

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Eve of the Feast of St. Patrick of Ireland
March 16, 2025



Christ on the Mount of Olives, Book of Kells, 9th Century, Ireland

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
Musicians	Joyful Ringers
Lector	Karen Ornduff
Ambassadors	Melinda Krueger, Steve Krueger
Head Usher	Brian Tidwell
Ushers	Linda Pedian, Barbara Pollak, Susan Tidwell, Kathy Tomita
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Sally Hicks

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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GATHER

*The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Gene Patterson, who passed away on St. Patrick's Day 2016.
With love, always and forever, Mary Ann Patterson, Kelly Paulson, and Karen Patterson O'Brien.*

PRELUDE *Song of Peace* Arnold Sherman

***HYMN #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

***SUMMARY OF THE LAW** *Mark 12:29-31*
Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

***LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN** *Book of Common Worship (1993), Presbyterian Church (USA)*
All: O God, forgive us for all our failings that we may be restored to the loving and compassionate beings that you created us to be. May the image we project in our lives be one and the same as that which you created in our souls at our birth — the image of goodness and loving kindness. Amen.

***HYMN #437** *Kyrie* WAYFARING STRANGER
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Minister: It is written: "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." (Isaiah 44:22). Let us believe the Good News:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

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

LISTEN

***HYMN (see insert)** *Psalm 27*

TAIZÉ

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

ANTHEM *Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen*

Harry T. Burleigh

Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus.
Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Glory Hallelujah!

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down,
Oh, yes, Lor!
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground,
Oh, yes, Lord!

If you get there before I do,
Oh, yes, Lord!
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
Oh, yes, Lord.

SERMON *Conformed to Glory*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

***HYMN #223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
vv. 1, 4

HAMBURG

RESPOND

***CALL TO PRAYER** *Psalm 63:1-2*

Minister: O God, you are my God.

All: Early will I seek you.

Minister: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

All: As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)*

All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness; give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit; and as you know our weakness so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK *Lúreach Phádraig*

One: I arise today through the strength of heaven: light of the sun, brilliance of moon, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.

All: Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me.

One: Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left.

All: Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height.

One: Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

All: I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity: through the belief in the Threeness, through the confession of the Oneness, of the Creator of creation.

One: Salvation is of the Lord; salvation is of the Christ.

All: May your salvation, O Lord, be always with us. 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. Douglas Wagner

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;

On that hill, his spirit left him;

He had to walk it by himself.

He breathed his last full breath on earth.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;

Oh nobody there could know his suffering;

He had to walk it by himself.

He gave his life that we might live.

Jesus died for our salvation,

When we walk this lonesome valley,

Was crucified all by himself;

We shall not walk it all alone;

Oh nobody else could do it for him,

For Jesus, our Lord, will be there with us,

He went to die all by himself.

And guide us to the journey home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,

Jesus walked, Jesus died, Jesus lives!

Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot,

Coming for to carry me home.

LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand*

All: Each one of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator; gifts brought in love. Amen.

*HYMN #741 *Guide My Feet*
vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

GUIDE MY FEET

*BLESSING OF BREAD AND CUP

During the Sundays of Lent, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be available to anyone who wishes to receive it in the Cynthia Masters Memorial Chapel after the postlude. The method of receiving is by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). All are welcome to receive regardless of church membership. After receiving, please join us for fellowship in the Commons.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hold On!*

arr. Calvin Taylor

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the postlude in the Commons.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Today!

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 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.

Care Packages for College Students!

Do you have a college age student who would appreciate receiving a care package from GCC? Email Rev. Abigail their name and address so they can be added to the list of recipients! abigail.lutz@gccucc.org. Keep an eye out for supplies to donate and help fill our care packages!

Christian Theology Class

Rev. Jim's theology class on March 19 is canceled. The next class will be April 2. The classes will continue until May 28.

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!



POEM FOR THE WEEK

“For Lent, 1966”

It is my Lent to break my Lent,
To eat when I would fast,
To know when slender strength is spent,
Take shelter from the blast.
When I would run with wind and rain,
To sleep when I would watch.
It is my Lent to smile at pain,
But not ignore its touch.
It is my Lent to listen well
When I would be alone,
To talk when I would rather dwell
In silence, turn from none
Who call on me, to try to see
That what is truly meant
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.



-Madeleine L'Engle (1918-2007),
American author

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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.