



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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 – Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

(an arrangement of an aria from Cantata 208)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Iona Community)

One: The world belongs to God,

All: **the earth and all its people.**

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: **to live together in unity.**

One: Love and faith come together;

All: **justice and peace join hands.**

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

All: **these stones would shout aloud.**

One: Open our lips, O God,

All: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*OPENING HYMN 41 – O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
(see bulletin page 14)

Tune: Lyons

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

All: God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:
and the brittle words we have thought and spoken . . .
the relationships that are crumbling . . .
the arid perspective that centers on self . . .
the cracked and jagged edges of our world . . .
Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down your mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Jesus says, “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water.” (John 4:14) In this we know we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Tune: Hymn to Joy

All: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 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 **Carter Smith Thiel**, son of Hadley and Robert Thiel.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the Scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – John 4: 1 – 14

(N.T. page 89)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S TIME

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 – Holy and Beloved

James Biery

You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved: Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to this peace you were called as members of the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns, sing songs of the spirit with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God. You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved. (Colossians 3:12-17)

GOSPEL READING – John 4: 15 – 30

(N.T. page 89)

SERMON – Will You Give Me a Drink?

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 – When In Our Music God Is Glorified

James Biery

The words may be found at Hymn 641.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia; alleluia!**

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 14 – For the Beauty of the Earth
(see bulletin page 15)

Tune: Dix

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Canzon “La Guamina”

Gioseffo Guami

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The Prelude music is an arrangement of the famous “Sheep May Safely Graze” soprano aria from J. S. Bach’s Cantata 208, the “Hunting Cantata.” It was composed for the 1713 birthday of Duke Christian of Sachsen-Weissenfels. In the cantata, the goddess of crops and pastures sings this beautiful song in praise of the ruler’s benevolence. But it is not inconceivable that Bach’s true intent was to create a pastoral tribute to Christ, the Good Shepherd.

“Holy and Beloved” was commissioned and composed for the GPMC choir in 2012. The impetus for the composition of this piece came from choir members Judy Masserang and Kevin O’Brien (and his late wife, Annie). They were also responsible for the choice of the beautiful text from Colossians 3:12-17. The music begins and ends with the choir singing a chorale-like unaccompanied setting of the words “You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.” The qualities with which we “clothe” ourselves are echoed back and forth between the men and the women’s voices, coming together as they sing of “perfect harmony.” After another hymnlike passage singing of the peace of Christ, the music takes on greater richness as the choir sings of the word of God inspiring them to offer hymns and psalms. The piece concludes with a repeat of the opening chorale.

The anthem during the offering was composed in 2018. The piece was written for the Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, North Carolina, who first sang it. The words are a wonderful ode to sacred music written in 1971 by Fred Pratt Green, a 20th century British Methodist pastor and hymn writer.

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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 159 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, liturgists; Matt Bejin (9 am), Dave Hofmann (11 am), lay readers; Jane Clark, elder (11 am); The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

The Birth Rose is for Owen Richard Elliott, born April 9, 2024 to Weezie and Patrick Elliott. Sally VanDusen is Owen's great grandmother.

The Sanctuary flowers are in honor of Marilyn and Guy Doyal's birthdays this week from their GPMC family.

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.

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



One of the beautiful things about Jesus is that he loved questions. He knew that questions draw people into to relationship with each other and with God. Join us during Eastertide as we ponder the questions Jesus asks to the people he meets. In so doing, we hope to learn more about his deep and abiding love for everyone-including us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:10 am	Children's Middle Hour	Theatre Room
10:10 am	Youth Middle Hour	Room 315
10:10 am	Adult Middle Hour	Barbour Chapel
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Room 310
3:00 pm	Fourteen! Concert	Sanctuary & Livestreamed
4:30 pm	Post-Concert Reception	Fellowship Hall

Join Dr. Keith Bellovich this morning during Middle Hour as he leads a discussion regarding "Where is healthcare today?"

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, 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: Baby Benjamin (Susan Griffin's great-nephew), Gwen Dunlap (Wayne and Karen Pratt's sister), Owen Richard Elliott (Sally Van Dusen's great grandson), Elisabeth Rose Labuz (Jessie Pogue Labuz's daughter), Phyllis May, John Ochman (Debbie Liang's father), Sally Owen, Juliet Mazer-Schmidt, Ken Vella (Steve Vella's brother).

Continued Prayers for: Jim Bierbusse, Carol Cauvel (Scott Cauvel's mother), Ben Chapman, Peggy Davis, Hayden Hubbard (Tamara Gilbert's newborn grandnephew), John "Rudy" Krasnevich (Carol Wood's uncle), Michael Meda, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Christina Robinson, Edward Rowady, Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Bill Turner, Henry, Megan and Lucy Walters (Anne Trubes' friends).

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).

In Memoriam

Louise Wright Hudson

(February 27, 1962 - April 12, 2024)

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary at a future date. Please pray for Louise's mother, Jean, her brothers and sister, and their families in the days ahead.

Reflection/Worship Notes

This Week at GPMC

Monday, April 22

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 209)

Tuesday, April 23

Women's Bible Study, 7- 8 am (Room 215)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301)
Full Circle Yoga & Wellness, 12:15 - 2:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)
Renovation Team Meeting, 7 - 8 pm (Room 315)

Wednesday, April 24

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Stephen Minister's Meeting, 9:15 - 10:30 am (Room 200)
Memorial Youth Group, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)
Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Room 215)

Thursday, April 25

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301)
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, April 26

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, April 27

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)

Sunday, April 28

Worship Service, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary, *Livestream available)
Adult Education, 10:10 - 10:50 am (Barbour Chapel)
Girl Scouts, 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)
Worship Service, 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)

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



Serve at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

If you'd like to find out where you might share your unique skills and gifts, and feel well-suited to serve at GPMC, scan the QR code to learn more about our Ministry Connect Tool. There is a place for everyone – let us help you discover yours.



YOUNG CHILDREN

Be part of raising up the next generation of Christ followers. Inspire and help plant the seeds that will guide our children to be kind, accepting, and know God's love and who He is.



MEMORIAL YOUTH

Use Jesus' loving example to help our Middle & High School students grow a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Help them to build friendships and community through acts of kindness and enthusiastic adventures.



COLLEGE & ADULT MINISTRIES

Our small groups and Bible studies help people to grow in their faith, feel more connected and fellowship with others. Would you like to help guide people in their faith journey?



CARE MINISTRIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Our care teams play an integral part in the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our members. If you are compassionate and have a desire to help and serve, this might be for you.



HOSPITALITY

If you enjoy serving and interacting with people, and providing personal attention, then this is the spot for you. We want everyone to feel welcomed and belong.



ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

If you are a "behind-the-scenes" type of person, whether it is helping with organization, administrative tasks, or being outdoors, then we have the perfect spot for you.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Do you have musical skills, a good ear, good eye, technical aptitude? Do you enjoy serving or speaking in front of an audience? There are many ways to bring Glory to God.



LEADERSHIP

Our officers and council members provide spiritual leadership to our congregation to support GPMC's mission to continue God's transforming work. Have you been called to lead?



OUTREACH & MISSIONS

We are passionate to show Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors by helping with hunger, education, housing, health, and many other needs. We believe in "Hands-on Action."

Worship in May

GPMC's worship schedule in May is going to look a little different with the celebration of Jim Biery's ministry and the holiday weekend. Here's an overview of Sunday worship times in May to plan ahead!

Sunday, May 5

10:30* am: *Worship Service with Communion*

5 pm: *Worship Service with Communion*

Sunday, May 12

9* and 11 am: *Worship Service*

5 pm: *Worship Service*

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost & Jim Biery's Last Sunday

10:30* am: *Worship Service*

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for a reception celebrating Jim Biery and his 14 years of glorious music at Memorial!

Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend

10:30* am: *Worship Service*

***If you can't join us in-person, tune in to our livestream services.**

Visit our YouTube channel at bit.ly/GPMCLivestream

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



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8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday
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