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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 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.

***This Sunday draws us into the image of Christ as shepherd and gate -- the one who leads, protects, and calls us by name. The music and words today ground us in trust and belonging, reminding us that we are held, guided, and given life in abundance.***

***EARTH DAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

**April 26, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

WELCOME

\*PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Holy and gracious God, you meet us not in empty words or public display, but in the quiet places of the heart. Draw us now into that sacred space--where pretense falls away and we stand honestly before you and your kingdom. Teach us to pray as your Son taught: with reverence for your holy name, with longing for your kingdom to come, with trust that your will is unfolding even here, even now. Make us people of quiet faith, honest prayer, and generous love. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Lord of the Dance* 261, vs. 1,2,5 (large blue book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

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

Response *Halle, Halle, Halleluja* 2026 (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 *Isaiah 42:1-9* (Pew Bible p. 1124)

ANTHEM *Revelation 19* arr. Schrader

\*GOSPEL *Matthew 6:5-13 & 31-34* (Pew Bible p. 1504)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 381 vs. 1,3,4 (large blue book)

SERMON *You Ought to Pray This Way* 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 *What a Wonderful World*

*I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you, and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights, and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

*The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky are also on the faces of people going by, I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?" They're really saying, "I love you".*

*I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, they'll learn much more than I'll ever know and I think to myself, what a wonderful world, yes I think to myself, what a wonderful world.*

### SENDING FORTH

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Bishop's Appeal* Diana Berger

#### COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GUMYouth Earth Day Update

## OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates will go to the Bishop's Appeal Northern Illinois Conference.*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*The Trees of the Field*

2279 (small black book)

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

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## USHER: Chris Walters

*Everyone is invited to join us in the social hall for conversation and treats provided by the Amrhein and Koenigs Family.*

*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.*

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

## **COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **OUR MAY BOOK CLUB WILL BE READING**

"Reykjavik" by Jonassen and Jakobsdottir on May 5 at 7 pm in the parlor. Come join us.

### **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 "The Message of Jesus". 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).

### **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.

### **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.

### **SUNDAY COFFEE & CONVERSATION OPPORTUNITY**

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.

**LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES DURING APRIL WILL GO TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.**

The money collected will be donated to two worthy recipients. One beneficiary is for the construction of a high school in Tanzania, a mission site led by a missionary and NI clergy, Rev. Young Seon Kim. The plan is to build a high school which will help young people continue their education and pursue a future that may never be possible. The other beneficiary is an endowment that supports clergy education for the denomination's regions in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. Today fewer than 5% of pastors in the U.S. hold a master's degree in theology. The scholarships will equip a new generation of women and men for pastoral ministry.

**FOOD PANTRIES ARE IN NEED OF:**

Canned fish, instant coffee, tea and tea bags, sliced bread, lunchmeats, sliced cheeses, etc. Don't forget the pantries when you do your weekly shopping.

**UPPER ROOM FOR MAY/JUNE (both regular and large print)**

is available on the literature rack outside the sanctuary and on the rack right outside the church office.



**USE THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH!**

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

Use your smartphone camera or QR reader app at top of announcements to quickly and safely make your donation to GUMC. With one quick scan of QR code above, you can send in a one-time donation or schedule recurring donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**THIS WEEK:**

**April 26 - May 3, 2026**

- Today:** 11 am Coffee Fellowship, social hall  
11:15 am Membership/Engagement Committee, choir room  
5 pm Last Confirmation class, social hall
- Monday:** 6:30 pm Mary Circle, parlor
- Tuesday:** 10 am Ruth Circle, parlor  
7 pm Coordinating Council via Zoom
- Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's Group, parlor  
10 am Adult Bible Study, choir room  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room
- Friday:** 5:30-8 pm Pizza Mania, social hall

**Next Sunday:**

- 10 am Worship, Communion and Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, social hall

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