

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025



“Christ in Majesty,” by Daniel Mitsui (b. 1982)

*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Rev. 1:8*

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

Your children are welcome here at GCC! During the service, we offer childcare for infants and toddlers aged birth to 4 years in room 107. Room 107 is on the main floor hallway between the Commons area and the church office.

For children aged 4 years-6th grade, Godly Play church school is in Room 108 next door. School-aged children start the day in the sanctuary with their families and are then led by an adult helper to Room 108. All children are picked up following the service in 107 or 108.

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
Chancel Choir	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Musicians	Joyful Ringers
Lector	Sue Newberry
Ambassadors	Diane Guth, Cathy Shapiro
Head Ushers	Sally Thuresson, Tom Thuresson
Ushers	Ann Grant, Greg Uhl, Jennifer Vanderflute
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Chris Wetterman

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Susan Johns

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GATHER

PRELUDE *Song of the Wind* Arnold Sherman

*HYMN *Your Ways Are Not Our Own* (see page 5) SCHUMANN

*CALL TO WORSHIP Hashkiveinu, Mishkan T'filah—A Reform Siddur (2010)

One: Let there be love and understanding among us.

All: Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms.

One: Eternal One, help us to work with good companions,

All: To live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our thoughts,

One: That we lie down in peace and rise up waiting to do Your will.

All: Blessed are You, Eternal One, whose shelter of peace is spread over us.

*HYMN #588 *Alleluia* JOYFUL ALLELUIA

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! **All: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Henry Garrett Egan, born on September 22, 2024, the daughter of Emily Joy Egan and Quentin Garrett Egan. All children may come forward to witness the baptism

Question to the Congregation

Minister: Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and to Henry as he lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Baptism

***HYMN #482** *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE *Luke 6:27-38*

ANTHEM *The Eyes of All*

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, of every living thing.

SERMON *The Golden Rule*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

RESPOND

***HYMN #316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*
vv. 1-4

TWENTY-FOURTH

***CALL TO PRAYER**

One: The Lord is here.

All: Christ's Spirit is with us.

One: May God's light illumine our path.

All: May God's glory fill this sanctuary.

All may be seated.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Book of Common Prayer (1979), The Episcopal Church*

All: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION *Colonel Henry Gariepy (1930-2010), The Salvation Army*

God bless America with righteousness, which alone exalts a nation.

God bless America with compassion, to reach out to those who suffer.

God bless America with a firm faith, that we may know above all else Your will and strength to confront the dangers, both physical and moral, that beset our nation and world. In this hour, we reaffirm our trust in You as "our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." We pray in the name of the One who is the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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.

*HYMN #835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

CLOSER WALK

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC *The Mystery of Years*

Dan Forrest

Time, the ever-changing season,
Space, the limit of a man,
Clinging now to fragile reason,
Limited in scope and span
Fettered to a finite place,
Sentence of the human race;
Lord, we long to see your face—
Descend to us again.

These are all divinely wrought:
The galaxies and spheres,
The swiftness of immortal thought,
The Mystery of Years.

As we pray Him, Jesus is our
Refuge from the fallen age;
Peace is with us 'mid the flaming
Centuries of war and rage.
Infinite, the God we see,
Framer of eternity;
He will never cease to be
Who evermore has been.

Christ of mercy without measure,
Filling sea and sky and earth,
Christ, the everlasting treasure,
We extol your matchless worth!
Yesterday, the spotless Lamb,
Still today, the Son of Man,
Evermore the Great I Am,
Beginning unto end.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #300** *We Are One In the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata Brillante*

James Michael Stevens

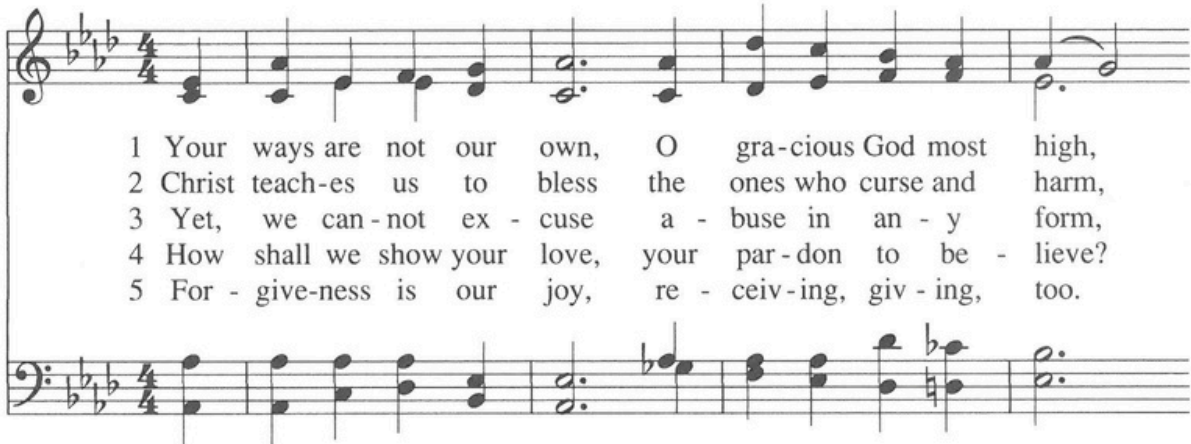


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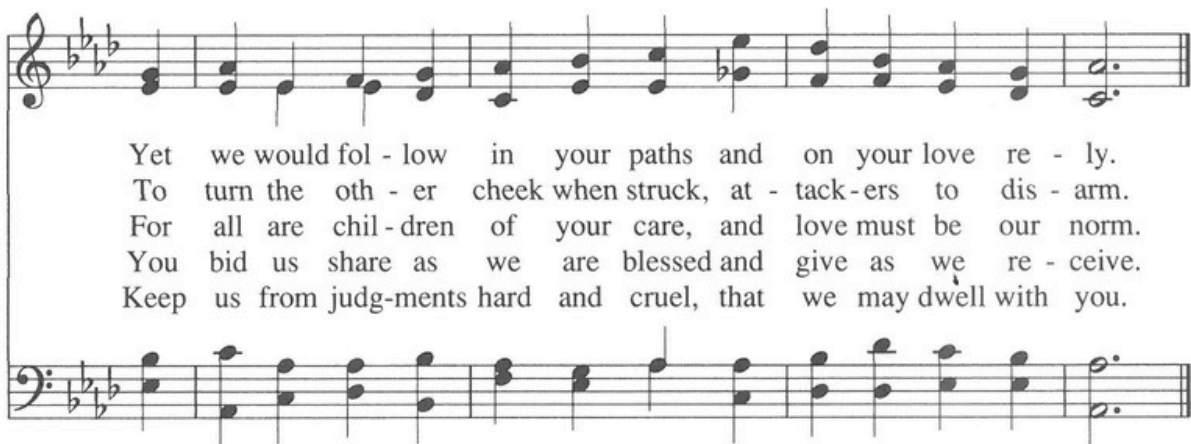
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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
 2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
 3 Yet, we can-not ex-cuse a-buse in an-y form,
 4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be-lieve?
 5 For-give-ness is our joy, re-ceive-ing, giv-ing, too.



Yet we would fol-low in your paths and on your love re-ly.
 To turn the oth-er cheek when struck, at-tack-ers to dis-arm.
 For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
 You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re-ceive.
 Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Inquiring New Members Brunch: After today's service in the Chapel. Interested in learning more about membership at GCC? Join GCC ministers and lay leaders in the chapel after worship for refreshments and conversation. This is a chance for you to get to know more about GCC and for us to get to know you!

Confirmation Bake Sale benefitting Red Cross California Wildfires Fund: Support our confirmands after worship on Sunday as they sell baked goods to raise funds for those impacted by the California wildfires. Bake sale will take place in the Commons. Bring cash and your sweet tooth!

Wednesday, February 26

Christian Theology Class: Rev. Jim's class will continue in the Commons this week. Feel free to come even if you have missed previous classes.

Sunday, March 2

Important Congregational Meeting: The Leadership Council has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary, for the purpose of voting to call the Rev. Abigail Grace Lutz as the settled Associate Minister of Glenview Community Church. This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. In accordance with the congregation's constitution, no other business shall be transacted. 50 members need to be present to establish a quorum. Please plan to attend.

Monday, March 3

"WISE" Lenten Book Study: Join Rev. Abigail and the Congregational Life Ministry this Lent as we read *While You Were Out* by Meg Kissinger. Get yourself a copy of the book and read the first two chapters before our first meeting. The book study will meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons March 3-April 14.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT PROCESSING CHANGE

GCC is changing how we process electronic payments. This means that if you make regular donations or pledge contributions via the Vanco website (electronically), you will have to update your information in Breeze's online giving. This change will happen on March 1, 2025. Follow the QR code to set up your new recurring payments or to check out how easy it is to give electronically with Breeze.

GCCNS 3rd Annual Plant Sale

It might feel like winter, but it's time to think ahead to spring! Get your annual flowers, herbs, and Mother's Day floral gifts by ordering by February 27 from Schaefer Greenhouses Inc. Order pick up will be on Thursday, May 1. There is a \$20 option for delivery. Reach out to Tracey Unger at Tracey.Unger86@gmail.com for any questions. Paper order forms are at Church or use the QR code.

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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.