

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025



'Love One Another' by Emma Taylor (b. 1982)

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

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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/Accompanist	Gary Wendt
Chancel Choir	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Musicians	The Joyful Ringers
Lector	Debby Shellard
Ambassadors	Melinda Krueger, Steve Krueger
Head Usher	Brian Tidwell
Ushers	Linda Pedian, Barbara Pollak, Susan Tidwell, Kathy Tomita
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Dave Tosh

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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GATHER

PRELUDE Come Christians, Join to Sing arr. Matthew Compton

***HYMN #267** Come Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Leviticus 19:18

One: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One!

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

One: Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Recite them to your children.

All: Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.

One: Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol before your eyes.

All: Inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people.

All: But you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

***HYMN (see page 5)** Gloria Patri MEINKE

*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.

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LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

After the message, the children depart for Godly Play and join their teachers in the narthex.

SCRIPTURE *John 13:31-35*

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another comforter,
that He may 'bide with you forever;
even the spirit of truth.

SERMON *God Commands the Impossible*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

***HYMN #282** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

RESPOND

*CALL TO PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

***EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #80** *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

TREES OF THE FIELD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Festival Toccata*

Percy Fletcher

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



Glory Be to the Father

G D D D A/E D/F# G D/A A⁷

Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

6 D G G/D G/B G G/D D D⁷

Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

10 G G C G/D D⁷ G

shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 18

The Glenview Community Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, immediately after worship in the sanctuary. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum. Please plan to attend.

Hour of Prayer

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary (May 15- June 5)

Join Rev. Abigail for a designated hour of prayer. Bring your joys and concerns as we gather to share prayer requests and pray together. All are welcome. This will be a casual and welcoming time of community prayer.

Support Our Youth Mission Trip! Our youth are heading to Louisville, KY, this June with YouthWorks. You can support them by purchasing \$25 Mission Trip Shares. Each share comes with a thank-you card and an invite to a Shareholders Gathering this summer. Purchase a share after worship!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Let's talk about stigma. Stigma is one of the biggest barriers to people seeking help with their mental health. Talking openly can help break the silence. You don't have to have a diagnosed condition to benefit from mental health support. Asking "How are you really?" can be the start of a life-saving conversation. Being a good listener is one of the most powerful ways to support someone's mental health. Who can you check in with this week? Who in your life needs permission to talk openly about mental health?

Support Our Adult Mission Trip

Would you like to sponsor one of our intrepid adults who are trailblazing this GCC mission trip to Greater Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, June 15-21, 2025? If interested, contact the church office at (847) 724-2210 or one of the clergy.

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!



Upcoming Pride Month Festivities!

Sunday, June 1st: Buffalo Grove Pride Parade!

Location: Buffalo Grove Road and La Salle Lane, Buffalo Grove

Time: 10:15 am

What to Wear: Rainbows, family-friendly Pride shirts, or GCC shirts

Who's Invited: Everyone! Families, youth, and allies of all ages.

RSVP: Let Rev. Abigail know you plan on coming (or fill out the sign up from on Breeze) by May 28th

Pride Month Book Study

Discussion on Monday nights (June 2, 16, and 30) at 7pm in the Commons. We will be reading "Outside the Lines" by Mihee Kim-Kort. *Get a copy of the book and read chapters 1-4 before our first meeting.*

Sunday, June 22nd: Pride Sunday at GCC!

Including our "Pride Activation" flag waving on Glenview Road!

Check out these events put on by neighboring UCC churches!

Saturday, June 7th (1-5pm): Community Pride Celebration at Christ Church UCC Des Plaines.

Sunday, June 8th (2-5pm): Interfaith Family Pride Festival at Raymond Park in Evanston

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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.