

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024



The Ascension by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship today. We are blessed to have you with us and look forward to greeting you after worship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Each Sunday ages 3 years and under meet and stay in Room 107. Children in preschool-6th grade begin the morning in the sanctuary with their families. Following Time of Blessing with Children, the Godly Play Door Keeper leads the children to Room 9. There is a lesson, response time, gathering and snack, and closing. Children are picked up at Room 9 following the service.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Glenview Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, accepting all who believe in God without regard to race, color, age, marital status, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical ability. It is also a W.I.S.E. church of the United Church of Christ - welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged with respect to persons facing mental health challenges, their families, and their caregivers.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

There are large print bulletins available each Sunday. If you need one, ask an usher.

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for your use. They are located in the Narthex. If you need assistance in locating them, please see an usher who will be able to assist you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers	Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo Rev. Abigail Lutz
Minister for Music	Gary Wendt
Choir Director	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Musicians	Joyful Ringers
Lector	Linda Pedian
Ambassadors	Sally Hicks, Mary Ellen Johnson
Head Usher	Brian Tidwell
Ushers	Kathy Tomita, Susan Tidwell, Linda Pedian, Barbara Pollak
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Dave Tosh

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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GATHER

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of our wonderful mother, Ruth, by Mary Beth Amarus*

PRELUDE *Trio on Duke Street "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* Paul Fey
Meditation on "Blessed are They Who Are Christ"

***HYMN #268** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. Thom M. Shuman, Minister, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,

All: there, we find Jesus walking.

One: Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find serenity, where love
is stronger than hate:

All: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

One: The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the journey! Our
eyes are opened to the needs of others!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***HYMN #581** *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen, Amen.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Please rise as able and greet one another in whatever way you are comfortable and share God's peace.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

All: You are welcome here.

LISTEN

TIME OF BLESSING WITH CHILDREN

The children come forward to exchange a blessing with the congregation and then depart for church school.

**The asterisk indicates when to stand if able.*

ACCLAMATION HYMN #587 Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Sung once by the choir first then repeated by the congregation.

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-14

ANTHEM *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

arr. Mark Hayes

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

He speaks, and listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe.

Let every creature join to praise
The one eternal God,
Ye heavenly hosts the song begin
And sound His name abroad.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

SERMON *On Being Christ to Others*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

***HYMN #730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Celtic Creed (Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2003)*

All: We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
who died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth
to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and his kingdom will come on earth.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

WELCOMING OF NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

We welcome Christy Markle and Natalie Banovitz as new members.

Presentation of New Members
Questions to New Church Members
Welcome of the Congregation

Minister: Let us, the members of Glenview Community Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

Right Hand of Fellowship

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: Let us pray.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC

Offertory

Lloyd Pfautch

***EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Rev. David Bell, United Methodist Minister*

**All: Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given
immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have
received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN #267** *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata*

David Hegarty



COMING UP AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, April 14: GCC Chili Cook-off

6 p.m. in the Community Room. Enjoy fellowship and healthy competition as you taste homemade chili and vote for your favorites! Voting tickets: \$3 per ticket, 5 tickets for \$10, and 20 tickets for \$20. Salad, bread, and dessert will be provided. Chili contestants, please email Justin Bill to sign up. Those interested in helping, please email Meredith Estes. Donations are welcome and benefit our GCC Youth Programs.

Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Myra Loris presents "Our Huddled Masses." This lecture will look at American immigration, as well as nativism and assimilation, both past and present, as a driving force in framing the uniqueness of the American experience. Come at 1:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by the one-hour lecture from 2-3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15, payable at the door. For questions, contact Beryl Bills at berylbills@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 28

The GCC Chancel Choir will present American composer Robert Ray's Gospel Mass with instrumentalists and soloists on Sunday, April 28 during the 10 am worship service. Please join us as we experience this joyous and poignant work!

Sunday, April 28: Constitution Revisions

11:15 in the Chapel: Meet with the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee to review the proposed revisions to the GCC constitution. We wish to hear your thoughts before asking for approval of the revisions at the May 19, 2024, Annual Meeting. Copies of the GCC constitution with all revisions incorporated and a redlined version of the May 24, 2023, constitution with proposed language to be omitted redlined and proposed new language noted in blue are available in the church office or electronically by emailing Beryl Bills (berylbills@comcast.net).

ABUNDANCE: Mission Giving and Service at GCC

GCC's 2024 mission budget of \$58,000 is funded by your pledges. Here's a partial list of agencies that received mission allocations in 2023. Your pledge dollars at work!

- Advocacy: Arise
- Serving children/seniors: Helping Hands, Onward Neighborhood House
- Homelessness: Connections for the Homeless, La Casa Norte, The Night Ministry, The Boulevard
- Hunger: A Just Harvest, Northfield Food Pantry
- Mental Health: Family Services Center, Josselyn Center, Thresholds

Electronic Giving

Didn't bring your cash? No more checks? No problem! Scan the QR code to be directed to the GCC giving web page where you can make a donation directly from your phone. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!



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OFFICE STAFF

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Glenview Community Church is a Christian community of acceptance and welcome for all God's people. We strive to make our campus (buildings and grounds) a place of sanctuary and safety for each person who comes here. Our church community is:

Inspired by Christ,
Enriched by Faith,
Committed to Inclusivity.

We serve God as advocates for Justice, Compassion, and Peace.