



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025 | 9 & 11 am

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Please rise in body or in spirit.
Please remember to silence electronic devices.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Nearer My God to Thee

Arr. Danielle Isaacson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love;

All: The Lord desires love and praise.

One: Return to the One who heals;

All: The Lord who revives and raises up.

One: Return to the One who longs for goodness;

All: Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

*HYMN 793 – O Christ, the Healer
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Merciful God, your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full of joy and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbor. In our inten-

tional acts and by our lack of action, we diminish your creation. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to amend our lives in accord with your aspirations. Show us the pathway toward healing and give us peace, in the name of Christ, our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and those who suffer. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory be to the Father**

Tune: Nyland

All glo-ry to the Fa - ther, All glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri-une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Hear these words from the apostle Paul, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called as members of the one body.” Gratefully claiming our place in the body of Christ, let us with joy share Christ’s peace with the world. The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 8:18 – 22

(O.T. page 667)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me (9 AM)

Tune: Jesus Loves Me

CHILDREN’S TIME (9 AM)

After the children’s sermon, children ages 4 – Grade 4 who are participating in Sunday School, will be taken to the 3rd floor: PreK– Grade 2 to room 301; Grades 3 – 4 to room 307. Children can be picked up at 10:15 from their respective rooms.

ANTHEM – Lord, From the Depths I Call to You

George Frideric Handel, Arr. Hal Hopson

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 9:9 – 13

(N.T. page 8)

SERMON – Lamp of Compassion

Heather Thum – Gerber

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfruen*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 795 – Healer of Our Every Ill
(see bulletin page 11)

Tune: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Healer of Our Every Ill

Arr. *Mark Hayes*

This Morning’s Music: Looks to God for reassurance during times of distress and discouragement. The text from the anthem, “Lord, From the Depths I Call to You” is from Martin Luther’s chorale written in 1523, that pleas to God to listen for prayers of lamentation and spiritual conflict. This arrangement is taken from George Handel’s (1685-1759) oratorio *Esther* which paints contrapuntal imagery with the right hand of the piano ascending acting as the prayers, while the voices that enter descend with emotional pity. However, the offertory is one that looks with hope and encouragement with David Haas (b. 1957) arrangement of the Beatitudes. Haas is an arranger of contemporary liturgy used in the Catholic church by merging folk elements into his musical composition, with “Blest are They” as a primary example of using conventional harmonies with the profound scripture found in the gospel of Matthew.

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WELCOME TO GPMC

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of its vibrant congregations. For 160 years, we have been a light by the lakeshore for Jesus Christ, through our worship, education, outreach, and community life. 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.

Our Mission and Vision Statement: Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever, we are called and committed to living out our love for God. Through worship, study and service, we strive to continue God’s transforming work by worshiping God joyfully, welcoming others graciously, supporting one another lovingly, and faithfully responding to our community and world with compassion.

Inclusion Statement: As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), GPMC is an inclusive community of faith, welcoming people of all races, gender identities, and sexual orientation, believing that God gifts and calls everyone into beloved service and community with God and others.

ABOUT WORSHIP

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Bruce Vick (9 am), Kathy Kurap (11am), lay readers; Suzanne Powell, pianist; Sanctuary Choir.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please contact Rachel Kurtz at 313.300.5353 or rkurtz1234@aol.com

Giving at GPMC: Visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving, text “GPMC” to 73256. Offering envelopes can also be found in the pews. Thank you for helping us be a light by the lakeshore.

Hearing assistance system in the Sanctuary: These devices, pieces and lanyards are on the credenza towards the front of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see one of the ushers.

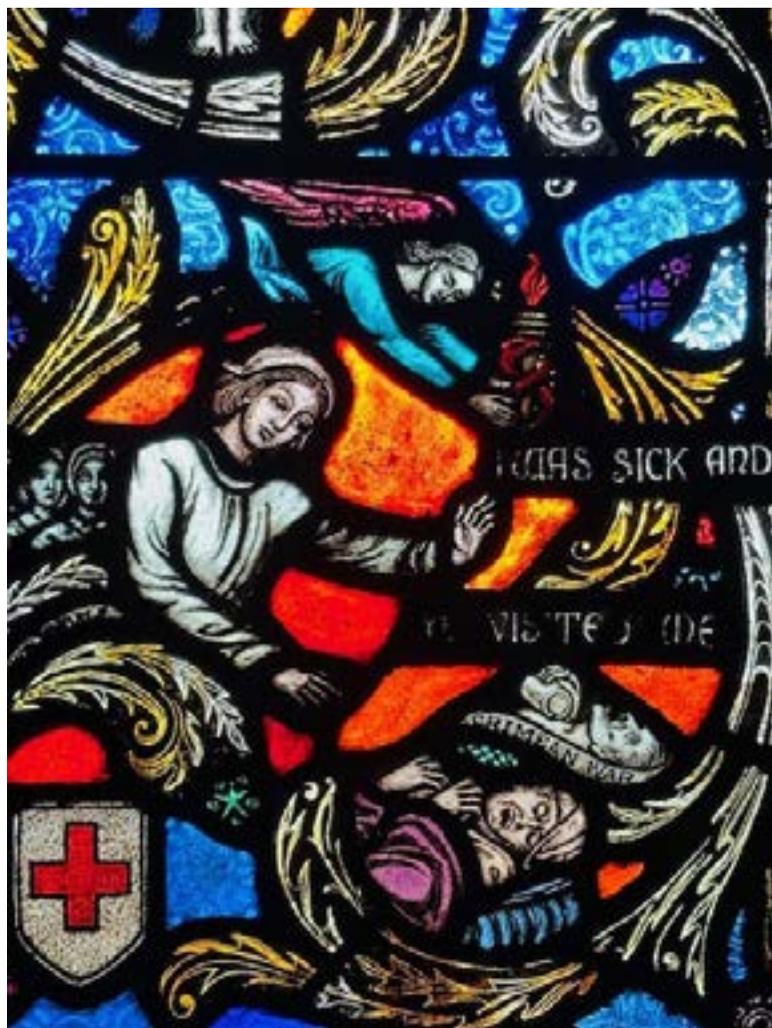
Infant and toddler room: Is available in room 112 during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers.

Worship kits: For children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

SERMON SERIES

In Living Color: The Story of Our Faith

One of the gifts of GPMC is the incredible Willet stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. For close to 100 years, these windows have told the story of our faith, painting the Bible in living color, surrounding us on all sides with our heritage. This year, with those windows as our guide, we will be walking through the story of our faith, one pane at a time. What a gift we have been given!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meets every Tuesday morning and offers prayers for members of the congregation. If you would like to add a person to our prayers or on the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please call Carol Marks at 313.882.5330 ex. 127 or email her at cmarks@gpmchurch.org. May God continue to surround you with love and care.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Jane Dow, Bill Fox, Joanne Grierson, Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Kenneth Mazer-Schmidt, Michael Meda, Amy Miller, Beth Moran (Jane Fox's friend), Annie Prentice, Christina Robinson, Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Deb Voorhees.

Continued Prayers for: John Boris, Blakely DiTomasco (Pamela Sharrow's great niece), Brooks David Hawke (Susan Bolton's grandson and Elizabeth Peters' great-grandson), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vitioe's daughter), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's grandson), Douglas Clark Ross, Senior Airman Avionics Technician, U.S. Airforce, Capt. Florencio J. Yuzon, V, U.S. Navy (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), 1LT Florencio C. Yuzon, VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:20 am	Sunday School	Third Floor
10:00 am	Second Sunday with Makers	Library
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 322
4:00 pm	Parish Life Ciderfest	Trinity Terrace

This Week at GPMC

Monday, October 13

- Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
- Boy Scouts, 6 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Council Meetings, 6:30 & 7 pm (Various Locations)

Tuesday, October 14

- Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Via Zoom)
- Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Trinity Terrace)
- Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
- AA, 7 - 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

Wednesday, October 15

- Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
- AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30 - 6:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
- Pilgrims of Ibillin Pilgrimage Meeting, 7 - 8 pm (Barbour Chapel)
- Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Library)

Thursday, October 16

- Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
- Handbell Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, October 17

- Unpack the Truck, 8:30 - 10:30 am (Offsite)
- Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
- Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
- AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)
- Horror and Theology, 7 - 9 pm (Theatre Room)

Saturday, October 18

- Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
- Life Literacy Class: Bike 101, 1 - 2:30 pm (Barbour Chapel)

Sunday, October 19

- Session Meets with New Members, 8:30 - 8:50 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
- Worship Services, *9 and 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
- Children's Sunday School, 9:20 - 10:15 am (Third Floor)
- Makers' Fair, 10 - 11 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Third Floor)
- New Member's Reception, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)

**Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org.*

VOLUNTEER AT GPMC!



Learn more about where you can share your time, skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and to get to know your fellow church members better. Scan the QR Code, or go to our GPMC Website: gpmchurch.org and click on the drop-down "Serve" or on "Volunteer Ministry Connect Tool" under Services & Quick Links, or contact Donna Hartzell at dhartzell@gpmchurch.org or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!

793 O Christ, the Healer



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
 4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -

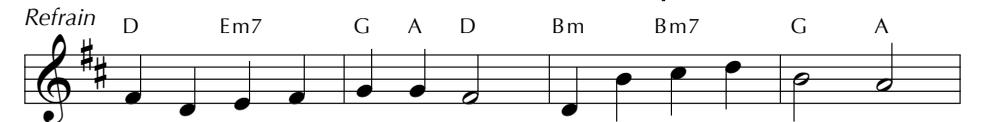


health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
 nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.



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Office Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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Giving at GPMC

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