



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026 | 9 & 11 am

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## 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

CARILLON PRELUDE – Music for Bill and Me

*Lou Harrison*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness;  
All: We come seeking wholeness through Christ.  
One: Restoring God, we gather seeking to be renewed;  
All: We await resurrection and new life by your Spirit.  
One: Creating God, in you we find peace and rest;  
All: God who is the Alpha and Omega, we come to worship you.

\*HYMN 415 – Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy  
(see bulletin pages 8 – 9)

*Tune: Restoration*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God of redemption, you claim and call us to be your beloved, but more often than not, we have not offered steadfast love to you or to each other. Instead of moving toward you in faith, we have pulled back in fear. Instead

of sharing the Good News in word and deed, we keep quiet and fail to act. Forgive us, God of mercy, revive our faith so that we might live for you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love made known in Jesus Christ.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Amen. Siblings in Christ, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and forgive. Through the mercy of Christ, you are free from the shackles of sin. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

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

**\*SONG OF MEDITATION 414 – Be Still and Know That I Am God (sung 3x) Tune: Psalm 46**

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)  
E C#m E7 C#m  
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Be still and know that I am God.  
(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)  
A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7  
Be still and know that I am God.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**One:** We know peace because our souls have been freed by the love of Christ. May we with joy and gladness share that peace with all we meet. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** God of signs and wonders, we come to your Word again and again, seeking understanding. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds as witnesses to your power. In the name of Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer, amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 17:14 – 18**

(O.T. page 676)

*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*

**All:** 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.

**CHILDREN'S TIME (9 AM)**

*Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for Sunday School held in room 301 after the children's sermon. Parents/caregivers can pick up their children from room 301 at 10:15 am.*

**ANTHEM – Agnus Dei From Communion Service in F**

*Florence Price*

*(Carol Ambrogio, Kayla Williams, Daniel Aggas, Soloists)*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world have mercy upon us.  
Grant us Thy peace.

**GOSPEL READING – Mark 5:1 – 20**

(N.T. page 37)

**SERMON – The Pit Stop**

Rev. 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.**

### ANTHEM AND OFFERING - Behold the Lamb of God

*Healey Willan*

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.  
Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.  
He was wounded for our transgressions, He was buried for our iniquities  
Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 227 -Jesus, Remember Me (*sung 3x*) *Tune: Remember Me*

*All:* **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

## TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN 181- Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (see bulletin pages 10 - 11)

*Tune: Ebenezer*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE - Toccata on *Ebenezer*

*Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton*

**This Morning's Music:** Looks to Jesus Christ as the trusted redeemer and healer of spiritual ills. Today's anthem is by late African American composer, Florence Price (1887-1953), from her only multi-movement liturgical work, *Communion Service in F*. The *Agnus Dei* movement uses solo voices, as well as full choir in demonstrating individual, and cooperate needs of Christ's mercy. The offertory is by the late Canadian composer and organist, Healey Willan (1880-1968). This short, choral meditation takes text from the *Agnus Dei* (Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world), along with text from Isaiah 53. The text from Isaiah is treated as a duet between the treble and lower voices, before converging into unison to reprise the opening text that is taken from the *Agnus Dei*, representing the unifying grace that covers the whole world.

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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 161 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 worshipping 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:** Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Matt Bejin (9 am), Janie Burkey (11 am), lay readers; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

**Lenten Sermon Series:** One of the powerful things about the story of Jesus is how counter-cultural he was. At every turn he subverts our expectations, making us rethink our relationship with God, each other, the world around us, and even ourselves. Join us this Lent as we ask the question, "Who is this Jesus?" through the lens of the Gospel of Mark.

**The Sanctuary flowers** are in loving memory of my husband, John, from his wife, Barbara Kerwin.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are funded by our members in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in dedicating flowers, please call or email Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or ab7014@wayne.edu

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**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:** Are in blue bags located at each of the sanctuary entrances for children to use during worship.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:00 am	Confirmation Middle Hour	Room 315
10:00 am	Makers 2nd Sunday	Library
10:00 am	Easter Basket Assembly	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

# 181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

1 "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's  
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thiv - ing in the  
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't  
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and  
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."  
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,  
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

At Christ's voice the de - mon trem-bled, from its vic - tim  
 doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing  
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac - tured,

mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that was as -  
 rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our lov - ing  
 war - ring soul. By the pow - er of your

sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.  
 fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.  
 heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## Notes/Reflections

*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](mailto: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:** John Boris, Gwen Dunlap (Wayne Pratt's sister), Bruce Hubbell (Susan Griffin's friend), Gerard Huvaere (John Scholtes' friend), Gayla Leslie (Bryan Mahlmeister's aunt), Kay (Jodi Steven's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Melanie Mosher (Elizabeth Tengler's friend), Peter Nyboer, Sharon Rees, Sue Stanley, Charlie Stephens.

**Continued Prayers for:** Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Jane Dow, Chris and Ted Fines (the Kuraps' friends), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Phyllis May, Amy Miller, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Beth Schlater (Sally Van Dusen's friend), Salvador Zuniga (Janice Zuniga's son).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Ensign Peter A. Costello, USN (Gretchen and Bill Costello's son), 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)

### In Memoriam

**Gordon Elliott Morlan**

*October 12, 1936 - March 2, 2026*

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please pray for Gordon's wife, Judy, their sons, Chris and Andrew, grandchildren, and all who love Gordon during these sad days.

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, March 9

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

### Tuesday, March 10

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Via Zoom)  
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)  
Book Group for Lent, 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

### Wednesday, March 11

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Sanctuary)  
Lenten Service & Supper, 6- 7 pm (Barbour Chapel & Fellowship Hall)  
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

### Thursday, March 12

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 322)  
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, March 13

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, March 14

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)  
Kid's Against Hunger, 10 am - 2 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Mourner's Path Group, 10 - 11:30 am (Fellowship Hall)  
Youth Sunday Rehearsal, 2:30 - 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, March 15

Youth Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 - 11:30am (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
Youth Sunday Celebration, 11:30 - 12:30 am (Fellowship Hall)

*\*Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).*



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