



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 | 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

HANDBELL PRELUDE – I'm So Glad

Arr. Susan T. Nelson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather not because we have earned a place here, but because love has brought us in.

All: **We come by grace alone.**

One: We bring our heavy burdens, our joys, our questions, and our hope trusting in the mighty works of God.

All: **We stand by grace alone.**

One: Christ's table is not for the perfect, but a refuge for the seeking, the guilty, and the weary. It is set for the beloved children of God. For all of us.

All: **We are welcomed by grace alone.**

One: Let us worship the Creator of all life whose good gifts know no end.

All: **With grateful hearts, we worship by grace alone.**

*HYMN 23 – God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
(see bulletin page 10)

Tune: Pleading Savior

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

All: God of abundant grace, we confess that we often measure ourselves by our failures and measure others by their faults. We forget that you measure us only by love. Forgive us, O Lord, for our impatience, sharp words, quiet judgements, and the ways we have forsaken loving you and our neighbors. Remind us that your grace is not fragile, and your mercy is not limited as we turn back to our savior once more.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Before you confessed, God knew. Before you asked, God forgave. Before you returned, God ran to meet you. This is grace: not earned, not deserved, not delayed. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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: We know peace because we know the freeing power of grace. With hearts longing to share God's goodness, let us be people of peace. The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Gracious God, we do not come to your Word to master it, but to be met by you. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to receive, and our lives to be shaped by what we hear. By your Spirit, let grace be the lens through which we listen this day. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 107:1 – 3, 17 – 22

(O.T. pages 528 – 529)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 591 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (9 AM)

Tune: Halle, Halle

All: Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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 – Be Thou my Vision

Arr. Bob Chilcott

(Veronica Jones, soprano solo)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
(O Sovereign of heaven, Be my vision...)*

Great heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 2:1 – 10

(N.T. page 181)

SERMON – There Go I

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 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(see bulletin page 11)

Kathleen Thomerson, Arr. Paul Manz

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 609

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfren

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 353 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

(see bulletin page 12)

Tune: Cornerstone

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Dance on Cornerstone

Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Looks to Christ for guidance under his enduring grace and love through familiar text and music. The anthem by British choral composer, Bob Chilcott (b. 1955) takes the familiar words to the ancient Irish hymn, *Be Thou My Vision*, and sets it to a new tune. The composition is built on two melodic ideas, in which the first one is introduced by a soprano solo before the full choir enters, reprising the first melodic idea first introduced. The second melodic idea is then introduced by the tenor and basses in unison, switched to the relative key of F minor. The soprano solo reintroduces the opening melody before soaring into a heavenly descant, with the rest of the choir singing the opening music before a gentle close to the piece. The offertory is an arrangement the Epiphany hymn, *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, arranged by the late American composer and organist Paul Manz (1919-2009). However, the text to this hymn by the late American hymnwriter, Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025) relates to today's New Testament lesson, especially the hymn's refrain, claiming that there is no darkness in Christ and that His light shines within us, regardless of our actions. Manz arranges the choir with accompaniment from the organ on the first verse and in full, choral writing on the second verse. Afterwards, the organ builds with anticipation alluding to the text of the third verse, in which the choir splits between a lofty descant, and the melody with a bold declaration of waiting for the coming of Christ in glory. **The congregation is invited to sing with the choir on the third verse.**

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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. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Joe Kaiser V (9 am), Laura Ver Beek (11 am), lay readers; Handbell Choir; Rory Powell, Handbell Director; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

Eastertide Sermon Series: "Alone: The Five Solas of the Reformation." This six-week sermon series explores the heart of the Protestant Reformation through the Five Solas—Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, and to the glory of God alone. Together, these foundational truths re-center our faith on God's Word and God's work, reminding us that salvation is not something we earn but something we receive. Each week will trace how these convictions reformed the church through the ages and continue to speak powerfully to our lives today, calling us back to a gospel that is simple, sufficient, and life-giving. Join us!"

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

Giving at GPMC: Please visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving, text "GPMC" to 73256, or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Offering envelopes are also 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: Are in blue bags located at each of the sanctuary entrances for children to use during worship.

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.

We will be refreshing our prayer list on May 10. Please let Carol Marks know if you would like for your loved one to remain on the list.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Mary Bonds, John Boris, John Ceccato (Karen Pratt's cousin), Phyllis May, Bob McDowell, Melanie Mosher (Elizabeth Tengler's friend), Tammy Stilling (Debby Owen's friend).

Continued Prayers for: Robert Cacchione (Gina Carrier's dad), Jane Dow, Chris and Ted Fines (the Kuraps' friends), Aaron Hall (friend of Christina Robinson), Kay Harris (Jodi Steven's mother), Bruce Hubbell (Susan Griffin's friend), Perry Kent (Phyllis May's son), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Amy Miller, Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Sharon Rees, Ted Schaefer (Elizabeth and Stephen Schaefer's son), Beth Schlater (Sally Van Dusen's friend), Sue Stanley, 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), 1st Lieutenant Isabel Carlyon (Linda Lloyd's niece), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' 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).

NOTES/REFLECTIONS

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 Eb Bb Eb Cm Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb

spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 Ab Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Bb

sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)
 Eb Cm Gm Ab Bb Eb Ab

would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb

grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson HOUSTON
Kathleen Thomerson

Choir: 1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 Choir: 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 All: 3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

REACH FOR THE STARS

SENIOR LUNCHEON & VARIETY SHOW

Join us Tuesday, May 5 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall
 for a catered lunch and theatre performance from
 Grosse Pointe Theatre Seniors, ACT 2. The group will
 perform a spirited medley of songs, comedy sketches, and skits.

*Please RSVP by April 28 through
 the church website or stop by the Front Desk!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Third Floor
10:15 am	Children's Choir	Room 320
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

This Week at GPMC

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Room 215 & 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)

Wednesday, April 29

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)
Bible Basics, 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)
Investment Committee Meeting, 4 - 5 pm (Room 209)
Memorial Youth, 6 - 8 pm (Third Floor)

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

Worship Services, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
Children's Church, 9:15 - 10:15 am (Room 301)
Children's Choir, 10:15 - 10:35 am (Room 320)
Girl Scouts 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)

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



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