



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026 | 10:30 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

PRELUDE – Sunset

Arthur Charlett Green

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, and gather in this sacred space.

All: We rejoice and remember the gift of the Holy Spirit; the breath of God that renews, empowers, and unites.

One: The Spirit is ablaze.

All: Bringing life where there is weariness, courage where there is fear, and hope where there is uncertainty.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts today. Ignite within us your fire of love and purpose.

All: Let us worship God, who sends the Spirit to dwell within us.

*HYMN 301 – Let Us Build a House
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

Tune: Twin Oaks

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Holy God, on this day of wind and fire, we come aware of our need. You poured out the Spirit on all people, yet we confess that we often resist your movement. We cling to what is comfortable, we marginalize others, and we fail to trust the Spirit's nudges. Forgive us for the times we have chosen division over unity, fear over courage, and complacency over transformation. Holy Spirit, breathe again upon us. Set a fire of passion in us for justice, open our ears to hear the whisper of your will, prepare our hearts to receive your gifts, and lead us so our lives may reflect the love of our risen savior, Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. On the day of Pentecost, God poured out the Holy Spirit upon all people so that we may be a new creation. The old has passed and new life begins! Having received God's mercy through Christ, we are redeemed and made new. 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: As Jesus said farewell to his disciples, he told them the Advocate was coming. The Spirit who will teach us everything and remind us of what Jesus taught. Our first lesson is that Jesus leaves us with his peace. Do not let your hearts be troubled. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God of renewing wind and fire of love, come among us today. Like the flames that rested on the disciples at Pentecost, rest upon us now. May

your Word stir our souls, burn away our fear and doubt, kindle within us compassion, and make us witnesses to your grace. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Acts 2:1 – 21

(N.T. page 111)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 591 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Tune: Halle, Halle

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 3-grade 2 may depart for Children's Church after the children's sermon. Parents/caregivers can pick up their children from room 301 following the worship service.

ANTHEM – Blessed Shall They Be

Natalie Sleeth

O blessed, blessed shall they be Who serve our God most faithfully; Who know and do the Lord's command, And take the truth to every land. For they shall be joyful wherever they go; The fruits of the Spirit within will they know; Upon them abundance the lord will bestow, And through them the glory will shine. O blessed, blessed all their days, Are those who join in grateful praise, And serve the Lord who reigns above to light the world with heavenly love.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Corinthians 12: 3 – 13

(N.T. page 163)

SERMON – Gifted By The Spirit

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. 3Amen.**

ANTHEM AND OFFERING – Christ Sends the Spirit

Richard Proulx

The Christ is throned as lord of all the worlds, the name above all names, at God's right hand, his praise the pulse that shakes the universe:

The gale of God, the singing fire of life (Refrain)

He led his brethren to the mountaintop and, blessing them with lifted, nail scarred hands, commanded them to wait his promised gift:

The gale of God, the singing fire of life (Refrain)

Go out to all the world and tell my news. You are my witnesses, for you have seen; my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you!

The gale of God, the singing fire of life (Refrain)

Above, around the hurricane unleashed bored down upon the roof, a storm of sound, vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house:

The gale of God, the singing fire of life (Refrain)

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call, a vocal flame that flowered on the air, and hung in garlands over every head:

The gale of God, the singing fire of life (Refrain)

*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 300 – We Are One in the Spirit
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: They Know We Are Christians

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on *They'll Know We are Christians*

Arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Observes the start of Pentecost, and the gifts that the Holy Spirit brings as both the spiritual sustainer and inspiration of all things good. The organ prelude is an arrangement of the "Sunset" bugle call that was performed to signal the end of the day within military bases in the United Kingdom. The call is regularly heard performed in an arrangement for full military band by Captain Aruthur Charlett Green (1888–1974), who was Director of the Royal Naval School of Music's Junior Wing on the Isle of Man. The anthem is a duet by the late American church composer, Natalie Sleeth (b. 1930-1992). The text draws on the "fruits of the Spirit" as the moral compass that aids those to follow and serve God through acts of kindness and joy. The music is set as a canonical duet between two voices that act as an example of following one's lead in service. The offertory by late American organist and composer, Richard Proulx (1937-2010) is a declaration of both Christ's reign over Earth, as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit that acts as "the gale of God, the singing fire of life." Proulx frames this statement as the refrain for the piece while the verses are arranged between two voices, varying from unison to independent polyphony. The organ accompaniment changes as well to amplify the severity of the text as the piece moves from Christ's glory to the Holy Spirit shaped as "a wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call."

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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 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: Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Janie Burkey, lay reader; Kayla Williams, Mezzo-Soprano, Tia Wilson, Tenor; 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

The Birth Rose is for Juliette Balicki, born to Nicole and Dylan Balicki. Ruth Azar and Scott Matthews are Juliette's grandparents.

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.

Recent Prayer Requests for: Bob McDowell, Bob Mobley, Melissa Hess (Anne Ford's friend), Rose Palazzolo (Frank Palazzolo's mother), Martha Stuckey (Christina Robinson's daughter's mother-in-law), David Treder (Sue Acton's cousin), Lynn Wood.

Continued Prayers for: Mary Matvis (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Melanie Mosher (Elizabeth Tengler's friend), Ted Schaefer, Gail Warden.

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).

The Service of the Resurrection for **Janet Fruehauf** will be on Saturday, May 30 at 1:00 pm on Trinity Terrace. Please continue to hold all who love Janet in your prayers.

We Are One in the Spirit 300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

301

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain
 (D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
10:45 am	Children's Church	Third Floor

This Week at GPMC

Monday, May 25

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

Women's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Via Zoom)
Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Trinity Terrace)
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, May 27

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
AA, 8:30 - 9:30 am (Room 209)

Thursday, May 28

Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Trinity Terrace)
Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)
Choir Rehearsal, 7 - 8 pm (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31

Worship Service, 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Children's Church, 10:45 - 11:30 am (Room 301)
Dan Aggas's Retirement Party, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Telegraph Quartet & Amy I-Lin Chen, 3-4 pm (Sanctuary)

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