

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 2024



*Archangel Michael (1414) by Andrei Rublev*

FIND YOUR **GLENVIEW**  
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.

## **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
Guest Organist	Richard Clemmitt
Soloist	Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak
Lector	G. John Marmet
Ambassadors	Ann Grant, Dina Tosh
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 to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Long by Sheryl Long*

**PRELUDE**      *Fugue*

Gerald Near

**\*HYMN #360**      *Christ Is Coming!*  
vv. 1, 2, 4

UNSER HERRSCHER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Summer Hymn*      Carl David af Wirsén (1842-1912)

One: A friendly rich green has adorned the valleys and meadows. The mild breeze of the wind flows through the fair herb gardens. And the light of the sun, and the whisper of the grove, and the murmur of the wave amongst the willows, declare the summertime. But you, O God, who makes our earth so beautiful in the summer: grant that I may esteem your word and the wonders of your grace.

**All: All flesh is grass: the flowers die, and time drives away all things. Only the Word of the Lord endures.**

One: Then let the glory of summer fade and all vain things pass away.

**All: My Friend is mine and I am his. Our bond is eternal.**

One: In paradise, Christ, kind and wise, will replant me at last.

**All: There nothing ever withers.**

**\*HYMN #581**      *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 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.**

## LISTEN

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*The children come forward to the altar for a message.*

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

**SCRIPTURE** Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13

**ANTHEM** *Softly and Tenderly*

arr. William Cutter

**SERMON** *Endings*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

**\*HYMN #377** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
vv. 1, 3

HOUSTON

## **RESPOND**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Shema Yisrael (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)*

One: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

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

One: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise up.

**All: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

**All: The Holy Spirit guides our way and ignites our hope.**

One: Let us pray.

*In your silent prayers, remember the people enduring wars and conflicts in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, and Israel; in Ukraine and Russia; in Sudan and Ethiopia and Yemen. Remember the people enduring famine in Somalia. Remember migrants and refugees including those on our southern border. Remember those in all places where there is war, poverty, hunger, discrimination, or violence. Pray for the sick, the dying, those who mourn, and all those in danger or distress in our village, city, country, and the world.*

**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**

**OFFERING IN MUSIC** Psalm 23

Howard Goodall

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Minister chants the Eucharistic dialogue, and the people sing the responses.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Minister continues: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:*

**\*SANCTUS HYMN #561** Holy, Holy, Holy

DEUTSCHE MESSE (Schubert)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Some of our confirmands will be Communion servers today. All who love our Savior Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion regardless of church membership. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) while standing. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the minister.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #515** *I Come With Joy*  
*vv. 1, 3, 5*

DOVE OF PEACE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Fanfare*

Ronald Arnatt



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 8

**Rally Day-** 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.

### September 14

**GCC Blood Drive-** 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!

### September 16

**Diving Into Scripture: Fall Bible Study with Rev. Abigail~** Mondays at 7 p.m., Sept. 16-October 28 in the Commons. Learn about how and why we interpret Scripture while diving into our Sunday texts! All are welcome!

### September 25

Tim Pollak, Chicago Botanic Garden Manager of Plant Production, will come to Glenview Community Church to discuss butterfly and hummingbird gardening. Tim manages the Garden greenhouses and is presenting this program unpaid as a fund-raiser for the Church of his childhood.

### Sharing Our Abundance

Since springtime we've been talking about the wonderful abundance of GCC, highlighting our church's mission and outreach work, youth programs, and Spiritual Life teams. Now it's time to talk about how we share our abundance. Soon, the Generosity Campaign will reach out with information on how to support GCC's ongoing work to build community, share the loving word of Jesus, and be a positive force in the world.

### 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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## **PROGRAM STAFF**

Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph.D., Spiritual Life  
Gary Wendt, Music  
Guillermo Muñoz Küster, Adult Choirs  
Katelyn Ornduff, Children's Choir  
Chris Calandra, Children's Ministry  
Meredith Estes, Youth Ministry  
Laura Dillon, GCC Nursery School  
Karen Ornduff, New To You

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Dave Aki, Director of Operations  
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Riley Smith, Church Administrator  
Javier Avila, Custodian

## **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.