

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

“A light by the lakeshore”

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

MAY 10, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever,
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is created by God to
worship the Lord and serve God's people.

Sharing God's love and caring for God's people,
we call disciples of all ages to put faith into action by
worshiping God joyfully,
welcoming others graciously,
supporting one another lovingly, and
serving all faithfully.

Order of Service for the Worship of God

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE—Where Can I Flee From Your Presence?

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of the sinful, nor sit among scoffers.

Many: **The ones who are blessed take delight in the law of the Lord, and in that law they meditate day and night.**

One: They shall be like trees rooted near streams of water,

Many: **trees that flourish in all seasons, bearing good fruit.**

All: **Let us worship God, whose Word is life for us!**

OPENING HYMN 450—Be Thou My Vision
(see bulletin pg.11)

Tune: Slane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

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

All: **Loving God, you gave form to our world and hold all its days in your loving hands. We confess forgetting your faithfulness to us in the past and your promises for the future. Our present moments are often filled with bitterness or fear, with nostalgia or impatience. Forgive us for wasting the precious present moment by being consumed with things that do not teach us truth or faith or love. Help us focus our energies on today, the moment of our full obedience to Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we bring our confession.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Amen. Hear the good news we have in Jesus Christ: our sins have been forgiven and we have been reconciled to God!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of God that passes all human understanding keep and guard your hearts now and forever!

All: **May God's peace be with you also!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **We ask, O Lord, that your Spirit will strengthen and guide us to follow the teachings of your Word, that we may hear your voice and follow you into eternal life. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT READING— Acts 2:37-42

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM—Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

OLD TESTAMENT READING—Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

SERMON—The Practice of Intentional Faith Development

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

For those who are able, we are grateful for your continued offerings to our ministries. You can donate online using the "Secure Donation Form" link on our website's front page. Your contributions are so important at this time.

OFFERING SOLO-I Give You a New Commandment James Biery

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 459-O Word of God Incarnate Tune: Munich
(see bulletin pg.12)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- You Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ J. S. Bach

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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.

What's Happening Today, May 10, 2020

9am Worship Service Pre-Recorded (Livestreamed)
10am Middle Hour via Zoom or Conference Call

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

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

Leading and Assisting in Worship: Mark Diehl, Susan Mozena, Sarah Godbehere, Lisa Turner; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Michael Fowler, tenor.

As a result of the continuing risk of Covid-19, GPMC's facilities and offices will remain closed through May. Worship will be available only by broadcast through June 7. The date for opening the facility, office, and in-person worship is unknown and will be determined based on public health conditions as they are reassessed. Sunday worship services can be found on our website. Call or email staff for any assistance related to pastoral care of programs or scheduled events.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LIFE & TUXIS youth groups will be meeting online via Zoom from 7-8pm on Tuesdays through May 19. All middle school students and high school students are welcome to attend. This online meeting includes prayer, Bible study, small group discussion time, and games. Contact Sarah Godbehere to get the Zoom invitation.

Seekers can complete the confirmation classes at home using an online learning system. Please contact Sarah Godbehere for log-in information. The Statement of Faith assignment is due on May 8. Seekers will be meeting with the elders on the church session on May 18. Confirmation is scheduled for May 31. Even though we can't meet in person, we look forward to celebrating this important milestone in your journey of faith!

The 2020 high school mission trip has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are tentatively planning to postpone our trip to Costa Rica until June 2021. In the meantime, we hope to participate in some local mission projects this summer. We are providing refunds to families who put down deposits for the trip. Please contact Sarah Godbehere if you have questions or need more information. Thank you to everyone who supported the group this year by participating in fundraisers or events! We will be holding on to those funds in hopes of using them for the mission trip next summer.

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 **every-other Wednesday at 7pm (Next meeting is May 13)**, and **young adults** will meet on **Thursdays at 8pm**. Please contact Sarah Godbehere to receive the Zoom invitation. Hope you'll join us this week!

Adult Education During this Moment in Time:

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

Reel Theology: first Monday, 7:30-8:30pm. A movie that is "streamable" will be chosen, viewed individually, and discussion via conference call will occur at the appointed time. Here is the free conference call number: 1-978-990-5000, access code 658374. Stay tuned for the title of the June movie.

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 captainadget@comcast.net, to get connected.

Scripture and Conversation for Women, now meeting each Wednesday morning, 11:15am-12:15pm, via free conference call (1.978.990.5000, access code 658374). If you are not now a participant, but wish to join, contact Susan Mozena, so that you can be updated as necessary regarding details.

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 in May: Join us at 7:30pm, Wednesday, May 13th, to discuss Ambrose Bierce's famous story, "Occurrence at Owl Street Bridge." This story is well loved by Ellen Creager, who will lead the conversation. Ellen notes that it is one of the most famous short stories ever written. Susan Mozena will send the Zoom link to the Short Story "usual suspects." If you aren't on that "suspect" list and want to join the conversation this Wednesday evening, contact Susan, and she will include you in the email (susanhmozena@gmail.com). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/735538314> or call 1-646-558-8656.

Novel as Theology in May: Our novel read is "Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate. Please join us on "novel night," May 27th at 7:30 PM for our discussion, via Zoom. (If you don't "do Zoom," there will also be an easy-to-use phone number provided so that you can participate with audio only). If you have any questions, please contact Susan Mozena, at susanhmozena@gmail.com.

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, May 10, 17 and 24: 10am, following on-line worship (via Zoom or conference call). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83576421611> or call 1-646-558-8656.

Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety, by Henri J.M. Nouwen. It has been said that the corona virus's "partner pathogen is anxiety." Henri Nouwen's beautiful (rather short) book is a hopeful read about our relationship with our risen Lord, a lovely message for this Season of Easter. Join Susan Mozena for discussion about the book on three successive Sundays, via Zoom or conference call (we can use both modes at the same time, if a conference call is easier for some folks...). The book is available via Amazon, and other sources.

"The Christian life--following Jesus in a life of discipleship--is about discovering how God's presence can be made visible here and now by our love for each other. Friendship, marriage, and community are all different ways to reveal to one another the original, all-embracing love of God." ...Henri J.M. Nouwen, **Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety**.

Please check emails, the bulletin, and the website for updates. Questions, or help "signing up"? Contact Susan Mozena, susanhmozena@gmail.com, or 313.204.4875.

OUTREACH

The May Hunger Offering will support Forgotten Harvest. They have responded strongly to the Covid-19 emergency by continuing food pick-ups and making deliveries to partner agencies that remain open. Forgotten Harvest is uniquely qualified for this role as they have been fighting against hunger and waste since 1990. "Forgotten Harvest On the Go Pop-up Pantries" is a new program. Staff and select volunteers put boxes of food directly into trunks of cars at scheduled times and locations all around metro Detroit. The need for food has increased greatly due to widespread unemployment. They hope to reopen their Warehouse and Farm to volunteers in June. GPMC Outreach has provided \$2,000 to match congregation donations this month. Tell us you want to direct your donation to Forgotten Harvest by choosing GPMC Hunger Offering as the recipient when you donate on-line or indicating it on the memo line of your check.

STEWARDSHIP

GPMC FINANCIAL UPDATE 4/30/20		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledge & Plate Receipts	\$478,200	\$456,066
Total Expenses	\$619,388	\$572,154

Stewardship 'Did You Know': "Can I just give when I see fit, and not worry about pledging or regular weekly giving?" Any giving - weekly or otherwise - is greatly appreciated and much needed. However, pledging and staying current with your weekly giving allows us to build budgets and then cover ongoing expenses for hundreds of programs, outreach, music, departments and staffing. Think of it like your own household

budget and balancing income and expenses...GPMC is no different! So even though we're not in the Sanctuary on Sundays, thank you for staying current weekly! Doing so is easy: Either mail a check to the church office or go to gpmchurch.org and click on "Secure Donation Form" on the main page.

AND MORE

Memorial's Daily Prayer: Would you like to start your day with a prayer spoken on your behalf by one of the "familiar voices" from GPMC's staff? If so, call the church number and press 5 (882.5330, 5) for a prayer which is changed daily.

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> 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.

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 would like your name or another's to be included in this prayer list, please call Mark Diehl at 313.882.5330 ext.132 or e-mail him at mdiehl@gpmchurch.org.**

Please continue to pray for all who mourn, especially the family and friends of those who have recently died in our congregation: Carolyn Royer, Jay Warden, Timothy Wynn Butler, Jr., John Cobau, Jane Johnson, Phyllis Kerslake, Gladys Hunter, Brian Gallagher, Joseph Pehrson, Donna Johnston and Marnie Oakman.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Jean Carmichael, Arlene Cobau, Shawna Cunningham (Cheryl Littleton's friend), Raleigh, Robert Eckert and their baby girl, Audrey Ruth due to be born in May, granddaughter of Peggy and Pete Dettlinger and Nancy and Rick Eckert, Barbara Flood.

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS: Adam Bolton, Holly Burns, Thomas M. Coyle, Jr. (Tom and Joan Coyle's son), Sherry Day (friend of Tom and Joan Coyle), Guy Doyal, Dzvinka Dobrianska Burchak (friend of Carol Wood), Geraldine Hoch (Jim Schultz's mother), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Jack Liang, Max Morinelli (Kathie Morinelli's grandson), Jane McFeeley, 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: Keith Bellovich, Anna Brucker, Heather Frahm, Matt Koral, Lauren McCabe, Rebecca McCoy, Chris and Rosa Moore, Blake Sanford, Karlyn McCoy Schoen, Karol Swenson, George Williams, Erin Hepler Worrell.

In Memoriam

Marjorie “Marnie” Little Oakman

(December 21, 1924 - May 1, 2020)

Please pray for her daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen “Lonny” (Richard) Gillette; Mariel “Mimi” (Joseph) Dickinson and grandchildren: Rebecca (Max), Aaron, John, William and all who love Marnie. There will be a Service of the Resurrection at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the future.

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, May 11: Preacher’s Workshop 10am via Zoom
Parish Life Council Meeting 6:30pm via Zoom
Outreach Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom
CE Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom

Tuesday, May 12: Women’s Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom
LIFE/TUXIS 7- 8pm via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13: Men’s Bible Study 7-8am via Zoom
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone
College Student Fellowship 7-8pm via Zoom
Short Story as Theology 7:30pm via Zoom

Thursday, May 14: Young Adult Fellowship 8- 9pm via Zoom

Friday, May 15: No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, May 16: Men’s Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom


Sunday, May 17: Worship Service 9am via Livestream
Middle Hour 10am via Zoom or phone call

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
E^b A^b E^b/G B^b7 E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
B^b E^b A^b B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

From the Desk of Mark Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff

The leaders and staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church continue to find our footing as we travel through the uncharted landscape of the coronavirus. A hoped-for quick resolution that would provide relief to the suffering and to those meeting the medical and human needs of our communities has not materialized. While the first peak of the pandemic may have passed in our community, many here remain vulnerable, the next steps are unclear, patience is stretched thin, and the economic toll is beginning to be counted. Other communities around our nation are only now entering what we endured the past 6 weeks. Pray for them as they have prayed for us.

Returning to some semblance of normalcy is on our horizon as a congregation. Doing so requires sensitivity to the vulnerabilities of our congregation and staff and community, an awareness of appropriate public health protocols for this stage of the pandemic, and the needs and risks unique to this particular community of faith. At this point, we do not know what the “new normal” will look like at GPMC, or when we might arrive there.

What we can expect through the end of May (and possibly through the summer) is this:

- continuing to worship remotely with one service broadcast each Sunday at 9 am (and available for viewing thereafter)
- providing youth and adult educational programs, as well as Bible studies and small groups, remotely through Zoom
- exercising oversight of programs, finances, and administration through our councils and committees
- caring for the needs of our congregation through contact and communication that minimizes isolation and helps to build support
- mobilizing outreach resources that will impact immediate needs in our community, particularly for the hungry, homeless, and poor, as well as for first responders, medical workers, and service providers.

The staff and Session are assessing responsible ways of reconnecting as a community of faith even as we protect the most vulnerable among us in a time of risk as we seek the steps to a new normal. That is our task over the course of the next many months. We need the Spirit’s wisdom and guidance. Keep us in your prayers.

April 29, 2020

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!

Be creative! Let your neighbors know you care through chalk artwork, lights in your trees, banners, or anything you dream up.

How to Enter

Email a picture of your work to gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.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

Project Partners

- Grosse Pointe Artists Association
- The War Memorial
- Nursing Unlimited
- The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods
- The Grosse Pointe Garden Center
- Christ Church Grosse Pointe
- Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

With thanks to God for all the disciples who have gathered downtown, we have decided to put further gatherings on hiatus for the time being, until we can all be together in one place.

Sincere thanks to the pastors who have led this study over the past months. Most of them has her or his own congregation, and several also have children home all day. Clearly, they need a break right now!

People of the resurrection, he is risen! He is risen indeed.
 Find the signs of life. Be the signs of life.

DOWNTOWN DISCIPLES

Hosted by Fort Street Presbyterian Church

FAMILY CAMP '20

MICHINDOH CONFERENCE CENTER
 AUGUST 21 - 23, 2020

- Nightly Campfires & S'mores
- Lake Swimming & Outdoor Water Slide
- Canoes & Paddle Boats
- Outdoor High Ropes Course

Pricing for Families to Tent Camp

- \$70.00/ages 13 to adult
- \$35.00/ages 4 to 12

Pricing for Families to Rent a Teepee

- \$75.00/ages 13 to adult
- \$40.00/ages 4 to 12

Pricing for Families to Rent a Cabin

- \$140.00/ages 13 to adult
- \$70.00/ages 4 to 12

Pricing includes 3 meals & all activities (age 3 and younger are free)
 Reservation deadline is July 13

To make a reservation or for more information contact Lisa Turner at lturner@gpmchurch.org



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The Reverend Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
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