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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” 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.

***MARDI GRAS SUNDAY  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY***

**February 15, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*Join us at 9:45 a.m. for a prelude of jazz. This musical offering reflects the celebratory spirit of Mardi Gras -- the Sunday before we enter the reflective season of Lent.*

*As you gather for worship, may this music prepare your heart with joy, gratitude and anticipation for the Lenten journey ahead.*

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*Above All*

**\*PEACE**

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**God of glory, God of grace, your mystery fills us with a kind of fear, your mercy with unmeasured peace: give us wonder and love to worship you, song on song and praise on praise, remembering your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose grace is our hope and joy. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* 369 (large blue book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

(sung as the children come forward and leave for Sunday school)

Response *I've Got Peace Like a River* 2145, v. 1 (small black book)

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

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 45:1-11* (Pew Bible p. 75)

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing* Gilpin

NEW TESTAMENT *Ephesians 4:20-32* (Pew Bible p. 1821)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN *Amazing Grace* 378, vs. 1, 2, 5 (large blue book)

SERMON *Making the Most of Mistakes* 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 *Because He Lives* 364 (large blue book)

### SENDING FORTH

HONORING OUR LONG TIME MEMBERS (see insert)

#### COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

#### OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to Care for Real.*

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

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

**USHER: Chris Walters**

**WE WELCOME SPENCER PETERSON, PERCUSSION, JACK SUNDSTROM, STRING BASS, AND IAN MARTINEZ, TROMBONE**

as our guest musicians this morning. Spencer is a member of this church whose musical journey began in this congregation. Jack, a friend and neighbor of our church community. Ian is a graduate from Elmhurst University. These are professional musicians currently pursuing graduate studies, bringing classical training, jazz artistry and a spirit of collaboration to worship.

**AS WE CELEBRATE MEMBERS WHO JOINED GUMC IN THE 1970'S,**

we give thanks for the generations of faith and music that shape us -- from those who built this community decades ago to the young artists who continue its song today. We are grateful for the gifts Spencer, Jack and Ian bring to our worship as we look both backward in gratitude and forward in hope.

*Please join us for special Mardi Gras refreshments and fellowship in the social hall provided by Linda Kleckner.*

*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 Mary Circle in gratefulness for Jan Hutchins for sharing her talents and time with us (& delicious cookies!).

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18 - SERVICE AT 7 PM!**

**(There will also be an imposition of ashes in the Pastor's office from noon - 1 pm)**

**THE THEME OF LENT THIS YEAR WILL BE "THE MESSAGE OF JESUS"**

based on Adam Hamilton's book.

First Sunday of Lent (2/22) - Mark 1:9-15) - The Kingdom of God has come near.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

We will be reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's book "The Message of Jesus" beginning on Feb. 25 at **10 am** in the choir room. The books will be in the church office for \$13.00 each.

**OUR LENTEN PROGRAM "SOUP AND SUBSTANCE" BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25 AT 6 PM IN THE NARTHEX.**

We will meet every Wednesday through March 25 at 6 pm in the narthex. The Theme is "A Christian Discernment Practice based on the book "Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice" by Ruth Haley Barton. There is no need to buy the book and we just ask a free will donation for the soup and bread supper. On Feb. 25 Pastor Eun-Hye will discuss "The Beginning of Discernment Practice".

**UPPER ROOM FOR MARCH/APRIL**

(both large print and regular) are available on the racks outside the sanctuary and outside 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. We are currently discussing Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible". Please join us! Questions, contact Pastor Chris at [chrispwalters@gmail.com](mailto:chrispwalters@gmail.com) or Bob Tharp at [rtharp@tagltd.com](mailto:rtharp@tagltd.com).

**RUMMAGE SALE IS MARCH 27 AND 28!  
DURING THESE BLEAK, COLD WINTER DAYS IS A PERFECT TIME TO CLEAN OUT CLOSETS,  
ATTICS, BASEMENTS, DRAWERS, ETC. TO DONATE TO THE SALE.**

How You Can Help: **Volunteer:** in the following weeks you will see the pink sign-up sheets. When you have filled it out, please turn them in the offering plates or drop them off in the church office. **Donate:** Your gently used clothing, household items, books and décor (no computers, mattresses or lawn equipment). Your “extra” items are someone else’s treasure--and a direct contribution to our mission. **Spread the Word:** Invite your friends, family and neighbors to shop for a cause.

Let’s work together to make this our most successful year yet!

**FOOD PANTRIES ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF ITEMS.**

Suggested items are juice/juice boxes, instant coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate, cup-a-soup, etc. Don’t forget the pantries when you do your weekly shopping.

**BOOK CLUB FOR MARCH**

will be discussing “Strangers in Time” by David Baldacci on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm in the parlor.

**CALL THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR THE “AROUND THE WORLD” POTLUCK DINNER HERE ON MARCH 21!**

**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:**

**February 15 - February 22, 2026**

**Today:** 11 am Special Fellowship, social hall  
**Monday:** 7 pm Finance Committee via Zoom  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 Staff meeting, pastor’s office  
**Wednesday:** **Ash Wednesday**  
7:30 am Men’s Study group, choir room  
12 - 1 pm Imposition of ashes in pastor’s office  
7 pm Ash Wednesday service, sanctuary  
**Saturday:** 9 am Yoga, parlor

**Next Sunday:**

First Sunday in Lent  
10 am Worship and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall  
4:30 pm GUMYouth Open Mic Night, parlor

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