

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Congregational Hymn Sing

August 25, 2024



## **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**

Church School for children 4-12 will resume on Rally Day, September 8. Children will begin in the sanctuary with their families and then proceed to the Godly Play classroom for the lesson and activities. This year the stories focus on the Old Testament with breaks for lessons on the church year, Advent, and Lent/Easter.

## **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 each Sunday. 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, Rev. Janet Aldrich
Organist	Gary Wendt
Musician	Edie Harrison, clarinet
Lector	Mary Ellen Johnson
Ambassadors	Susan Johns, Holly Little
Head Usher	Colin Crawford
Ushers	Beryl Bills, Doug Berg, Ginny Hotaling, Laura O'Mera, George Silca, Diane Silca
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Steve Gale

## **COVER ART (left to right)**

*View of the Choir* (2015) by Louise Madelaine Cochin, *A Village Choir* (1837) by Thomas Webster, *Three Cats Singing* (1925) by Louis Wain, *The Concert of Angels* (1534) by Gaudenzio Ferrari

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Keith Newberry by Susan Newberry*

**PRELUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Samuel Walter

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

All: **You are welcome here.**

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

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

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Psalm 100:1-2

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

*Words: William Kethe, 1561*

*Music: attr. Louis Bourgeois (c-1510-c-1561)*

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Isaiah 25:1

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

*Words: Robert Robinson, 1758.*

*\*The asterisk indicates when to stand if able.*

**\*HYMN**

*They'll Know We are Christians by our Love* ("We are One in the Spirit")

John 13:34, 35

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

**Chorus:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**Chorus**

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**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

One: God, we sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

**All: Tune our hearts to sing of your grace.**

One: God, we sing, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord."

**All: Let us be known by our love.**

One: God, we sing, "There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,"

**All: Heal us with the healing balm of Christ's love.**

One: God, we sing, "Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,"

**All: Help us to cherish and honor you.**

One: God, we sing, "called as partners in Christ's service,"

**All: May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill your chosen end.**

One: God, we sing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love"

**All: Join us in heart, until we meet again.**

One: God, we pray,

**All: That the words we sing would be our most earnest prayers. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Jeremiah 8:22

**Chorus:**

**There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say, "He died for all."**

**Chorus**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.**

**Chorus**

*Words: African-American Spiritual.*

## CALL TO OFFERING

### CHORAL OFFERING

*Beautiful Savior (Fairest Lord Jesus)*

Colossians 1:15-16

CHOIR:

Fairest Lord Jesus!  
Ruler of all nature!  
O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee I will cherish,  
Thee I will honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

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.

CONGREGATION:

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.

CHOIR:

Beautiful savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine!

*Words: Munster Gesangbuch, 1677*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### 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.**

### \*HYMN

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Galatians 6:2

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.**

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1 John 2:10

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in hearts, and hope to meet again.**

*Words: John Fawcett, 1782  
Music: Hans G. Naegeli, 1773-1836*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Variation 4*

Albert Travis



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Calling all women who want to share their input at this initial GCC Women's Retreat Planning Meeting! Join us on tomorrow, August 26 at 6 p.m. in Room 108!

### Abundance of Spiritual Life: Recognize

At every stage of their work together, Spiritual Life Teams engage in these important actions: Pray, Share, Listen, Work, Become, Help, and Recognize. Recognize underpins the whole mission of the Spiritual Life Teams. Recognition is a step on the path toward making positive changes for ourselves and others. As Bobbie McKay writes, Spiritual Life Teams "recognize the Presence and Action of God in each moment as the critical opportunity for the spiritual renewal of the sacred and secular world around us." If you are interested in joining a Spiritual Life Team, please contact Greg Bliss at [gbliss.blisstraining@gmail.com](mailto:gbliss.blisstraining@gmail.com)

### Music and Movement Class

If you are looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then Music and Movement classes are for you. Debbie Berg, GCCNS music specialist, will be offering Music and Movement classes beginning this fall for children 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:15-10 and 10:15-11:00. The fall session will begin the week of September 9 and go through December 9. Look for a registration form on the GCCNS website under Programs. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at [debbieberg23@gmail.com](mailto:debbieberg23@gmail.com)

### Food on the First

Wow! August is going by fast, next week is already September. Don't forget to bring in food items for the Northfield Food Pantry. Listed below are items that are in need.

- Spaghetti
- Canned mixed fruit (100% juice preferred)
- Ramen
- Pancake mix

### Rally Day

September 8. Following Sunday worship all are invited to join us as we celebrate the kick off to our program year with food, fellowship, and activities for youth on the south lawn.

### GCC Blood Drive

September 14, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Community Room. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are recommended. Contact the church office to reserve your spot and help us reach our goal of 33 donors!

### Fellowship Hour

Sign up on the board in the Commons TODAY to bring treats for Fellowship Hour!

### 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.