmail.com](mailto:chriswalters@gmail.com).

**KICK OFF SUNDAY AND BBQ PICNIC IS COMING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

**LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATE WILL GO TO THE MAINE AND NORTHFIELD FOOD PANTRIES!**

For around 50 years our church has supported Maine and Northfield Food Pantries. Both of these organizations provide monthly assistance to families and individuals who are struggling to put food on the table and still make ends meet. These pantries are stocked by the generosity of individuals, businesses, civic groups and faith communities. Your donation goes toward the purchase of much needed food and/or grocery store cards for those in distress.

## UPPER ROOM FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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

## SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to provide treats and juice after worship on a Sunday, please call the church office or sign up on the "Coffee Fellowship" chart in the parlor and schedule a Sunday. The coffee will be made, and the tables will be out in the parlor. Fellowship helps us to know one another better, make connections.

## 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 \$50 for the flowers and you may take them home to enjoy following the service. Call the church office to reserve your Sunday or sign up on the Altar Flower Chart in the social hall.

## ALL MEN ARE INVITED

to the NIC United Methodist Men's Spiritual Congress 2025. This year's theme is "Forged by Grace". This inspirational and meaningful event takes place Sept. 12-14 at Conference Point Center, Williams Bay, Wis. For more information, contact Dale Carver, Registrar, at 762-218-7657 or [spiritualcongress2025@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualcongress2025@gmail.com).

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE AT WOMEN'S WELLNESS 2025!

Please join us September 26-28 for a weekend of exploration, discovery and camaraderie. This year's theme of "How Music Affects Our Lives" promises to be a lively and heartfelt discussion of how the power of music makes us feel, how it brings people together, and how music in the Bible is used to communicate with God. Share in the beauty of the music that surrounds us and guides our lives. It's everywhere! For more information, please contact Kathy Sawicz, Barb Galarza or Becky Netherland.

**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: August 24 - August 31, 2025

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

**Monday:** September Visitor article deadline

**Tuesday:** 9:30 am Staff meeting, pastor's office

**Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's group, choir room

**Thursday:** September Visitor mailed

**Next Sunday:**  
10 am Worship and SSS  
11 am Fellowship, parlor

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