

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## RALLY SUNDAY

September 8, 2024



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 begins today, September 8. Children start the morning 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. Children infant to 3 meet in room 107.

## **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
Organist	Gary Wendt
Musicians	Joyful Ringers
Soloist	Katelyn Ornduff
Lector	Karen Ornduff
Ambassadors	Phil Gartner, Holly Little
Head Usher	Scott Frerichs
Ushers	Shawn Eshoo, Sally Hicks, Kristen Hugueley, Jack Christiansen, Michele Monteith, Debby Fosdick, Mary Ellen Johnson
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Marvin Lutz

## **MODERATOR**

Susan Johns

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### GATHER

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Women's Association Chapter 9*

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

*All are welcome to come to the right side of the altar before and during the prelude to light a candle and say a short prayer.*

**PRELUDE**      *The Adventure Begins*

Ron Mallory

**\*HYMN #401**      *Gather Us In*  
vv. 1, 2, 4

GATHER US IN

**\*PSALM 146**      *A Liturgical Psalter (2016), Anglican Church of Canada*

**One:** Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

**Many:** Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and on that day their thoughts perish.

**One:** Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! For their hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

**Many:** Who keeps promises forever, who gives justice to those who are oppressed, food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.

**One:** The Lord opens the eyes of those who cannot see. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

**Many:** The Lord cares for the stranger and sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**One:** The Lord shall reign forever,

**All:** Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**\*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.**

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

**\*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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**LISTEN**

**SCRIPTURE** James 2:1-17

**ANTHEM** *We've Come This Far By Faith*

Mark Hayes

**SERMON** *Living Faith*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

**\*HYMN** (see page 5) *Like a Healing Stream*

v. 1 - soloist, vv. 2-4 - ALL

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**RESPOND**

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

**COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

All: Loving God, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE** (Hymn 288)

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.

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

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

## 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**    *Behold Now, Praise The Lord*

Everett Titcomb

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #804**    *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*  
vv. 1, 3, 5

MARION

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    *Toccata on "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"*

Albert Travis



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

- *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955)*

# Like a Healing Stream

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Like a heal - ing stream      in a bar - ren des - ert,      Spi - rit  
 Like a gen - tle rain      on a thirs - ty gar - den,      Spi - rit  
 Like a ri - ver strong      with a rest - less cur - rent,      Spi - rit  
 Like a migh - ty sea      reach - ing far hor - i - zons,      Spi - rit

A                      E

wat - er bring - ing life      to dus - ty earth,      God is  
 wat - er come to nour - ish      ti - ny seed,      God is  
 wat - er rush - ing on      to dis - tant shore,      God is  
 wat - er with a love      both deep and wide,      God is

9

A E E/D# C#m C#m/B

trick - ling through our lives as in a dream un - fold - ing,  
 bub - bling through the soil to coax a new cre - a - tion,  
 carv - ing out a chan - nel in a new dir - ec - tion,  
 work - ing in our hearts to shape a new to - mor - row:

11

F#m E/G# A B7

pro - mis - ing re - viv - al and re - birth... like a heal - ing  
 year - ing for an end to want and need... like a gen - tle  
 call - ing for an end to hate and war... like a riv - er  
 God will al - ways chal - lenge and pro - vide! Like a migh - ty

13

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1-3 4

stream.  
 rain.  
 strong. sea, like a ri - ver strong, like a gen - tle

16

E A E

rain, like a heal - ing stream.

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## AT GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

~September~

- 8- **Rally Day**~ 10am
- 14- **Blood Drive**~ 9am-2pm
- 18- **Tom Amos Speakers Forum: "Back to School with 60+ Languages"**~ 7pm
- 20- **Simple Gifts Concert Series: Front Porch Concert**~ 5:30pm
- 22- **Peace Sunday**~ 10am
- 22- **Inquiring Members Brunch**~ 11:15am
- 25- **"Butterflies and Hummingbirds, Oh My!": Pollinator Gardening with Tim Pollak**~ 7pm

~October~

2025 Pledge Drive Begins!

- 6- **Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dr. Bobbie Mckay**~ 10am
- 6- **Northbrook CROP Hunger Walk**~ 1pm
- 16- **Tom Amos Speakers Forum: "Sisters of Mercy, Sisters in Handcuffs"**~ 6:30pm
- 18- **Simple Gifts Concert Series: 25th Anniversary Organ Recital**~ 7pm
- 20- **Organ Rededication**~ 10am
- 25-27- **Fall Youth Retreat**
- 26 & 27- **\*Chicago Master Singers**~ 7:30pm & 3pm (respectively)

~November~

- 9- **\*Voices of Hope Community Chorus**~7:30pm
- 10- **Deadline to get in your 2025 Pledge!**
- 11- **Tom Amos Speakers Forum: "Emergency Preparedness in an Age of Perpetual Uncertainty"**~ 7pm
- 16- **Family Fall Festival**~ 10am-12pm
- 23- **Feed My Starving Children**~ 9am-10:45am
- 24- **Thanksgiving Sunday**~ 10am

**Fall Bible Study: Diving into Scripture with Rev. Abigail**~ Mondays at 7pm Sept. 15th-Oct. 28th

For more information about upcoming events at GCC visit [gccucc.org/upcoming-events/](http://gccucc.org/upcoming-events/)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**Youth Group, Children's Choir, and Puppets...** all begin next Sunday, September 15! For more information about any or all of these youth programs contact the church office!

**September 18~ Amos Speakers Forum-** 7 p.m. in The Commons. "Back to School with 60+ Languages!", with Patrick Hoeft, principal of D34's Westbrook School; Raquel Kim, Assistant Superintendent for Multilingual Services; and literacy educators.

**September 20~ Front Porch Concert-** 5:30 p.m. on GCC's front lawn! Concert will feature the Kevin Kizer Jazz Quartet.

**Fall Youth Retreat-** Reserve your spot **NOW** for our youth retreat to Tower Hill, October 25-27. Middle and High School students are encouraged to join! Cost is \$175 per student. Email Rev. Abigail to reserve a spot before October 4.

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

### **Generosity Campaign, October 2024: 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.

**Voices of GCC is back!** Calling all children in grades 2-8 who love to sing and perform! Our first meeting will be September 15 from 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. in Room 201.

Parents/guardians please plan to stay for the first 15 minutes for a brief informational meeting with your child. Contact Katelyn Ornduff with any questions at [Katelyn.ornduff@gccucc.org](mailto:Katelyn.ornduff@gccucc.org)

### **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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Rev. Dr. James M. Matarazzo, Jr., Senior Minister  
Rev. Abigail Lutz, Pastoral Resident

## **PROGRAM STAFF**

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

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Dave Aki, Director of Operations  
Julie Evans, Business Manager  
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.