

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024



The Confirmation Procession, 1889, Cesare-Auguste Detti

FIND YOUR **GLENVIEW**
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

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 with Children, the adult leader takes 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. Summer Church School begins June 2. We will use a similar format but may spend some time outside working in the church garden and/or playing on the playground.

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	The Joyful Ringers; Tres Belles: Sue Cunningham, Edie Harrison, Mackenzie Papini
Lector	Debby Shellard, Siobhan Cooper, Leighton Cooper
Ambassadors	Phil Gartner, Dina Tosh
Head Usher	Dave Tosh
Ushers	Beryl Bills, Ginny Hotaling, Doug Berg, George Silca, Diane Silca, Laura O'Mera
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Nathan Shook

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Susan Johns

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

GATHER

The Altar Flowers are given in honor of our parents', Gene and Mary Ann Patterson, wedding anniversary by Kelly Paulson and Karen Patterson

PRELUDE *Groove in D Minor* Cathy Mocklebust

***HYMN #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* KELVINGROVE
Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

WORDS OF WELCOME

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
All: You are welcome here.

OPENING POEM *Symphony* Brooke Estes

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Elyse Beavin
Leighton Cooper
Chase Opensky
Olivia Wetterman

All: Thank you, God, for the Holy Bible and for the students receiving them this morning. May we be a community that nourishes their learning about the Bible and about their faith. May their journey of reading and wondering about Scripture lead them each closer to you. Amen.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP *I Have the Courage* P. Andrews/J. DeVries

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:1-5
Lector: May we hear the Still-Speaking God in these words.
All: God is Still Speaking!

HOMILY *Confirmation* Rev. Abigail Lutz

HYMN (see insert) *Ask the Complicated Questions*

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

RESPOND

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM

Cayden Jonas Moorad

Danny Holton

Riley Marie Rounds

All: Give to the newly baptized strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

Annie Airola

Jason Matthew Bauer

Gigi Call

Christopher James Diaz

Sean Michael Donohue

Joshua Greve

Inara Haugen

Danny Holton

Peter Edward Kunkel

Jackson Morley Sven Lane

Jacob Lundgren

Cayden Jonas Moorad

Maxine Pierce

Riley Rounds

Posey Elizabeth Wotring

Bronwyn Lily Wood

One: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted this your servant,
_____ through the water of baptism. Nourish in her/him with the power of
your Holy Spirit that she/he may serve you in the world.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

WELCOME

One: All members of Glenview Community Church are invited to stand as we
together affirm our continued support and 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. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we
continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our
risen Savior.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC *Peace and Harmony*

Kurt Meyer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who love our Savior Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion regardless of church
membership. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup by intinction (dipping the bread into
the cup). Each station has bread, grape juice, as well as gluten free wafers. If you do not wish to receive
Communion, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a
blessing from the ministers. If you would prefer to receive communion in your seat, please stay seated,
raise your hand, and we will come serve you.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God, we thank you for nourishing our faith throughout our whole lives. Thank you for welcoming us as we are with our questions and doubts. Thank you, God, for the open invitation to your table, where we can come time and time again to find you and to connect with each other. Would this Communion feast sustain us until we come to The Table again. Amen.

HYMN #487 *These Treasured Children*
Vs. 1, 4, 5

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jubilation*

Jason Payne



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Starting the month with an awareness of our commitment as a church: Glenview Community Church is designated a “WISE” congregation. WISE congregations of the United Church of Christ have joined the mission of being Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged in the Mental Health of the community and the wider world. The objective of WISE is to encourage UCC congregations to become more welcoming of those living with mental health challenges, to expand inclusion of those who are living with mental health challenges, to be supportive of all who are affected by mental health conditions, and to engage in ways to live out our WISE commitment.

Why does talking about Mental Health in church matter? (Many reasons!) Most people believe that mental illnesses are rare and “happen to someone else,” when in fact, mental illnesses are common and widespread with an estimated 61.5 million Americans (1 in 4) experiencing some form of mental illness in a given year. Despite this large proportion of people who experience mental illness, there continues to be strong stigma and discrimination against individuals with mental illness and an attempt to push conversations about mental health to the periphery. The church is no exception. Historically and today, many churches and church leaders fail to engage in talking about mental health and failed to create a welcoming environment for individuals with mental illness. Living out our WISE designation means we as a church are attempting to break that silence. The truth is, we all have a part to play in caring for our own Mental Health... this is something worth talking about!

Pay attention to ways that you can engage in Mental Health Awareness this month! Our Congregational Life Ministry will continue to provide resources to increase awareness through GCC communications all May.

Let us together as a church be **WISE**.

Ask The Complicated Questions

1. Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions,
 2. Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3. Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4. For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale; for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

COMING UP AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

12 May

Puppets Performance: During church school for all age youths. Bring your kids to enjoy this puppet performance next Sunday!

19 May

Children's Musical: Don't miss this special Sunday where our children will perform their spring musical during worship.

19 May

Annual Meeting following worship.

Save the date: Memorial Garden Dedication

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 2 when we officially dedicate and bless the new GCC Memorial Garden. There will be a special sermon during worship service. After the service, we invite everyone to follow Jim outside for a special dedication and blessing of the new garden. A reception/coffee hour will follow.

ABUNDANCE: Mission Giving and Service at GCC

Inside GCC, a beautiful renewal is taking place. After the difficult times of pandemic and transition, GCC's youth programs are blossoming into abundance. Take church school, for example. In the new Godly Play curriculum, children are learning about faith and the Bible through storytelling. Director of Children's Ministries Chris Calandra says, "When I consider the abundance we experience at GCC in relation to church school, I immediately think of the wonderful, dedicated volunteers that staff our rooms." We are also lucky to have an abundance of emotional commitment from our GCC families, as well as the space and financial resources to support children's learning. Many thanks to the GCC family for the abundant gifts of time, energy, and money that make our excellent church school possible!

The Outreach Team is sponsoring a collection of basic hygiene supplies for newly-arrived migrant families from **May 3 – May 24**. The Outreach Team will create individual welcome kits from supplies collected and deliver them to **La Casa Norte** and **Onward Neighborhood House** for distribution to migrant families. What we need is listed below. Check to QR code to send items directly to the church!

·Formin anti-bacterial soap sheets for handwash –

300 in pack

·Dew Well refresh deodorant wipes -50 cnt

·Cetafil travel size face wash – 12 pack

·30 pack of combs

·Batiste dry mini shampoo – pack of 3 or 4

·Clean Skin Club towels – 50 cnt per pack

·Fresh Scent Bar Soap – pack of 100

·Avalon cotton washcloths – 60 cnt

·Packs of pocket size Kleenex – 16 packs per order

·Colgate disposable toothbrushes including

toothpaste – 24 cnt per pack



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.