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*We are a Reconciling Congregation!*

*Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!*

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**REMINDER:**

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.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**Ascension Sunday**

**May 17, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Air for Flute*

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

*You'll Never Walk Alone*  
*Izzy Janke, soloist*

WELCOME

\*PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your Church, for the waters of baptism, for the stories of faith that have shaped us, and for the young people who stand before us today, seeking to claim your grace as their own. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your church. Strengthen those being confirmed with courage, compassion, and wisdom. Renew all of us this day, O God. Awaken in us the joy of discipleship, the passion to serve, and the hope of your coming kingdom. Make us a church where every generation is welcomed, valued, and called into ministry. Amen.**

\*HYMN *The Summons* 2130, vs. 1 & 4 (small black 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 Pre-K-K may leave to go to Sunday school in room 10c, 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders may stay in worship.)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT *Galatians 3:23-29* (Pew Bible p. 1813)

ANTHEM *Witness* Bolks

\*GOSPEL *Matthew 28:16-20* (Pew Bible p. 1550)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN *Gather Us In* 2236, vs. 1 & 2 (small black book)

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (unison)

**Lord, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent. Look kindly on us and the candidates for confirmation as we listen to your voice. Open our hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in us. As we prepare the students for confirmation, make each of us an instrument of your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WITNESSES TO FAITH

Trevor Cummings, Jayden DeBaker, Maeve Doherty, Mason Tagtmeier

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (see insert)

### 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 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* 2237, vs. 2 & 3 (small black book)

## SENDING FORTH

### COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

“Passing the Baton”

### 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

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

**USHER: Sandy Vanderburg**

**LAY READER: Layla DeBaker**

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*Everyone is invited to join us in the social hall to welcome our Confirmands to our church family and enjoy the 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 the DeBaker Family in honor of Beth and Greg Peterson for their commitment to our Confirmands.

#### **NILSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 1!**

Now is your chance to apply for the yearly Nilson \$1,500 Scholarship Award (it has been increased this year). It is for any GUMC member who will be enrolled in the fall of 2026 to any accredited educational program, including, but not limited, to trade schools, Jr. colleges, Masters programs, etc. Your entry for this award should consist of a short essay highlighting your accomplishments and activities, your higher education plans and future career and personal interests. Also, please include a brief explanation as to how this award would benefit you. Entries must be submitted to the church office in a sealed envelope **no later than June 1** marked “Scholarship”.

#### **GRADUATING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE AND TRADE SCHOOL GRADUATES -**

Please notify the church office no later than May 26 with your details - names, school, dates, college attending, degrees, and we will publish your good news in the June Visitor.

#### **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING WORSHIP AND THE LUNCHEON ON JUNE 7**

as we say good-bye and happy retirement to Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, and best wishes to her husband Rev. Chris Walters and son Tim Walters as they move on to new surroundings. There will be a luncheon honoring her and her family right after worship in the social hall. If you would like to contribute to a love gift for Pastor Eun-Hye, you can send your gift (with “love gift” on the memo line) to the church office, donate on-line, or leave in the offering plate on Sunday. All money donated will go toward a scholarship at Garrett Seminary in her name.

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

“The Blue Sisters” by Coco Mellors on June 2 at 7 pm in the parlor. Come join us.

### **PRIDE MONTH BOOK STUDY**

will discuss the book "God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us" by Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail. Join us on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in our parlor.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, October 4, 2026 beginning at 11:15 a.m. in our social hall we will host our third Meal Pack Event. We will pack rice and soy meals for malnourished children and families to be sent by Midwest Mission to countries where they are desperately needed. Volunteers of all abilities and ages are welcome.

### **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.

### **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.



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

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:**

**May 17 - May 24, 2026**

**Today:** 11 am Fellowship honoring our Confirmands, social hall  
11:15 am Rainbow Team, parlor

**Tuesday:** 10 am Staff meeting, pastor's office  
4:30 pm Mary Circle, parlor

**Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's Group, parlor  
4 pm Mary Circle, parlor  
7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### **Next Sunday:**

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

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