

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

"A light by the lakeshore"

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

APRIL 12, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

EASTER SUNDAY



Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE—Thine Is the Glory Alexandre Guilmant
(paraphrase on a chorus from “Judas Maccabaeus” by Handel)

OPENING HYMN 232—Jesus Christ is Risen Today Tune: Easter Hymn
(see bulletin pgs.12-13)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: What does such Good News mean for us?

All: **Death and injustice cannot contain or overcome
God’s love and grace.**

One: In light of the resurrection, eternal life begins here and now!

All: **Fear and judgment no longer determine our responses.**

One: Goodness and mercy now hold all creation until God gathers us together into God’s presence.

All: **Alleluia, for Christ is risen! Praise be to God!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

All: **Almighty God, you raised up Jesus from death and through him have given us a living hope! When you raised Jesus from the dead, you raise us with him:**

From darkness into light,

From trembling into courage,

From forsakenness into acceptance and love.

May the joy of Easter hope sustain us in all our trials and guard our faith until with him we overcome every impediment that separates us from you and from our neighbor.

By the power and grace of our Lord, may our faith and love engage the crosses of this life, confident in the One who raises the dead. We pray in the name of the risen Lord of Life, our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus told his disciples: “I have explained all these things so you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” May the peace of Christ which brings new life be with us all!

All: **And also with you!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone of our unbelief and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME “The Easter Story as Told By the Congregation of Grosse Pointe Memorial!”

NEW TESTAMENT READING— 1 Corinthians 15:16- 26

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SOLO—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (from “Messiah”) G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep. (Job 19:25,26; 1 Cor. 15:20).

GOSPEL READING—Luke 24: 1 -12

SERMON—Seeing and Believing the Signs of Life

Mark Diehl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS OF SELF AND GIFTS

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 233–The Day of Resurrection
(see bulletin pg.14)

Tune: Lancashire

ORGAN POSTLUDE–Gaudeamus Pariter
("Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain")

setting by James Biery

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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.

Today is Easter Sunday. Easter is the oldest of the Christian holidays, predating even Christmas. According to the Bible, on the third day after his death, Jesus was raised from the dead by God. It is this act by God, a triumph over death, that we celebrate today.

What's Happening Today, April 12, 2020

9am Worship Service Livestreamed

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

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Sarah Godbehere, Susan Mozena; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; Carol Ambrogio Wood, soprano; Marilyn and James Biery, organists.

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.

As a result of the increasing risk and continuing crisis of Covid-19, GPMC's facilities and offices will remain closed through April 30. This is consistent with our commitment to participate actively in public health care responses to reduce and mitigate the Coronavirus, and to follow federal, state, and local regulations and CDC guidance. Sunday worship services will continue to be live-streamed and recorded for our congregation and community, and can be found on our website. Call or email staff for any assistance related to pastoral care or programs or scheduled events.

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.

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.

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 and high school students are welcome to attend. This on-line meeting will include prayer, Bible study, small group discussion time, and games. This week: breakfast in bed! Wear your PJ's and Zoom from a comfy place. Bonus points if you're eating breakfast! Contact Sarah Godbehere to get a Zoom invitation.

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

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 retreat, scheduled for April 24-25 has been cancelled. We will not be meeting on Sunday mornings until we resume in-person worship services. Seekers can complete the confirmation classes at home using an online learning system. Please contact Sarah if you have not yet received the log-in information.

Calling all College Students and Young Adults: With the stay home order, we know that things can be lonely for young adults right now. So we've set up a time for you all to hang out together, have some conversation, and pray for each other. We have Zoom meetings set up and ready to go! College students will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, and young adults will meet on Thursdays at 7pm. Please contact Sarah Godbehere to receive the Zoom invitation. Hope you'll join us this week!

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.)

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

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

Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7-8am. We're meeting via Zoom. The link is (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5795278821>) to the recurring Zoom meetings (thru May 13). Please contact Steven Voorhees at captaingadget@comcast.net, to get connected.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, Every Wednesday, 11:15am. Meeting remotely, via conference call. If you are not now a member, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena.

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

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

Novel as Theology, fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely via Zoom. 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. Meeting remotely via Zoom. If you are not now a member and wish to join, contact David Asker at davidasker@outlook.com.

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

(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

Are you part of the 331 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

Our April Hunger Offering will go to Gleaners Food Bank. In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Gleaners is coordinating increased mobile food distributions at schools and other sites near schools. They are also preparing for the potential next wave in community need. They plan to provide food boxes for community members who are in need of support due to temporary workplace displacement caused by precautionary coronavirus closures. Expanded operations and food distribution is expected to cost Gleaners as much as \$90,000 per day and they can use your help now. They serve Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and Livingston Counties. GPMC will match congregation donations made this month up to \$2,000. Send a check to GPMC with "Gleaners" or "Hunger Offering" on the memo line today.

AND MORE

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.

Yoga: For those of you who are missing the yoga classes hosted at the church, we are providing links to two taped classes, put together by instructor, Victoria Birk Hill. Please enjoy these classes in the privacy of your own home and even if you can't do everything in these videos, please do what you can, remembering that just taking quiet time with your breath is an important part of any yoga practice. The links are: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y9RuA8tkyU&fbclid=IwAR1b2EWgws_7xj9f1GpQYUxtRO8aDIILi_82hC6Er1FwmNS-7Ds_JPrSUVg and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kgoFG9NiDA&feature=youtu.be>.

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: Dzvinika Dobrianska Burchak (friend of Carol Wood), Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, 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), Jim Kelly (friend of the Morlans).

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: James Biery, Adam Bolton, Anna Brucker, Holly Burns, Guy Doyal, Geraldine Hoch (Jim Schultz's mother), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Jack Liang, Richard Marks, Max Morinelli (Kathie Morinelli's grandson), Jane McFeeley, Cynthia Singelyn (daughter of Tom and Denyse Singelyn), Barbara Wratchford and Margaret Kumar (Kenneth Shepherd's aunt and mother in law).

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.

FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS: Anna Brucker

Please pray for all who are on the frontlines of the war against Covid-19: doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, lab technicians, hospital and clinic staff, emergency responders, food service personnel, janitors, laundry workers, clinical researchers and scientists seeking vaccines, treatments and cures. **We would like to pray for these people by name. If you want your name or another's to be included in our prayer list, please contact the church or a staff member to give us permission to include the name in this prayer list.**

In Memoriam

Jane Edith Johnson

(May 4, 1946 - April 3, 2020)

Please pray for Jane's son, Andrew Vieweg, daughter-in-law, Julia, grandsons and many friends throughout these sad days. A service will be held in our sanctuary at a later date.

In Memoriam

Gladys Carle Hunter

(February 26, 1926 - April 6, 2020)

Please pray for Gladys' sons, family and friends as they mourn her death. There will be service at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at a later date.

Phyllis Kerslake, **Holly Burns' mother**, died April 5. Please pray for Holly and all who love Phyllis in the sad days ahead.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, April 13: No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, April 14: LIFE/TUXIS 7- 8pm via Zoom

Wednesday, April 15: Men's Bible Study 7-8am via Zoom
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
Adult Bible Study 7:30 - 9pm

Thursday, April 16: No Scheduled Activities

Friday, April 17: No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, April 18: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom

Sunday, April 19: Worship Service 9am via Livestream

A Holy Week Message from the desk of Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor & Head of Staff, Dated April 7, 2020

This Holy Week is unlike any other in my memory. People all around our community, our state, our nation, and our world are hunkered down in efforts to prevent the spread of contagion, to secure the well-being of the most vulnerable, and to protect our families. In the midst of deep divisions ~ political, economic, social, racial, international, religious ~ we are united in a fight for life.

Let me suggest that the focus of Holy Week has always been, even if unrecognized, a fight for life and a fight against destructive forces afflicting the human family. Truth, grace, generosity, justice, love, equity, healing, kindness, reconciliation, mercy, humility, self-giving, forgiveness: Jesus embodied all of these and marshalled them in his confrontation against crippling powers. Traditionally those damaging forces and powers the church has characterized as sin and death. More specific names can help us identify them in us and in our world: pride and arrogance, indifference or a sense of privilege, egoism and grasping for power, blaming and neglecting to take responsibility, profiteering and lies, refusing to respond with actions easily within our grasp.

These are the forces and powers that put Jesus on the cross and continue to assail the human family. All that is good confronted all that is evil on Good Friday's cross.

A similar conflict is playing out in this season of Lent and during Holy Week. The consequences are much too familiar as death takes its toll on the human family in the midst of self-sacrifice and love. During this Holy Week I encourage you to meditate on this cataclysmic encounter, on our present circumstances as life and death clash, on the source of our hope and help, and on how we can be instruments of healing and mercy.

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

WE MISS YOU!

In this time of uncertainty, we bring you one undebatable statistic. We are 100 percent sure that we miss you. And we are anxious to see you as soon as the *Stay Home, Stay Safe* order is lifted. Until then, we are offering a way for you to show your neighbors how much you care about them.

Join our Art from the Heart: Frontyard Art Exhibition

Enter your work to win weekly prizes!

It's easy to enter!

To help share your best wishes, we will post your work online for everyone to enjoy!

How to Enter
 Email a picture of your work to gpaagrossepointeartcenter.org

Deadline Friday evening at 6pm each week
Prizes Announced Sunday each week

Please include your name; the best way to contact you; permission to use the location of the art; and a written statement explaining the reason for your piece. No more than 50 words, please.

This Week's Prizes
 Each week, the Promising Artists Council of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association will review the entries and name the winners!

Best of Show Family movie tickets including luxury box seating at The War Memorial's Patriot Theater

Honorable Mention Gift card to Tropical Smoothie provided by Nursing Unlimited

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