

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

May 10, 2026



*'Madonna and Child' by Anthony VanArsdale for the 2017 National Black Catholic Congress*

**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:** There is no summer Pathways programming, so middle school students are welcome to stay in worship.

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
Lector	Debbie Berg
Liturgist	Jim Beavin
Ambassadors	M–J Carlson, Diane Guth
Head Usher	Scott Frerichs
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### GATHER

**PRELUDE**      *Prelude in F*      Fanny Mendelssohn<sup>1</sup>

**\*HYMN #324**      *For All the Faithful Women*      NYLAND

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 84:1-7, Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

One: O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

One: Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**All: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.**

One: Blessed is the one whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

**All: Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.**

One: They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      *Hymn 581*      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 WITH CHILDREN**

*All the children may come forward to the altar. Students (and people of all ages!) are welcome to go to the puppet show today.*

**SCRIPTURE**      John 14:15-21

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<sup>1</sup>Note on Fanny Mendelssohn: Fanny was the older sister of Felix Mendelssohn, and many of her compositions were attributed to her brother due to the social conventions of the time in Germany

Set me as a seal upon your heart  
as a seal upon your arm  
for love is strong as death  
set me as a seal upon you heart  
as a seal upon your arm  
for love is strong as death  
Many waters cannot quench love

neither can the floods drown it  
neither can the floods drown it  
(neither can the floods drown it  
neither can they drown it)  
set me as a seal upon your heart  
as a seal upon your arm  
for love is strong as death

**SERMON**      *The Lord and Giver of Life*

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: The peace of the Lord dwell in your hearts.

**All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.**

**\*SUNG INVOCATION** *Hymn 288*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY** *Church of England*

Loving God, thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home; and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**     *O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;  
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer,  
fuller be.  
O joy that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain... that morn shall  
tearless be.  
That morn shall tearless be.

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And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall  
richer, fuller be.  
That morn shall tearless be.  
O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;  
O love that will not let me go.

**\*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**

**\*HYMN #372**    *O for a World*  
                  *Vv. 1-2 all, 3 choir, 4-5 all*

AZMON

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *Search for a New Land*

Maggie Johns<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup>Note on Maggie Johns: Maggie is the Young Organist Prize Winner of the American Guild of Organist' 2026 Woman Composer Sunday Organ Composition Competition

## POEM FOR MOTHER'S DAY

### “My Mother Dear”

There was a place in childhood,  
That I remember well;  
And there a voice of sweetest tone,  
Bright fairy tales did tell;  
And gentle words and fond embrace  
Were giv'n with joy to me,  
When I was in that happy place,  
Upon my mother's knee.  
My mother dear, my mother dear,  
My gentle, gentle mother.

When fairy tales were ended,  
Good night, she softly said,  
And kissed, and laid me down to sleep,  
Within my tiny bed;  
And holy words she taught me there;  
Methinks I yet can see

Her angel eye, as close I knelt  
Beside my mother's knee,  
My mother dear, my mother dear,  
My gentle, gentle mother.

In sickness of my childhood,  
The perils of my prime,  
The sorrows of my riper years,  
The cares of every time:  
When doubt and danger weighed me  
down,  
Then pleading all for me,  
It was a fervent prayer to Heav'n  
That bent my mother's knee.  
My mother dear, my mother dear,  
My gentle, gentle mother.

- A children's poem by Samuel Lover (1797-1868), Irish poet and composer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **GCC Broadcaster**

The May edition of GCC's newsletter, The Broadcaster, has been published! You are welcome to grab a copy around the church or access it digitally, but if you would like a print copy mailed to you, please let the GCC office staff know!

### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

In May of 2022 Glenview Community Church voted to become a W.I.S.E Congregation, meaning we are "Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged" for all with mental health challenges and their loved ones. Part of living out this commitment is talking opening about Mental Health to help reduce stigma. Did you know:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year.
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
- Mental health affects how we think, feel, and act, and influences how we handle stress, relate to others and make choices.
- Most mental health conditions are treatable, and recovery is possible with the right support and care.

To learn more about mental health, specific illness, and find resources, scan the QR code or visit [nami.org](http://nami.org) (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

### **GCC Children's Musical: Magic Schoolboat**

*Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m. - The Sanctuary*

Join us for a whale of a tale as Voices of GCC, our children's choir, takes off on a magical journey to learn about Noah and Jonah! This musical was written by Voices of GCC.

### **Glenview Community Church Annual Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, May 17, 11:15 a.m. - The Sanctuary*

GCC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship with agenda items to include Approval of Minutes from the Midwinter Congregational Meeting, Receipt of Reports, Nominations for and Elections to Leadership Positions, and the 2026 Capital Project Plan. This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. In accordance with the Church Constitution, no other business shall be transacted. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum, so please plan to attend!

### **Speakers Forum: Intro to the Illinois Judicial System**

*Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m. - GCC Chapel*

Join us for an informative and engaging evening with GCC member and Circuit Court Judge Cecilia Horan, who will offer an inside look at how the Illinois judicial system is structured and how judges are selected. This forum is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the courts, ask questions, and explore the role of the judiciary in our civic life. Open to all - whether you're simply curious or actively engaged in issues of civic education.

### **Electronic Giving**

Want to give from home? No problem! [Click this link](#) to be directed to the GCC giving web page where you can make a donation directly from your phone or computer. 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.