

# GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

*“A light by the lakeshore”*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

MAY 24, 2020 | WORSHIP 9AM

SEVENTH 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–Improvisation on Melita (the “Navy Hymn”) John B. Dykes

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

*Many:* **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God’s presence with singing.**

*One:* Know that the Lord is God; it is God that made us.

*Many:* **We are God’s possession and the Lord’s people,  
the sheep of God’s tending.**

*All:* **Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN 32–I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Tune: Ellacombe*  
(see bulletin pg.12)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

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

*All:* **God, whose nature is gracious and loving toward all your creation: we acknowledge that you have imprinted on us your image. And made in your image, we have been given opportunities to be co-creators with you and stewards of this marvelous world. We confess our failure to live into the potential of your creation. Forgive us for allowing our prejudices to overrule your generosity. Forgive us for wasting energy on frivolous pursuits. Forgive our sloth and reorient our priorities according to your good purposes for our world. We seek your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One:* Amen. We have been buried with Christ in the waters of baptism and raised with him to new life! Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven: embrace life and live in peace.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you all!

*All:* **And also with you!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*All:* **May your Word show us the path of life and lead us into your presence to serve as you have served. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S TIME

### OLD TESTAMENT READING– Micah 6:6-8

*After each reading:*

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM–The Heavenly Music

James Biery

### NEW TESTAMENT READING–2 Corinthians 9:6-12

### SERMON–The Practice of Extravagant Generosity

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-Prayer for Peace

James Biery

## TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN 749-Come, Live In the Light  
(see bulletin pg.13)

*Tune: We Are Called*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- Fugue in G

Johann Pachelbel

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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 24, 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, Sarah Godbehere, Carol Marks, Lisa Turner; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Virtual Choir; James Biery, organist; Kayla Williams, soloist.

**Birth Announcement:** Robert and Raleigh (Dettlinger) Eckert's baby girl, **Audrey Ruth Eckert** was born on May 18, 2020. Audrey is the granddaughter of Peggy and Pete Dettlinger and Nancy and Rick Eckert.

**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

**Seekers** confirmation is scheduled for next Sunday, May 31. Even though we can't meet in person, we look forward to celebrating this important milestone in your journey of faith!

**LIFE & TUXIS** youth groups for middle school and high school students have finished meeting for the school year. Students, tell us how the year went and what you'd like to do over the summer! Here's a link to a 5 minute survey: <https://forms.gle/qa1uvTbfXeQYdYgt6>. We expect to have summer events online and perhaps IRL starting in mid-June. Stay tuned for all the details!

**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 27)**, 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:**  
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.

**Reel Theology**: first Monday, 7:30-9pm. On June 1st, we will be watching the 1977 film, "Oh, God!" Directed by Carl Reiner, the movie stars George Burns, John Denver and Teri Garr. If the technology works as planned (!), we will watch the movie together via a shared-screen Zoom gathering, and then discuss the movie for about fifteen minutes. If you wish to participate, here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583098585> If you have questions, 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 thru July 1 via Zoom. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5795278821?pwd=dGVPM1NkdDYxa3lZY2NCQnNHa1V5UT09> to the recurring Zoom meetings. Please contact Steven Voorhees at [captainadgadget@comcast.net](mailto:captainadgadget@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**, second Wednesday of the month, 7:30-8:30pm, meeting via Zoom. Stay tuned for the June short story choice. If you have not participated and wish to join the group, please contact Susan Mozena.

**Novel as Theology**: fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9pm. Meeting remotely via Zoom. (Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/555283590> ) The May (5/27/20) novel is Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate.

**Downtown Disciples Bible Study**, first Thursday, 12:15-1:15pm. Downtown Disciples' Bible study is on hiatus until further notice, when folks are able to go back to work, and to gather.

**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](mailto:davidasker@outlook.com).

**Middle Hour**, May 24, 31 and June 7 (the dates have been extended): 10:10am, following on-line worship (via Zoom, both video version and by call-in for audio only). Here is the Zoom link, and the phone number you can use to call in, if you don't use Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83576421611> The phone number is 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](mailto:susanhmozena@gmail.com), or 313.204.4875. Stay connected to your church family and to your faith through adult education.

## 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](http://gpmchurch.org) and click on “Secure Donation Form” on the main page.

## AND MORE

**These can be lonely and distressing times.** Please know that Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to encourage, and to pray for you ~ it’s what we do, and we would be happy to talk with you. If you would like a confidential phone conversation with a Stephen Minister, just let us know and we will set one up for you. Call Carol Marks (313.886.4321) or one of our Stephen Leaders: Debby Owen (313.549.9644) or Lois Ann Hernquist (586.945.0094).

**Educational Scholarships:** Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is pleased to offer educational scholarships for active post-secondary members of the church community through the John H. Marshall Fund and George W. Johnson Fund. To learn more and download an application, please visit <http://gpmchurch.org/web/scholarships/>. Applications are due back Sarah Godbehere by June 21.

**Please do not to bring any returnables to church.** ~ The bin is full and we cannot return them at this time. Thank you!

**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.

**Current Session Members:** Bill Ball, Debbie Bellovich, Bill Harness, Julia Hartnett, Mary Lloyd, Jay Lytle, Judy Masserang, Bert Ross (Class of 2020; Rachel Bellovich, Dave Buckler, Holly Cory, John DeBoer, Nancy Gandelot, Jim Hooper (Class Of 2021); Tim Butler, Gina Carrier, Sabina Dykstra, Ken Kamman, Michelle Scholtes, Charlie Tompkins (Class of 2022).

## 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.**

Connie Dunlap's mother, **Loisann Zimmerman**, died Monday May 18th. The Service of the Resurrection will be held in Defiance, Ohio at the First Presbyterian Church! Please pray for Connie and all of Loisann's family in these days of loss.

**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:** Holly Burns, Jean Carmichael, Shawna Cunningham (Cheryl Littleton's friend), Lynne Doyal (Guy and Marilyn Doyal's daughter in law), Raleigh, Robert Eckert and their baby girl, Audrey Ruth born May 18, granddaughter of Peggy and Pete Dettlinger and Nancy and Rick Eckert, Barbara Flood, Geraldine Hoch (Jim Schultz's mother).

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Adam Bolton, Arlene Cobau, Thomas M. Coyle, Jr. (Tom and Joan Coyle's son), Sherry Day (friend of Tom and Joan Coyle), Dzvinka Dobrianska Burchak (friend of Carol Wood), Janet Hooper (Jim Hooper's sister), Leonard Hooper (Jimmy Hooper's brother), Jack Liang, Jane McFeeley, Barbara Wratford 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.

## THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26: Women's Bible Study 7 - 8am via Zoom

Wednesday, May 27: Men's Bible Study 7-8am via Zoom  
Script. & Conv. for Women 11:15am via phone  
College Students Fellowship 7-8pm via Zoom  
Novel as Theology 7:30-9pm via Zoom or Call

Thursday, May 28: Young Adult Fellowship 8- 9pm via Zoom

Friday, May 29: No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, May 30: Men's Bible Study 8 - 9am via Zoom

Sunday, May 31: Worship Service 9am via Livestream  
Middle Hour 10:10am via Zoom or Call

# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer-cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king-dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope-less so ha-tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth-er as sis-ters and

free-dom of the cit-y of God.  
 vio-lence will be no more.  
 broth-ers u-nit-ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus-tice; we are called to

love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-

oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

An Update from Mark Diehl, Head of Staff (May 14, 2020)

I want to provide you an update of recent developments regarding the impact of the pandemic on Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

First, the facility will remain closed at least through the end of May, and worship will continue to be broadcast through June 7. This is consistent with state orders and the reality of our liturgical needs through that time period.

Second, an Ad Hoc Team appointed by the Session moderator and reporting by mid-June to the session will study and make recommendations for opening the facility and hosting in-person events (such as worship). The Ad Hoc Team will be guided by governmental mandates, public health and medical protocols, and religious institutional recommendations to secure the health of participants, staff and community, and to allow faithful practices of our faith.

Finally, a word about finances at GPMC. Significant economic uncertainty is one impact of the Coronavirus pandemic as many businesses closed and employees were furloughed or laid off. The course and length of the pandemic is unpredictable and continuing concerns remain for the financial viability of our staffing and ministry programs. While some members of GPMC are struggling, other members have been able to continue faithful giving to support our ministries in this unprecedented time of stay-at-home orders. With the cessation of in-person worship, plate collections of course dropped to zero and some other giving also has been adversely affected.

Because of these financial issues, GPMC was eligible to apply for a forgivable loan through the Paycheck Protection Program, and that loan was granted and received. The first dollars from the loan will go to pay the salaries of the staff at Mornings @ Memorial who were laid off because of the closure of all schools. Additional moneys from the PPP loan and efforts to reduce spending will insure the uninterrupted service of GPMC staff for the immediate future.

We are grateful for the faithful stewardship of our members in this challenging time. As you are able, please continue to give so that our ministries to those most affected and suffering may continue and expand as we embody the hands and feet and love of Jesus Christ for our hurting world.

Should you have any questions or concerns about these or other issues, please contact GPMC staff or Session members. We are glad to hear from you and provide any information that will answer your questions.

Grace and peace, Mark



**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!**

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

**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 [gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org](mailto: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





### **Pastoral and Program Staff**

The Reverend Mark E. Diehl, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff  
The Reverend Sarah Godbehere, Associate Pastor  
Susan Acton, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries  
James Biery, Minister of Music and Organist  
Marie Calcaterra, Director of Mornings at Memorial  
Carol Beltz Marks, Director of Pastoral Ministries  
The Reverend Susan Mozena, Minister of Adult Education  
Jim Schultz, CPA, Director of Finance and Operations  
Lisa Turner, Director of Children's Ministries

### **Administrative Staff**

Dan Aggas, Head Sexton  
Donna Hartzell, Administrative Assistant for Worship,  
Communications and Music  
Fran McCabe, Administrative Assistant for Membership  
Julie McCrea, Accounting Manager  
Janet Ruthven, Administrative Assistant for Christian Education  
Dan Ryan, Engineer  
Joe Warnez, Sexton

### **Social Media and Online Communications**

[gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org)  
Facebook - Grosse Pointe Memorial Church  
Twitter - GPMCNews  
Wireless Network in Sanctuary is "gpmchurch,"  
password [bibles@gpmchurch](mailto:bibles@gpmchurch)



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