

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH



“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
MARCH 22, 2020 | WORSHIP 9 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever,
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is created by God to
worship the Lord and serve God's people.

Sharing God's love and caring for God's people,
we call disciples of all ages to put faith into action by
worshiping God joyfully,
welcoming others graciously,
supporting one another lovingly, and
serving all faithfully.

Order of Service for the Worship of God

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Please remember to silence electronic devices.

We do, however, welcome the sound of children in worship.

They are full participants in our worship life.

A great place for children to see, hear and participate is close to the front.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called to love God.

All: **And so we come, offering our prayers of thanks and praise.**

One: We are called to love others.

All: **And so we come, offering our gifts of kindness and mercy.**

One: We are called to love ourselves.

All: **And so we come, offering this time for reflection and inspiration.**

One: We come to worship God with our whole selves,

All: **heart and soul and mind and strength.**

*OPENING HYMN 687- Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Tune: St. Anne
(See bulletin pg.13)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

All: Faithful God, you shower us with your love and mercy.

We confess that we have been stingy with our love,
clenched and anxious.

We have seen the needs of others,
but turned away in apathy.

We have made decisions from selfish motives
and carelessly hurt others in the process.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and transform our lives
so that we may be your generous people,
with open hands and open hearts.

*KYRIE -Lord, have mercy

Healey Willan

Each phrase is sung first by the choir, then by all.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: **we are forgiven, restored, and set free. Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In this season of reflection and contemplation, we receive
God's gift of peace. May the peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Please "share the peace" by verbal and other non-physical expressions (such as nods, bows, waves, peace signs, clasped hands to one's heart, etc.). While you may be comfortable shaking hands or hugging, others may be endangered by such contact because of medical vulnerabilities during this period of heightened health concerns. Therefore we ask you to refrain from physical contact during the "Passing of the Peace" and when greeting your neighbors before and after the service. Thank you for caring for your neighbor!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Speaker of truth and source of all that is good,
illumine our minds and understanding that as the
scriptures are read and proclaimed, we may see what
is good and right and true, and do what is pleasing
in your sight. Amen.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME (children ages 3 – 2nd grade)
 Children will depart for the “Young Children and Worship” rooms 200/215 after the children’s sermon. At 10 am our Sunday school teachers come to the Worship Centers and take the children up to the 3rd floor to their Sunday school classes. If your child is not attending Sunday school, you can pick your child up in room 200 (ages 3,4, Kindergarten) or in room 215 (1st and 2nd grade).

HYMN 188–Jesus Loves Me (St. 1) Tune: *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

NEW TESTAMENT READING–Romans 4:13-25 (N.T. pg.145)

After each reading:
 One: The Word of the Lord.
 All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING– Mark 7: 1 -15 (N.T. pgs. 39-40)

SERMON–Updating Your GPS Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 630–H Fairest Lord Jesus Tune: *Crusaders’ Hymn*
 (See bulletin pg.14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING OF SELF IN A TIME OF MEDITATION

As a precaution to mitigate the spread of infection, offering plates will not be passed during the service. You may place your offering in one of the plates located at each entrance/exit to the sanctuary as you enter or leave the service.

ANTHEM–How Can I Keep From Singing? Quaker Song, arr. Althouse

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
 I hear the real, though far off song that hails a new creation.
 Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
 While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth: it liveth.
 And though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
 Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
 My life flows on in endless song...

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir

***OFFERING RESPONSE 698–Take, O Take Me As I Am**

Tune: *Take Me As I Am*

The choir begins the song. All join in singing when the song is repeated.

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 815–Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Tune: *Festal Song*

(See bulletin pg.15)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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This Mornings’s Music

”How Can I Keep From Singing?” was written in the 1860s by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister. It is often erroneously listed as a Quaker hymn. Lowry served churches in New York and New Jersey. He was known as a spell-binding preacher; hymn-writing was a sideline. This song was largely unknown in the 20th century until folk singer Pete Seeger sang it in the 1960s. In the 70s the Catholic folk music movement discovered it and since then the hymn’s usage has spread to all Christian denominations. The arrangement sung by the choir was composed by Jay Althouse, a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina.

WELCOME TO GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its growing congregations. As a multi-generational community of faith, we are pleased to offer a host of ministries that respond to the varied interests of our members and friends. **We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray you will receive a sense of God’s loving Spirit from your time with us.** No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir, James Biery, organist.

Flowers for the sanctuary are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Ellen Creager: 313.378.6893 or e-mail: ecreager1@gmail.com.

Children are always welcome in worship at GPMC. An infant and toddler room (Rm. 107) is available during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers. Feel free to use the glider rocker located underneath the side balcony at any time during the worship service with your child. **Worship kits for children** to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

If you are looking for a little hearing assistance on Sunday mornings, we have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. It includes a new and improved basic ear piece for people who just want a little boost to the sound. We also have a special neck lanyard for people with inductive hearing aids (also called telefoil aids), as well as a special pack and cord for Bluetooth hearing aids. **Not sure what kind of hearing aid you have? Try to find out, it will help us help you.** These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the piano toward the front of the sanctuary. You can ask an usher for assistance.

CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk. Sermons are available on GPMC’s website.

If you use envelopes to deposit a monetary offering, please consider sealing the envelope with tape (or leaving unsealed) rather than “licking” the envelope. Our ushers, counters and financial staff will appreciate your attention to their health concerns.

What’s Happening Today, March 22, 2020

Face-to-Face Worship Services Cancelled Today

9am Worship Service Livestreamed

Weekly Livestreamed Services will be available on GPMC’s Website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LOGOS: Many thanks to all the families, volunteers and this generous congregation for the continued support of the LOGOS program. We have been blessed to offer this ministry to our children and families for over thirty years! It is our hope that we can continue to enrich and connect people of all ages to grow in their faith and in relationship with one another for another thirty years.

Sunday School/Small Group - Closed until we resume in-house worship services.

LIFE & TUXIS youth groups will be meeting online via Zoom from 7-8pm on Tuesdays as long as the school system remains closed. All middle school students, high school students, and their parents are welcome to attend. This online meeting will include prayer, Bible study, small group discussion time with folks your age, and games.

2020 High School Mission Trip: We are closely monitoring the situation to see if it will be safe for us to travel to Costa Rica from June 13-20 as planned. More details will be released as soon as they are available. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

The Seekers Service Day, originally scheduled for this Saturday, is cancelled. Our retreat, scheduled for April 24-25 has been cancelled. We will not be meeting on Sunday mornings until we resume in-person worship services. We're hoping to put together an online learning system so students can watch videos at their own pace and complete the confirmation process this year. Stay tuned for more details!

Adult Education During this Moment in Time:

Technology and the Holy Spirit Are a Mighty Team! (Adult Ed at GPMC isn't "remotely" shut down...see the details below.)

Friends: We are in the process of organizing adult education offerings to meet electronically/remotely, moving through the calendar sequentially to set up all of the connections between the groups and the technology. The system was tested Tuesday morning, March 17, with the Women's Bible Study, and it worked perfectly (even for those who are "tech challenged"). It was a study of more than the Bible that morning, really a very powerful statement of how important our fellowship in Jesus Christ is to us. (This is where the Holy Spirit comes in...) The women, many of whom have been together around the table every Tuesday from 7-8 AM for a number of years, were delighted to be able to see each other and hear each other

via Zoom, a remote meeting platform. There was joy in the gathering, a real tonic for everyone involved. So, we are moving forward to encourage other groups to do the same. See below a brief status update, by days of the week/month:

Preacher's Workshop, Mondays, 10am. Meeting remotely. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Reel Theology, first Monday: TBD Stay tuned.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7-8am. Meeting remotely. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. TBD. Stay tuned.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, fourth Wednesday, 10:30-noon. TBD. Stay tuned.

Adult Bible Study, first and third Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Short Story as Theology, second Wednesday of the month, 7:15-8:30pm. TBD. Stay tuned.

Novel as Theology, fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely. If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

Downtown Disciples Bible Study, first Thursday, 12:15-1:15pm. TBD. Stay tuned.

Men's Bible Study, Saturdays, 8-9am. TBD. Stay tuned.

Middle Hour, selected Sundays, 10:10am. TBD. Stay tuned.

Technology and the Holy Spirit Are a Mighty Team! Stay connected to your church and to your faith through adult education.

(This is obviously a fluid situation. Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for updates. Questions, or help "signing up?" Contact Rev. Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.)

STEWARDSHIP

GPMC FINANCIAL UPDATE 2/29/20		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$310,650	\$319,300
Total Expenses	\$307,958	\$298,446

Are you part of the 330 families, members and friends of GPMC who have made a 2020 Pledge to GPMC? If not, we still need your support! Please do so as soon as possible so that we can properly plan for our current year budget. Stewardship 'Did You Know': Why does pledging matter? In order to support our ministries, we need robust and faithful giving by our members.

Budgets for all programs, departments & staffing are established through pledge activity. Your pledge gifts or weekly giving support our budget for all programs, departments and staffing. This includes Christian Education, Music, Outreach and other budgeted expenses. Your giving - no matter how big or small - makes a BIG difference for GPMC and is appreciated!

OUTREACH

Kids Coalition Against Hunger and the Outreach Council thank you, your families, your friends, Scout Troops, community groups, service clubs and everyone who helped pack food for people around the world and around the corner. We packed 75,468 meals last Saturday. About 500 people made that happen on three shifts. The total meals you have helped to pack since 2014 now totals more than 535,000. Yes, that's not a typo. We have packed over half a million meals. **Thank you GPMC!**

Our March Hunger Offering will go to The Second Mile Center of Detroit. It was founded in 2006 by Ruth Azar following God's call. They provide services and develop partnerships to empower and strengthen people. Some of those include: free after school programs, summer day camp, clothing, goods and baby needs pantry, Monday night community dinners, a mobile health fair, and more. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Tell us you want to direct your donation to Second Mile or use the blue pew envelopes.

AND MORE

Ruth Azar, founder and director of Second Mile Center of Detroit, and a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, has been named a recipient of the PCUSA 2020 Women of Faith Awards. Ruth is one of three Presbyterian women in our nation being recognized for their work to disrupt systemic poverty. Second Mile Center, founded in 2006 and supported by GPMC, crosses cultural and racial boundaries, serving children from various backgrounds and circumstances in a violent part of the city. Ruth will receive the award at the June 21 Women of Faith Breakfast during the 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Baltimore. This award recognizes the remarkable vision and enduring faithfulness of Ruth as she leads the ministry of Second Mile Center. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Interim Teams for Nominating Committee: History Team: Tamara Gilbert, Sarah Godbehere, Michelle DeLand, Jay Lady, Martha Speer, Lois Palazzolo, Chick VanDusen; **Mission Team:** Don Ditmars, Didi DeBoer, Chelsea Gilbert, Jo LeVan, Julie Huellmantel, Dan Grano, Beverly Butler, Mary Edwards.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

The congregation and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church believe that prayer is very important. If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or e-mail her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Raleigh and Robert Eckert and their baby girl due to be born in June (grandbaby of Peggy and Pete Dettlinger and Nancy and Rick Eckert), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Jim Kelly (friend of the Morlans), Phyllis Kerslake (Holly Burns' mother), Jack Liang, Richard Marks, Max Morinelli (Kathie Morinelli's grandson), Candi Royer.

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: James Biery, Adam Bolton, Holly Burns, Guy Doyal, Geraldine Hoch (Jim Schultz's mother), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Jane McFeeley.

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Maria Marable (friend of Elizabeth Tengler), Phoebe Piku (advanced training in U.S. army), Salvador Zúñiga (Janice Zúñiga's son), Bart and Amanda Ward.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, March 23: Preacher's Workshop 10am via Zoom

Tuesday, March 24: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
LIFE/TUXIS 7- 8pm via Zoom

Wednesday, March 25: Men's Bible Study TBD
Script. & Conv. for Women TBD
Novel as Theology 7:30 - 9pm via Zoom

Thursday, March 26: All Groups Cancelled

Friday, March 27: All Groups/Meetings Cancelled

Saturday, March 28: Men's Bible Study Offsite TBD

Sunday, March 29: Worship Service 9am via Livestream

CELEBRATING TIME

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

630 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.



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