



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024 | 9 and 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.*

PRELUDE – Romans 8

Marilyn Biery

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30)

One: Sing praises to the Lord,
All: and give thanks to God's holy name,
One: for the Lord our God has healed us,
All: when we cried for help and restored us in times of deepest despair.
One: The Lord has turned our sorrow into dancing;
All: taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.
One: Sing to the Lord without end,
All: and give thanks to the Lord forever.

*OPENING HYMN 410 – God Is Calling through the Whisper
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: W Zlobie Lezy

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***SONG OF MEDITATION 414 – Be Still and Know That I am God**

Tune: Psalm 46

The song is sung three times. All join in singing.



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Because we have been buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised to new life in him. Forgiven and freed, live lives worthy to your call, and by the power of the Holy Spirit seek to do good.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9 AM)

Please see the Apostle’s Creed on page 35 in the front section of your hymnal.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome **Reese Avery Ray**, daughter of Emma and Spencer Ray.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 30

(O.T. page 478)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S TIME (9 AM)

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for “Children’s Church” held in room 108 (1st floor, adjacent to the nursery) after the children’s sermon. At 10:10 am, volunteers will take children participating in Middle Hour to the Theatre Room (2nd floor). Children not participating in Middle Hour can be picked up from room 108 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O love that will not let me go...

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Acts 9: 1 – 18

(N.T. pages 119 – 120)

SERMON – The Next Step of Healing

Jeff Lincicome

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.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM – The Heavenly Music

Biery

If I could listen with my heart
To hear the heavenly music ring,
Its myriad layers, part on part
Would thrill my soul and make it sing.

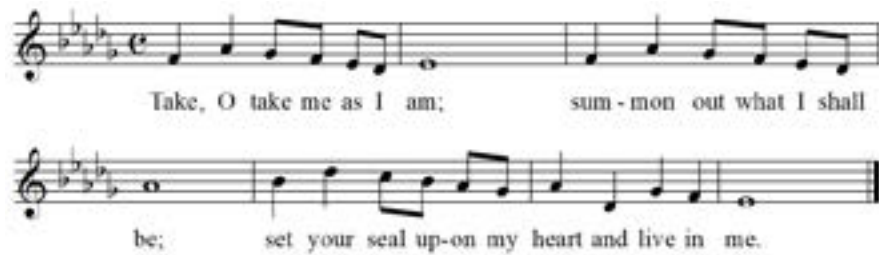
Such glorious music, soul to song,
Enraptures earth and heaven as one;
With phrases floating, rhythm strong,
Such silky resonance is spun.

And as we still to hear these sounds,
Dissolved in endless, whispered prayer,
The One whose universe resounds
With shouts of love is listening there.

With arms outstretched, God draws us near,
Where we become the hymns of praise
That echo long with stanzas clear
And sing with love for endless days. (Marilyn Biery)

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 698 – Take, O Take Me as I Am

Tune: *Fill My Cup*



TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 643 – Now Thank We All Our God
(see bulletin page 11)

Tune: *Nun danket alle Gott*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Solemn Processional on “O When the Saints Go Marching In”

Rebecca Groom TeVelde

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

In observance of International Women’s Day, the service today features music written by women. The organ prelude is an arrangement by Marilyn Biery of a hymn tune by Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952), who is Musician in Residence for the Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953) wrote the words for “God Is Calling through the Whisper.” “Mel” is on the faculty at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina, and was chair of the committee that created our “Glory to God” hymnal. The hymn reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth.

“O Love” was composed by Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979), an American who devotes her entire time to music writing. This piece is one of her most-performed choral works. The text she chose is the hymn “O Love that will not let me go,” written by the Scottish clergyman George Matheson in 1882. He wrote that the hymn was written “with extreme rapidity; it seemed to me that its construction occupied only a few minutes, and I felt myself rather in the position of one who was being dictated to than of an original artist. I was suffering from extreme mental distress, and the hymn was the fruit of pain.”

Marilyn Biery wrote the words for “The Heavenly Music” in 2011. It is a text about music as an expression of God’s universal love. The songs that we sing and the music we make on earth are but a dim reflection of the glorious heavenly song – the song of God’s abundant love. Jim wrote the music in June 2013, and it was published by GIA in 2015.

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) was an English hymn writer and translator. She is best known for her beautiful translations of German chorales, and “Now Thank We All Our God” is an example.

The organ postlude was written by Rebecca Groom TeVelde (b. 1956). Becky is organist and director of music at First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is a long-time friend of the Bierys.

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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 157 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.

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Jeff Lincicome, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Margaret Mollison (9 am), Helena Moore (11 am), lay readers; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; Rose Urbiel, violin; James Biery, organist and director.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of:

Katie Bellovich, from her parents, Debbie and Keith and siblings, Mac, Sarah and Lizzy;

John Kerwin by his wife, Barbara.

In honor of our Dad, whom we love and so so miss by Kate Meyers and Maggie Wild (Kelch).

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.

Giving at GPMC: To donate, visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving or text "GPMC" to 73256.

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.

SERMON SERIES

The Basics

In Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there are basic requirements we need to live whole and fulfilling lives. Things like food, water, shelter, work, healthcare, friendship-these are the basic elements that make life work. Unfortunately, while we often take these basics for granted, others in our world do not. Join us this Lent on a journey of self-examination and service as we go on a passionate journey of reflection, understanding, personal action, grace, and solidarity with those who do not have enough.



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
10:10 am	Children's Middle Hour	Theatre Room
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Room 315
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Barbour Chapel
6:00 pm	Lenten Supper	Fellowship Hall

Adult Middle Hour is the study of a seminal work on the power and joy of Christian community, "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These lectures, written for a group of German underground seminary students during World War II, create a vision of what the church in all its wonder and challenge should be.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praying for one another is an important and loving gift. The staff of GPMC meet every Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation. Using our directory, the staff pray for the parishioners on one page each Tuesday morning and offer prayers for members of the congregation.

If you would like to add a person to our prayers, please call Carol Marks 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: Emily (Meredith Gilbert's friend), Sherry and Robert Jurva (friends of Jan and Tom Arndt), Jessica Longo (granddaughter of Janie Burkey), Michael Meda, Sally Owen, Sarah Smalley (Mary Lou Duncan's granddaughter).

Continued Prayers for: Doug Bechler, Tom Bejin (Matt Bejin's father), Cindy Beltowski, Eleanor Berendt (Gregg Berendt's mother), Jim Bierbusse, Marlene Boll, Drucilla Burns (Carol Koepplin's friend), Laura Burns, Preston Burke (Victoria Hill's brother-in-law), John Ceccato (Karen Pratt's cousin), Ben Chapman, Bill Fox, Margery Fuller, Sherodaka Gipson (Brad Koepplin's fiance), Audrey Hallmann (Beverly Burn's niece), Ken Harwick (Tena Harwick's husband), Jim Hebert (Denise Champion's brother), Roma Hess, Barb Kerwin, Pauline Lackey, Bill Leonard, Mary Kay L'Esperance (Sue Buckler's sister), Phyllis May, Carol Malthaner (Lois Palazzolo's sister), Lee Miller, Elsie Onychuck, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Don Roback (Ann Davies Trube's friend), LaVerna Robinson (Christina Robinson's daughter), Rob Sawka (Jan Arndt's nephew), Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Georgie Solomon, Lt. Colonel John Steele (the Litchfield family's friend), Kiernan Tague (the Clark family's friend), Bill Turner, Suzie Vercruysse (the Singelyns' friend), Susan Villa-Acre (Linda Lloyd's friend).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Joey and Mike Bejin (nephews of Matt Bejin), General Mike Coyne (the Tenglers' friend), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines (the Brewster's grandson), Phoebe Piku, U.S. Army Medic, Fort Liberty, Douglas Ross (Airforce, Fighter aircraft integrated avionics), Captain Florencio Yuzon V, U.S. Navy JAG (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), Captain Matthew Yelverton (Elizabeth Peters' grandson), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

Laura Hebert, Denise Champion's sister-in-law, died last week. Please pray for Denise and Laura's husband, Jim and their children during these sad days of loss.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Full Circle Yoga & Wellness, 12:15 - 2:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 200)

Wednesday, March 13

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

Thursday, March 14

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Makers at Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

Friday, March 15

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, 7:45 - 9 am (Fellowship Hall)
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 200)
Daniela Mack with Keun - A Lee Recital, 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Sanctuary)
Detroit Pistons Faith Night, 7- 9:30 pm (Offsite)

Saturday, March 16

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)
Memorial Youth Girls Event, 3 - 5:30 pm (Room 315)
***Labyrinth, everyday during office hours (Room 209)**

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu - man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.



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