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January 12, 2025

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

Children ages 4 years-6th grade start in the sanctuary with their families and then proceed to the Godly Play classroom (Room 9) for the lesson. Following the church service, families pick up their children up from Godly Play. For the little ones, ages birth-3 years, child care is available in room 107 during the church 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
Organist	Gary Wendt
Musicians	Mike Cascio, drums; Ken Haebich, bass; Kevin Kizer, saxophone; Jade Maze, vocalist
Ambassadors	Phil Gartner, Holly Little
Head Usher	Scott Frerichs
Ushers	Jack Christiansen, Shawn Eshoo, Debby Fosdick, Sally Hicks, Kristen Hugueley, Mary Ellen Johnson, Michele Monteith
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Lindsey Holton

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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SECOND SUNDAY

January 12, 2025

*The altar flowers are given in honor of my mother
Grace Winter's 100th birthday Love, Karen and Tom Aldrich*

JOURNEY

GATHER

SONG (see page 5) *No Matter*
Refrain: All
Verses: Soloist

PASSING THE PEACE

INSPIRE

CHILDREN'S TIME

All the children may come forward to hear a message.

SOLO *Sunshine*

Jade Maze

READINGS

Genesis 12:1-2

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing".

Luther's Writings

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified." - *Martin Luther, from Defense and Explanation of All the Articles (1521)*

CONNECT

MESSAGE *Faith is a Journey*

Rev. Jim Matarazzo

SONG *Wayfaring Stranger*
First verse: Soloist

1. I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
I'm trav'ling through this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger,
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

All

2. I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,
I know my pathway's rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before me,
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.
I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come;
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

3. I'll soon be free from every trial,
This form will rest beneath the sod;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,
And enter in my home with God.
I'm going there to see my Savior,
Who shed for me his precious blood;
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

PRAYERS

HYMN #464 The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

The Journey

Julie Gold

Half the world is sleeping
Half the world's awake
Half can hear their hearts beat
Half just hear them break
I am but a traveler, in most every way
Ask me what you want to know
What a journey it has been
And the end is not in sight
But the stars are out tonight
And they're bound to guide my way
When they're shining on my life
I can see a better day
I won't let the darkness in
What a journey it has been
I have been to sorrow
I have been to bliss
Where I'll be tomorrow
I can only guess
Through the darkest desert
Through the deepest snow
Forward, always forward, I go

What a journey it has been
And the end is not in sight
But the stars are out tonight
And they're bound to guide my way
When they're shining on my life
I can see a better day
I won't let the darkness in
What a journey it has been
Forward, always forward
Onward, always up
Catching every drop of hope
In my empty cup
What a journey it has been
And the end is not in sight
But the stars are out tonight
And they're bound to guide my way
When they're shining on my life
I can see a better day
I won't let the darkness in
What a journey it has been
What a journey it has been

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

BLESSING

SONG *On the Sunny Side of the Street*
Grab your coat and grab your hat
Leave your worries on the doorstep
Just direct your feet
On the sunny side of the street

If I never had a cent
I'd be rich as Rockefeller
With gold dust at my feet
On the sunny side of the street

Can't you hear the pitter-pat
That happy tune is your step
Life can be so sweet
On the sunny side of the street

I used to walk in the shade
With those blues on parade
But I'm not afraid, baby
My rover's crossed over

POSTLUDE *Life is a Highway*

Tom Cochrane

FELLOWSHIP



No Matter

♩=120

No mat-ter who,___ no mat-ter what___ no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place.___ No mat-ter

who,___ no mat-ter what,___ no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

Verses

1. For we are fam - i - ly,___ meant to be___
 2. And in di - ver - si - ty,___ u - ni - ty,___
 3. To - geth - er we will sing,___ wor - ship bring,
 4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;___

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty.___ Born in love,___
 har - mo - ny for all to see:___ Just - ice and___
 hands and hearts out - stretched to all.___ Je - sus praise,
 lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call.___ Wel - come home,

from a - bove,___ God's com - mu - ni - ty.___
 e - qui - ty,___ God's com - mu - ni - ty.___
 hearts a - blaze,___ lis - ten to God's call.
 wel - come in,___ wel - come one and all.---

UPCOMING EVENTS

Godly Play Teacher Training and Meeting

Today after church please join us for a training meeting and light lunch. We will meet in Room 9 downstairs for a training session and then adjourn for a light lunch to chat and thank our current volunteers for their dedicated service.

January 15

The Amos Speakers Forum returns with its first event of the new year next Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the Commons. Join us for "Resolved for 2025: Healthy Fueling at Meals and Snacks," presented by Arleen Turner-Witcoff, registered dietician at Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. And be sure to check out our "Healthy Fueling" hospitality counter for your snacking pleasure!

January 20

Martin Luther King Day of Service: People of all ages are welcome to join us on January 20 for a morning of service projects to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, jr. Join us and bring a friend! The event will run from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Hygiene Item Collection (For MLK Day of Service.) In preparation for our MLK Day of Service, please contribute hygiene items for care kits that will be packed at our event. Please purchase items using this link:

<https://wishlist.gracenetWORKchi.org/gccyg>. You may also contribute by donating travel size deodorant, cream, or soap in the collection bins at church; or designating a monetary donation to "MLK Hygiene Kits." Thank You!

January 22

The Senior Minister will lead a 13 Week Course called, Christian Theology: An Introduction beginning Wednesday, January 22, 2025, for the GCC Community as taught at Loyola University Chicago, Boston College, and the University of Oxford. Each weekly class will last 90 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

January 24

Join us for another Friday "Cabaret in the Commons," at 7 p.m. featuring Jeannie Tanner. This year, Jeannie is joined by Stacy McMichael playing bass. Jeannie and Stacy will perform a one-hour concert of MLK's favorites as well as original songs composed by Ms. Tanner. Jeannie was last with us performing for GCC's anniversary celebration of being an Open and Affirming Congregation. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Friends of Music.

January 25

Men's Ministry Breakfast: Men of GCC: Our October breakfast was very successful, and we had about 20 participants. Let's gather again. Join us for breakfast at Jasper's (1913 Waukegan Rd, Glenview) on Saturday, January 25. We will begin at 8:00 a.m., but feel free to arrive as you're able. We will be in the sunroom to the left (north side). Please RSVP by following the QR code or by letting Riley in the office know by January 22. The restaurant will need an estimate of how many plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



January 26

The Glenview Community Church Midwinter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately following the worship service in the church sanctuary.

February 2

Chili Cookoff is now in FEBRUARY! Join us for the GCC Chili Cook-off on its new date, February 2 at 5 p.m. in the Community Room. Enjoy fellowship and healthy competition as you taste homemade chili and vote for your favorites! Salad, Bread, and Dessert will be provided. Want to be a Chili Contestant? Email Justin Bill (billjust@gmail.com).

February 16

Please join us on Sunday, immediately following service to hear updates on preventing gun violence. Ghida Neikirch, City Manager of Highland Park and Incident Commander after the shooting, will share the City's response to the horrific tragedy and lessons learned. Additionally, we will hear from Brenda Mitchell, a member of Moms Demand Action, who will share her personal experiences with gun violence. Her insight on this topic are sure to be powerful and impactful.

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 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.