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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.

***FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

**February 8, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Tuba Tune*

Craig Sellar Lang

WELCOME

**\*PEACE**

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

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Holy and faithful God, we come into this time of worship carrying questions we cannot answer, burdens we cannot easily lay down, and prayers that feel more like wrestling than praise. You are the God who met Jacob in the night, the God who did not turn away from struggle, the God who blesses even when faith limps forward. Wrestle with us until we are changed. Hold us until daybreak comes. Speak your blessing over us and shape us into a people who trust you enough to pray honestly and follow you faithfully. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

2237 (small black 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 32:22-32* (Pew Bible p. 53)

ANTHEM *The Potter's Hand* Darlene Zschech

\*GOSPEL *Matthew 26:36-46* (Pew Bible p. 1544)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN *Be Still, My Soul* 534, vs. 1 & 2 (large blue book)

SERMON *Wrestling and Limping* 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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 454 (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 Care for Real.*

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festival for Trumpet* Darwin Wolford

**WE WELCOME AND THANK WALTER WHITEHOUSE**  
*as our guest musician while Cindy Applebee is away.*

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

**USHER: Sandy Vanderburg**

*The Rainbow Team invites you to enjoy today's coffee hour. This team provides opportunities for our congregation to live out the love of Christ through a reconciling way of life.*

*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**

**TODAY OUR YOUTH WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"  
OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY!**

**MARDI GRAS SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 15! - SPECIAL MUSIC AND SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP!**

**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THOSE MEMBERS WHO JOINED OUR CHURCH DURING THE 1970'S ON FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup>!**  
During our worship service, we will take time to honor those members who joined this church during the 1970's.

### **WEDNESDAY ADULT STUDY - GENESIS FOR US**

Pastor Eun-Hye has her Adult Study on Wednesdays at 10 am in the choir room. Let the office know if you'd like a link for a Zoom class or if you have questions. Come be a part of this discussion group on "Genesis is our origin story as a people of God ...". 2/4 - (Genesis 29-36)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)**

### **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".

### **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).

### **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 social hall and schedule a Sunday. The coffee will be made, and the tables will be out in the social hall. Fellowship helps us to know one another better, make connections.

**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.**

**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.

**LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES**

will go to **Care For Real**. This group is helping their neighbors in Edgewater and Roger's Park. They provide food, clothing, referrals and additional needed services. They do this with compassion to improve the wellbeing and health of the low income residents. They depend on 950 volunteers to help distribute food 5 days a week to those who are facing food insecurity. Care for Real is fostering a healthier, more equitable and stronger community.

**BOOK CLUB FOR MARCH**

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

**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 8 - February 15, 2026**

**Today:**

*Souper Bowl of Caring* collected by our youth outside the sanctuary  
10-11 am Confirmation, social hall  
11 am Fellowship, social hall

**Monday:**

7 pm Eve Circle, parlor

**Tuesday:**

9:30 Staff meeting, pastor's office  
10 am Ruth Circle, parlor  
7 pm Trustees, parlor

**Wednesday:**

10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**Thursday:**

6 pm Mary Circle, parlor/kitchen

**Saturday:**

5 pm "Dinner Around the World" at The Clove

**Next Sunday:**

Mardi Gras Sunday  
10 am Worship, Celebrate those who joined this church in the 70's and Sunday school  
11 am Special Fellowship, social hall

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