

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026



Resurrection (Воскресение) by Mikhail Nesterov (1862-1942)

GLENVIEW
FIND YOUR 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.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT GCC

Nursery (Room 107): Birth–4 years. Pick up your little ones after the service.

Godly Play (Room 108): Kindergarten–5th grade, dismissed after the Children’s Message. Pick up in Room 108 after the service.

Pathways (Room 201): Grades 6–8, dismissed after the Children's Message. Will join parents at Fellowship Hour.

If you have any questions or need help finding a room, ask an usher or greeter—they’re happy to help!

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Glenview Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, accepting all 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
Director of Music	Gary Wendt
Choir Director	Kate Lee
Vocalists	Cordell Cooper, Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak
Lector	Debby Fosdick
Liturgist	Shawna Moorad
Ambassadors	Sandy Frantz, Meredith Morgan
Head Usher	Laura O'Mera
Ushers	Debbie Berg, Doug Berg, Beryl Bills, Ginny Hotaling, George Silca, Diane Silca, Dave Tosh
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Laura Heyser

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GATHER

PRELUDE *Erstanden ist der heilige Christ, BWV Anh. 51* J.S. Bach
Now the Green Blade Rises Paul Manz

***HYMN #233** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. John M. Edgerton, Old South Church, Boston*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: In the gardens of our grief, he is risen.

One: Into the locked doors of our hearts, he comes.

All: Into the disappointment of empty nets, Christ is risen.

One: Christ comes to us, bearing wounds and offering peace.

All: Into our beautiful, broken world, Christ is rising.

One: Into every season of our lives, Christ is rising.

All: Let us worship the Risen One! Alleluia!

***GLORIA PATRI** GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Please rise as able and greet one another in whatever way you are comfortable and share the Easter peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All: You are welcome here!

LISTEN

TIME OF BLESSING WITH CHILDREN

All the children may come forward to the altar. After the blessing, they depart for church school.

PSALM 115:12-19 *A Liturgical Psalter, Anglican Church of Canada*

One: How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name.

One: I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

All: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

One: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

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All: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

One: I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God.

All: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hymn #587*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM *Stay With Us*

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
Stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening,
And night is falling.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
Stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening,
And night is falling.

Jesus Christ the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening,
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness
And fill your church with its glory.

SERMON *The Holy Stranger*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

***HYMN #247** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOËL NOUVELET

RESPOND

***CALL TO PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed.

One: Let us pray.

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

MISSION MOMENT (given by a representative of the Northfield Township Food Pantry)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN MUSIC *The Prayer*

Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where
we go,
And help us to be wise, in times when we don't
know

*Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno dia' la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace e di fraternità*

Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe...

*La forza che ci dai
We ask that life be kind
E' il desiderio che
And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amor
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro a sé
Another soul to love*

*La luce che tu dai
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che
When stars go out each night
L'eterna stella sei*

Let this be our prayer
Let this be our prayer
Just like every child
Just like every child

*Nella mia preghiera
Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è
When shadows fill our day*

Need to find a place, guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
*E' la fede che
Hai acceso in noi
Sento che ci salverà*

Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

***EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #234**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on "Judas Maccabaeus"

Alexandre Guilmant



UPCOMING EVENTS

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.

GCC Sanctuary

Join us for this special Sunday worship service! The Chancel Choirs of GCC and First Presbyterian Church- Arlington Heights combine to offer this unique major work, which brings the solemnity of the classical Mass together with the down-home sparkle of bluegrass to create a work that is unique in scope and a beautiful union of seemingly disparate musical traditions.

A second performance will be presented at 4 p.m. at First Pres-Arlington Heights.

Scenes From An Italian Restaurant: An Event to Benefit the GCC Friends of Music Fund

Friday, May 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Commons

All are invited to buy a ticket and join us for this night of Italian dining celebrating the vibrant music ministry of Glenview Community Church! Purchase your ticket after worship today at the table in the Commons. Don't miss out—buy your ticket today!

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.