

TRANSEFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025



“Transfiguration” from the “Life of Jesus Mafa” (1973), Cameroon

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

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. 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
Musician	Sue Cunningham, flute
Lector	Caleb Parker
Ambassadors	Phil Gartner, Holly Little
Head Usher	Laura O'Mera
Ushers	Debbie Berg, Doug Berg, Beryl Bills, Ginny Hotaling, George Silca, Diane Silca, Dave Tosh
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Matt Bauer

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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GATHER

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* Brant Adams

***HYMN #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All: You are welcome here.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

LISTEN

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

Children are invited to gather at the altar steps for a special message before heading to Godly Play.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 9:28-36*

ANTHEM *Beautiful Savior*

F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

SERMON *What are we doing here?*

Rev. Abigail Lutz

RESPOND

***HYMN** *If We Eat Our Lavish Banquet (see page 4)*

EBENEZER

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 OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to receive Communion regardless of church membership. 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

One: ...Lord, in Your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

***HYMN #769** *For Everyone Born*
Vs. 1 - Choir
Vv. 2-5 - All

FOR EVERYONE BORN

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus

Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

*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**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata all' irlandese*

Hans-André Stamm

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members are asked to remain in the sanctuary after the postlude for a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on calling the Rev. Abigail Lutz to be the Associate Minister of Glenview Community Church.



If We Eat Our Lavish Banquet



1. If we eat our lav - ish ban - quet while the hun - gry
2. If our ser - mons soothe the might - y but bring hum - ble
3. If the rit - u - als in chap - els are di - vorced from



cry for bread, if our ta - bles feed the pi - ous
peo - ple shame, if the rich hear on - ly com - fort
acts of care, if the words we preach in church - es



while the out - cast goes un - fed, if the strong hoard
but the poor hear on - ly blame, if the smug grow
are not good news ev - 'ry - where, if op - pres - sion

wealth and pow - er while the weak a - mong them die,
 still more cer - tain but the the doubt - er runs from God,
 grows a - round us and we do not give a damn,

is the meal we share in - de - cent,
 is the word we preach in - sult - ing,
 is our lit - ur - gy of - fen - sive,

is our eu - cha - rist a lie?
 is our gos - pel then a fraud?
 is our wor - ship just a sham?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 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.

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday Service: Join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. Afterward, stay for Rev. Jim’s Theology Class at 7 p.m. in the Commons.

Saturday, March 8

Boards & Bites: All are welcome to join us from 5–7 p.m. in the Community Room for an intergenerational board game and potluck night! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your favorite board game to play.

Sunday, March 9

Troop 156 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast: Come to church hungry on March 9 and plan to support our boy scouts by eating pancakes before or after worship (or maybe both!). They will be serving breakfast in the Community Room from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5.

Wednesday, March 12

Amos Speakers Forum: 7 p.m. in the Commons featuring Char Rivette, CEO of the renowned Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. Her presentation, "For the Sake of the Children: Battling Abuse and Restoring Lives," will shine a light on the CCAC's ongoing work to address this somber societal issue that has earned the organization international acclaim.

Sunday, March 16

Concert for Peace 11: 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Join Katherine Hughes, Kevin Kizer, Jade Maze, members of the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir, members of the First Congregational Church of Wilmette Choir, the Joyful Ringers, and many others as they explore themes of peace through music. Featuring original pieces by Fred Simon and Ken Haebich. A free-will donation will be collected to benefit Building Peaceful Bridges.

Electronic Giving

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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.