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# SEVEN STANZAS AT EASTER *John Updike (1964)*

*Make no mistake: if He rose at all  
It was as His body;  
If the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the  
molecules reknit,  
The amino acids rekindle,  
The Church will fall.*

*It was not as the flowers,  
Each soft spring recurrent;  
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and  
fuddled eyes of the  
Eleven apostles;  
It was as His flesh; ours.*

*The same hinged thumbs and toes  
The same valved heart  
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and*

*then regathered  
Out of enduring Might  
New strength to enclose.*

*Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,  
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted  
in the faded  
Credulity of earlier ages:  
Let us walk through the door.*

*The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,  
Not a stone in a story,  
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow  
grinding of  
Time will eclipse for each of us  
The wide light of day.*

*And if we have an angel at the tomb,  
Make it a real angel,  
Weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with  
hair, opaque in  
The dawn light, robed in real linen  
Spun on a definite loom.*

*Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
For our own convenience, our own sense of  
beauty,  
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we  
are embarrassed  
By the miracle,  
And crushed by remonstrance.*

When I was thinking about the upcoming celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ, on April 9, 2023, I thought of the poem "Seven Stanzas at Easter" written by the American author and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner John Updike (1932-2009). Updike's famous and demanding Easter poem, published in 1964, has become important to me. Updike will not allow us to modernize Easter. He demands a physical resurrection – that Christ rises bodily from the grave. Updike knows that to the modern rational ear, this is "monstrous." Science demands that we accept that the dead do not rise. But Updike won't concede this: "if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, **the Church will fall.**" He will not let us off the hook. Yet, in some surveys, up to a quarter of American Christians say they do not believe Christ's resurrection happened. And yet, to believe that it did happen is a radical act of faith. I once heard a visiting Swedish theologian at the University of Oxford refer to the resurrection as "the impossible" – an event that we are called upon to believe, in spite of its seeming impossibility. It reminds me of the famous dictum attributed to the

Roman Christian writer and theologian Tertullian of Carthage (155-220 AD): *credo quia absurdum* ("I believe because it is absurd").

Christianity is not a rational scientific faith. It is a faith grounded in incarnation; in the Divine that takes on human flesh. If there is no 'real' Easter, there is no 'real' Christmas. To say, "Christ is risen!" is an act of defiance against the limitations of earthly material life. Resurrection faith stands before death itself and declares that death does not have the last word. I believe that now more than ever we need a radical Easter faith in the glorious Christ bursting out of the tomb in his body as well as his divinity; the kind that Updike demands: "Let us not mock God with metaphor... Let us walk through the door."

Christ is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

*Jim*  
Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Senior Minister

# LENT AND HOLY WEEK

**SUNDAY April 2 - 10 AM**

Palm Sunday with Blessing of Palms

**MONDAY April 3 - Noon**

Bible Study on the Book of Job

**WEDNESDAY, April 5 - 7:00 PM**

Amos Speakers' Forum - speaker, Lumi Stutz

**THURSDAY, April 6 at 7 PM**

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and Hand Washing

**April 7 - 7 PM**

Good Friday with the Office of Tenebrae

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 9**

9 AM and 11 AM

# KIDS CORNER

We are beginning to plan for summer and fall church school—if you are interested or have questions please contact Chris Calandra, Designated Director of Children's Ministry at [chris.calandra@gccucc.org](mailto:chris.calandra@gccucc.org).

Our Sunday meeting schedule includes:

- **April 2, Palm Sunday, 10 a.m.**  
NO CHURCH SCHOOL. Families process into sanctuary with palms, families sit together in worship (spring break). Childcare for babies and toddlers available in Room 107.
- **April 9, Easter Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.**  
NO CHURCH SCHOOL. Families sit together in worship. Child-care for babies and toddlers available in Room 107 at 9 am service only.
- **April 16**  
Church School and childcare resumes its regular schedule—the classes will be seeing the spring puppet presentation in the Community Room following children's time in the sanctuary.
- **April 23**  
Regular church school schedule; 4th graders will receive their Bibles at the beginning of the church service and then proceed to their classroom.
- **April 30**  
Community Sunday—grades 2-6 meet together.

You can find our church school curriculum and resources at:

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286768/Spark-Lectionary>

## CONCERT FOR PEACE: UTOPIA

**Hands of Peace** is extremely grateful to Katherine Hughes for organizing the 9th annual **Concert for Peace: Utopia** and **Art Exhibit**, part of the Simple Gifts Concert Series at Glenview Community Church. A special "thank you" to Laura Heyser, Sheryl Long, Betsy Martin, Tania McCarthy, and Robin Woodsome for their help in publicizing the event and organizing the art exhibit. Thank you to everyone who joined us on Sunday, whether in person or on-line, and thank you to Glenview Community Church for hosting the event. Through free-will donations and art sales, the concert generated \$1,338 in donations that will be used to empower the next generation of change-makers from Israel, Palestine, and the United States this summer.



Enjoy an inspirational evening at Chevy Chase Country Club for "Power of Purple" – the Hands of Peace Chicago Benefit on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., celebrating over 20 years of bringing together Israeli, Palestinian and American youth for dialogue, education and action. Bid on Silent Auction items to empower young leaders to find their voice, share their narratives and develop the compassion and skills they need to resolve conflict and serve their communities. Go go <https://aesbid.com/ELP/CHI23> for tickets and more information.

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

There will be a family/children's processional into the sanctuary with palms on Palm Sunday, April 2. Families and/or children who would like to participate should be in the Narthex by 9:45-9:50 to line up. There is NO regular church school that day, so if the kids come, they will sit with their families—there will be coloring sheets on the table for those who would like them. Childcare for babies and toddlers will be available as usual in Room 107.



Glenview Community Church  
**Nursery School**

## TACO TUESDAY!

On Tuesday, April 4, please support **GCCNS** by dining at **Chipotle** on Willow Road. **Chipotle** will give 33% of sales back to our preschool! Just mention **Glenview Community Church Nursery School** when you're ordering in person, or use the code **28PFFWH** to order on-line for pickup. Our teachers and students thank you!

# GCC CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

| Event Time                      | Event Name                                 | Primary Location | Event Time   | Event Name             | Primary Location |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Sunday, 02 April 2023</b>    |  |                  | <b>Sunday, 23 April 2023</b>   |                        |                  |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM            | GCC Worship - Palm Sunday                  | Sanctuary        | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM   | GCC Worship Service    | Sanctuary        |
| 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM            | Fellowship Time                            | Upper Comm       | 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM   | Fellowship Time        | Upper Comm       |
| <b>Monday, 03 April 2023</b>    |  |                  | 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM   | Confirmation Class     | Youth Room       |
| 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM             | Bible Study                                | Upper Comm       | <b>Tuesday, 25 April 2023</b>  |                        |                  |
| <b>Wednesday, 05 April 2023</b> |  |                  | 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM   | GCC Leadership Council | Founders         |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       | <b>Wednesday, 26 April 2023</b>  |                        |                  |
| 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM              | Amos Speaker's Forum - Lumi Stutz          | Chapel           | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM   | New To You             | New To You       |
| <b>Thursday, 06 April 2023</b>  |  |                  | <b>Thursday, 27 April 2023</b>   |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM   | New To You             | New To You       |
| 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM              | Maundy Thursday Service                    | Sanctuary        | 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM   | Joyful Ringers         | Bell Room        |
| <b>Friday, 07 April 2023</b>    |  |                  | 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM   | Chancel Choir          | Sanctuary        |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM   | Troop 156 Meeting      | Community F      |
| 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM              | Good Friday Service - Tenebrae Service     | Sanctuary        | <b>Friday, 28 April 2023</b>   |                        |                  |
| <b>Saturday, 08 April 2023</b>  |  |                  | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM   | New To You             | New To You       |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       | <b>Saturday, 29 April 2023</b>   |                        |                  |
| <b>Sunday, 09 April 2023</b>    |  |                  | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM   | New To You             | New To You       |
| 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM             | GCC Easter Celebration Service             | Sanctuary        | 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM   | Chicago Master Singers | Sanctuary        |
| 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM            | GCC Easter Celebration Service             | Sanctuary        | <b>Sunday, 30 April 2023</b>   |                        |                  |
| <b>Monday, 10 April 2023</b>    |  |                  | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM   | GCC Worship            | Sanctuary        |
| 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM              | GCC Closed for Easter Holiday              | Sanctuary        | 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM   | Fellowship Time        | Upper Comm       |
| <b>Tuesday, 11 April 2023</b>   |  |                  | 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM   | Chicago Master Singers | Sanctuary        |
| 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM              | STL Rehearsal                              | Sanctuary        | <b>MUSIC AND MOVEMENT SPRING 2023</b>  |                        |                  |
| 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM              | Ministry Steering Group                    | Founders         | Debbie Berg, GCCNS music teacher, continues to offer <i>Music and Movement</i> classes for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:15-10 and 10:15-11. Classes will be of mixed age and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The Spring session (6 weeks) will begin the week of April 3 and continue until the week of May 15. Non-GCCNS families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends from playgroups, library story time, or neighbors. Please use the following link to go directly to the spring registration form: Music and Movement — Glenview Community Church Nursery School ( <a href="http://gccns.com">gccns.com</a> ) If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at <a href="mailto:debbieberg23@gmail.com">debbieberg23@gmail.com</a> . |                        |                  |
| <b>Wednesday, 12 April 2023</b> |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Thursday, 13 April 2023</b>  |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM              | Joyful Ringers                             | Bell Room        |  |                        |                  |
| 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM              | 156 Troop Meeting                          | Community F      |  |                        |                  |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM              | Chancel Choir                              | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Friday, 14 April 2023</b>    |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Saturday, 15 April 2023</b>  |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Sunday, 16 April 2023</b>    |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM            | Second Easter - Bridge Over Troubled Water | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |
| 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM            | Fellowship Time                            | Upper Comm       |  |                        |                  |
| 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM              | GCC Confirmation                           | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |
| 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM              | GCC Chili Cook Off!                        | Community F      |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Tuesday, 18 April 2023</b>   |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM              | STL Dress Rehearsal                        | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Wednesday, 19 April 2023</b> |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Thursday, 20 April 2023</b>  |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM              | Joyful Ringers                             | Bell Room        |  |                        |                  |
| 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM              | 156 Troop Meeting                          | Community F      |  |                        |                  |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM              | Chancel Choir                              | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Friday, 21 April 2023</b>    |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| <b>Saturday, 22 April 2023</b>  |  |                  |  |                        |                  |
| 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM              | New To You                                 | New To You       |  |                        |                  |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM              | Sing To Live Concert                       | Sanctuary        |  |                        |                  |

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please sign up to volunteer to serve at Sunday Fellowship Hour or to bring cookies, brownies, cake, coffee cake, fruit, donut holes, cheese and crackers (or be creative). Sign up by contacting JoAnne Peters at [jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com](mailto:jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com) or the sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ac2eabfe3-fellowship1#/>. Thank you from the Fellowship Team:

Ann, Dina, Holly, JoAnne, Laura, Marion and Sally.












**HEARTLAND**  
Animal Shelter

# Pet DRIVE



The 7th and 8th grade confirmands will be collecting cat and dog items as a confirmation service project for Lent. You can drop off your donations by the church office during the week and in the narthex and outside the chapel on Sundays through Easter Sunday.

## ITEMS NEEDED

-  Gently used bath towels
-  Wet dog food (any brand)
-  Nylabone or Benebone toys
-  Dog treats (any brand)
-  Canned kitten food
-  Cat toys (no catnip)
-  Cat scratching mats

## AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



**MANATEE**, Female

**HEARTLAND ANIMAL SHELTER**  
586 Palwaukee Drive, Wheeling, IL  
847-296-6400

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FIND YOUR **COMMUNITY**  
**CHURCH**

# The GCC Chili Cookoff

**Sunday, April 16  
5 PM**

**GCC Community Room**



**Walk around, enjoy fellowship, hear music and taste chili.  
Vote for your favorites and watch the fireworks!**

**Vote as many times as you'd like.  
Voting tickets cost: \$3 per ticket, 5 for \$10, 10 for \$15**

**Salad, bread and dessert will be provided.**

**Chili Contestants: Contact Justin Bill at [billjust@gmail.com](mailto:billjust@gmail.com) to sign up**

**Sponsored by the Congregational Life Ministry and the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship. Proceeds will benefit the PYF trip.**



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Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Jr.

**BROADCASTER DEADLINES**

April 19, 2023 by 9:00 AM

May 24, 2023 by 9:00 AM

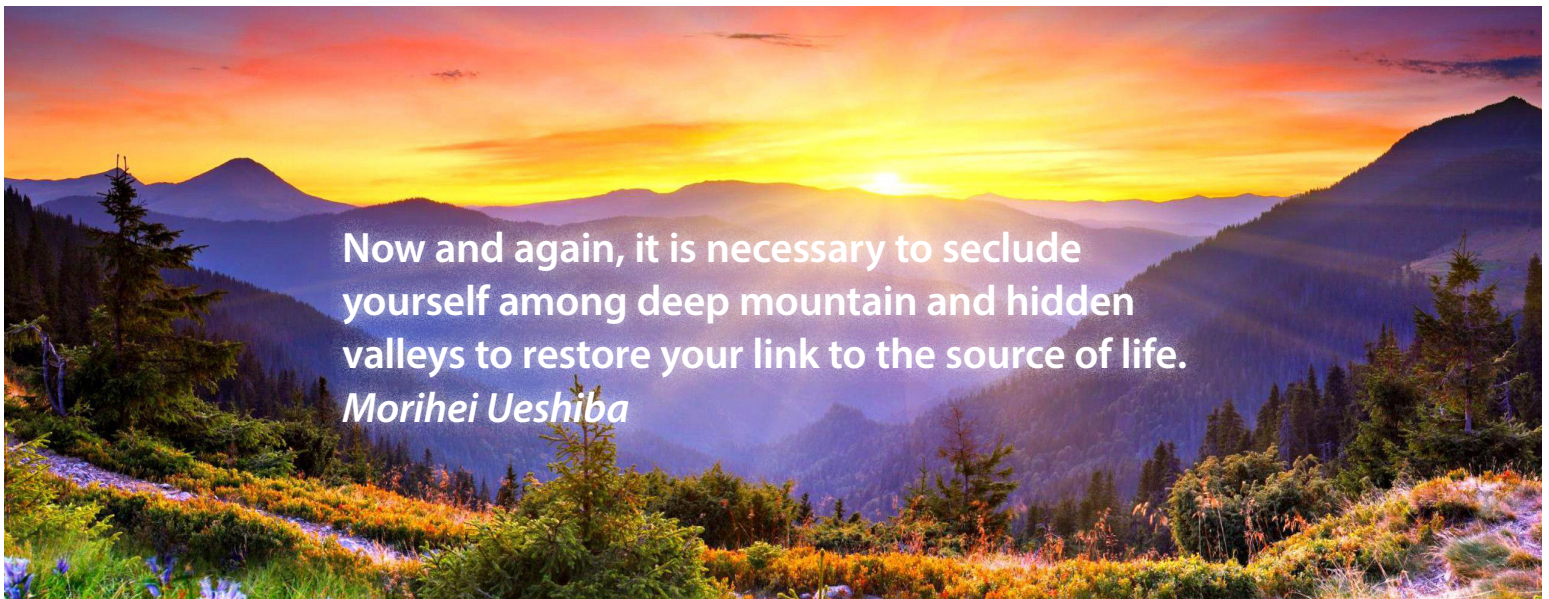
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*Morihei Ueshiba*

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