



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

Connecting with others through Mission, Music and Ministry!

REMINDER:

- We have “worship bags” for children to use during worship in the back of the sanctuary.
- 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.

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Believe

Ervin Drake

Becky Netherland, soloist

WELCOME

***PEACE**

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

People: And also with you!

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious and Loving God, we come into your presence with grateful hearts, giving thanks for the gift of this new day and for the opportunity to gather as your people. Just as Solomon prayed for wisdom, we ask that you give us discerning hearts to hear your voice and to follow your ways. When we are uncertain, guide us with your truth. When we feel weak, remind us that your Holy Spirit prays for us even when words fail us. When life seems difficult or confusing, help us trust that you are always at work for good among those who love you. As tiny mustard seeds grow into sheltering trees and a little yeast transforms the whole batch of dough, grow your kingdom within us today. Plant your wisdom in our hearts, strengthen our faith, and transform our lives so that we may become instruments of your love, peace, and hope in the world. Prepare our minds to receive your Word, our hearts to embrace your grace, and our lives to reflect your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me* 2214, sung 2 times (small black book)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Beth Peterson

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

Response *Halle, Halle, Halleluja* 2026 (small black book)

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *1 Kings 3:5-12* (Pew Bible p. 524)

NEW TESTAMENT *Romans 8:26-28; 38-39* (Pew Bible p. 1757)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Footprints in the Sand* Page and Cowell
Becky Netherland, soloist

*GOSPEL *Matthew 13:31-33* (Pew Bible p. 1518)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN *Gather Us In* 2236, vs. 1, 2, 4 (small black book)

SERMON *Step by Step with Jesus* Rev. Rosa Lee

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 *Trust and Obey* 467 (large blue book)

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND OURSELVES

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plates during July will go to
Immigration Law and Justice of Northern Illinois.*

Doxology 95 (large blue book)

Offering Prayer (unison)

**Generous and Loving God, we thank you for every blessing you have given us.
Receive these offerings, whether given in person or through online giving, along with the**

gifts of our time, talents, service and loving hearts. Bless all who faithfully serve you in ways both seen and unseen. Grant us wisdom to use all that you have entrusted to us for your glory. May these gifts help grow your kingdom, bringing hope, peace, and love to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro in F

J. S. Bach

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

USHER: Sandy Vanderburg

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*Everyone is invited to join us in the parlor for conversation and treats provided by Emma and Rey Ramos.*

*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**

### **ONE ALTAR FLOWER**

is given by Rey and Emma Ramos in honor of Rey's birthday and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

### **ONE ALTAR FLOWER**

is given by Sheryl Long in celebration of Joan Loyd's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday, July 25.

### **COME JOIN US FOR OUR "POTLUCK AROUND THE WORLD"!!!**

On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., members, friends, and guests of GUMC will be gathering in the church parlor to join in another popular Potluck Around the World! This potluck will feature appetizers, salads and desserts. Sign up with the church office by Thursday, August 6 with your name, number attending and what you will be bringing.

### **WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!**

Our church family is growing! We have new members, and very soon we'll be welcoming a new pastor who will be eager to learn your names and get to know each of you personally. To make those connections easier for everyone, the Member Engagement Team encourages all members to wear nametags, particularly during this season of transition. **Long-time members** (dust off your laminated nametag and wear it proudly); **Newer members** (we've procured custom GUMC lanyards with printed nametags just for you); **Need a nametag?** (**contact the church office** to request a printed nametag and GUMC lanyard); **Guests** (sticky labels and pens will be available at the Welcome Desk). Just contact the church office - 847-729-1015 or [office@glenviewumc.org](mailto:office@glenviewumc.org).

### **OLIVET 2026 SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND "UNDIE SUNDAY" COLLECTIONS**

Be on the lookout for those summer sales so you can help fill up the GUMC collection bins with school supplies and undies for young people of all ages (PreK to 12<sup>th</sup>). "Undies" can be socks, underpants, boxers, undershirts, camisoles, and bras. School supplies are those listed for each grade on the CPS website and on "take away" shopping lists at each bin. Backpacks are also welcome. If you fill the backpack with supplies for a single child, please label it to show that and the grade level. All your donations must be at GUMC **by August 9**, so they reach Olivet in time. If you would like to be a helper at Olivet's Back to School Block Party on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, where the items will be distributed, contact Diana Berger (773-640-7812 or [palilaberger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:palilaberger@sbcglobal.net)).

### HELP VENEZUELAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) sends every penny of our donations to the earthquake needs. The administration of UMCOR is paid by other UM funds. You can donate several ways: write a check to Glenview UNMC, Memo: Venezuela earthquakes, or go on line: <https://umcmmission.org/work/humanitarian-relief>.

### LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES IN THE OFFERING PLATES

will go to Immigration Law and Justice of Northern Illinois. ILJ of Northern Illinois advocates and provides free or low-cost legal services to all people who have come to the U.S. seeking freedom safety and opportunity. ILJ provides council, advocacy, and support services. In the past 12 years they have helped over 59,000 immigrants and their families from around the world reunite, escape violence, obtain work authorization and become naturalized US citizens. UMCOR established the ILJ Network in 1999.

### 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 hallway 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 FLOWER SIGN UP CHART

is in the hallway across from the parlor. The arrangements are \$50 and may be taken home after the service.



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

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

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON THE WEEKENDS:

On weekends, when the office is closed, please contact our pastor, Rev. Rosa Lee, at 224-707-2804

### THIS WEEK:

**July 26 – August 2, 2026**

**Today:** 10 am – noon GUMYouth, social hall  
11 am Fellowship, parlor  
11:30 am Breakfast at Greenwood Grill

**Monday:** August Visitor article deadline

**Wednesday:** 7:30 am Men's Group, parlor

**Thursday:** August Visitor mailed

**Next Sunday:** 10 am Worship, Communion and Summer Sunday school  
11 am Fellowship, parlor  
11:15 am Membership/Engagement Committee, choir room

### STAFF:

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