

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024



Philip and the Ethiopian by Ann Chapin (b. 1956)

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 children 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

Glennview 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
Guest Preacher	Rev. John H. Thomas
Minister for Music	Gary Wendt
Choir Director	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Instrumentalists	Sue Cunningham, flute; Frank Watkins, piano; Michael Pettersen, guitar; Justin Boller, electric bass; David Fodor, drums
Vocal Soloists	Tom Aldrich, Cordell Cooper, Beth Forrester, Sheryl Long, Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak, Beth Raebel, Jason Stutz, Bruce Wedell Maren Miller
Lector	Melinda Krueger, Steve Krueger
Ambassadors	Stephen Lindell
Head Usher	Greg Uhl, Sally Thuresson, Tom Thuresson, Ann Grant, Jennifer
Ushers	Vanderflute Barry Nelson
Technical Engineer	Marv Lutz
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Susan Johns

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GATHER

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the GCC Women's Association Chapter 20

PRELUDE *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Lawrence Underwood

***HYMN** (see insert) *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

STANDIN' IN THE NEED

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***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

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40

SERMON *Get in the Chariot*

Rev. John H. Thomas

SPECIAL MUSIC *Gospel Mass*

Robert Ray (1946-2022)

KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy*

In the name of the Father,

in the name of the Son,

in the name of the Holy Spirit,

the Blessed Three in One.

Oh Lord have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Oh Lord have mercy on me.

Send us a Savior, set my soul free.

Give us your word and teach us to pray.

I want to praise and serve You always.

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob look down,

have mercy upon us.

Oh Christ have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Oh Christ have mercy on me.

Send us Your comfort, grant us Your peace.

You are the way, the truth, and the light.

I love you more each day and each night.

Jesus the Rock of salvation, the Light of the

world,

have mercy upon us.

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

GLORIA *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glory to God in the highest, peace to all men of good will.
We Praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
Lord God, King of heav'n Father Almighty One.
Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father's only Son.
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world have mercy on us.
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world receive our prayers.
Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty in heav'n have

CREDO *I Believe in God*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffer'd under Pontius Pilate,
crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day, He arose.
He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free.
Now He sits at the right hand and He's waitin' for you and me.

ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah Praise The Lord*

Hallelujah.
Let us praise the Lord.
Praise Him with stringed instruments.
Praise Him with dance.
Praise Him on the psalt'ry and harp.
Everything that has breath ought to praise Him.

mercy on us.
Only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord.
Only Thou are holy, only thou are most high.
We come to praise Your name today, we want to serve You in ev'ry way.
Let the loud hosannas ring, shouting the praises to God our King.
In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Ghost.
The Blessed Three in One.
Amen!

He will judge all the world.
He will judge you and me.
I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Church Universal on earth.
I believe Lord in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth.
I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world.
I believe when my life is over, I'm going home just to live with my God.
I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost, I believe, I believe in God.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts*

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.
Who gave me victory.
There was a man sittin' by the roadside; he was
blind he could not see.
Then the Master of the earth and skies; touch'd his
eyes and he looked
around saying
Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.
Who gave me victory.
Another man lay by a poolside; thirty eight years
with his infirmity.
Then the Lord troubled the water; the man arose
and he jump'd for joy saying

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.
Who gave me victory.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord, we will always sing,
always sing Thy praise, sing Thy praise.
Hosanna in the highest. Sing hosanna in the
highest.
Like the blind man and the lame man, I was
lost, living in sin.
Then I opened up my heart one day, I let the
Savior in. Now I shout saying
Holy, holy Lord Jesus. Holy!

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
For You came to die for me, suffered, bled,
and died, died on Calvary.
In your word You showed us how, we are trying
Lord,
hear our pray'r right now.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

RESPOND

***CALL TO PRAYER**

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.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Irlandaise" from Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano*

Claude Bolling

***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** *Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What a Friend we have in Jesus

Arr. Charles Ore



Notes on the Gospel Mass

Robert Ray wrote his Gospel Mass in the late 1970s while teaching at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since then, what Ray intended to be a work for a one-time performance with a student ensemble has turned into a timeless composition performed frequently by choirs all over the world. A direct result of the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, which allowed the Catholic Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular of each culture, the Gospel Mass sets ancient Latin liturgy in the English language and to music in the tradition of the African-American church. (Likewise, Ariel Ramirez's *Missa Criolla*, which was sung in Spanish by our Chancel Choir accompanied by South American instruments in 2018, was also composed in response to the Second Vatican Council.)

Each performance of the Gospel Mass is unique given the improvisatory nature of Gospel music; and its exciting vocal and instrumental writing, rich harmonies, and infectious rhythms make it an uplifting and moving work.

Following the Chancel Choir's presentation of Robert Ray's Gospel Magnificat in December of 2023, it is a joy to present another work by this great American composer to the Glenview Community Church community.

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

African-American spiritual; al

Leader

1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,

All *Leader*

stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's

All *Refrain*

me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;
 it's me,

It's me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 it's me,



The Rev. John H. Thomas served from 1999 to 2009 as General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. He has also been a pastor in congregations in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, the denomination's ecumenical officer, and a member of the faculty of Chicago Theological Seminary. He has served on the governing boards of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA, and the World Council of Churches. A native of Connecticut, he is a graduate of Gettysburg College and Yale Divinity School. He is the President of the Board of Arise Chicago, an interfaith worker justice organization. Rev. Thomas is retired and lives with his wife, Lydia Veliko, in Chicago. They are members of Epiphany United Church of Christ.

COMING UP AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

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).

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday. 4th graders will be receiving their Bibles.

ABUNDANCE: Mission Giving and Service at GCC

This April, we've been talking about how GCC shares its abundance through mission allocations and financial grants from the Women's Association. But we also recognize the generous work of GCC members and groups donating not just money but time, talent, and hard-won skills. Here is just a sampling of the long list of events and activities led by GCC members:

- Youth group bake sales
- Dunkin' Donuts gift cards for distribution by **The Night Ministry**
- Food on the First program
- Mission Tree annual winter outer gear drive
- Painting apartments for **Good News Partners**
- Serving meals to children at **Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook**
- Serving as ambassadors, ushers, communion servers, scripture readers, choir members, Sunday School teachers, and coffee hour servers

The contributions of every member count in making GCC a caring, abundant community!

Glenview Clean Energy Fair & Electric Vehicle Show

Greener Glenview and the Glenview Park District are hosting the Glenview Clean Energy Fair & Electric Vehicle (EV) Show on Sunday, April 28, from 1-4 pm at the Glenview Park Center West Gym. The community is invited to the fair to learn about the products, services, and financing that can help them take part in the transition to the coming renewable energy economy. The Clean Energy Fair will showcase a wide range of electric alternatives for home and transportation.

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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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.