



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025 | 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

PRELUDE – Hommage á Bach

Béla Kovács

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth;
All: **The heavens are the work of your hand.**
One: O God, you have been made known to all generations;
All: **In Christ we have found salvation.**
One: Rejoice! Rejoice!
All: **God's Word dwells among us full of grace and truth.**

*OPENING HYMN 265 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: Duke Street

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Holy God, your way for us is clear: we are to live so that our lives speak of your goodness, your generosity, and your infinite mercy. Too often we forget the purposes for which you made us. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us,**

we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. We have been shown immeasurable grace in kindness through Christ Jesus and the promise of the gospel. By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. 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: Peace settles because we have the grace of Jesus Christ in our hearts. It's a peace not meant to stay quiet, but to be shouted in our actions toward one another. Let us share the peace of Christ loudly. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **God of all time, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Ephesians 1:3 – 14

(N.T. pages 180 – 181)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG – I Come With Joy a Child of God

Tune: Land of Rest

All: **I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for "Children's Church" held in room 301 after the children's sermon. Parents/caregivers can pick up children from room 301 immediately following the service.

ANTHEM – Adagio from Miniature Suite No. 1

Alfred Hill

GOSPEL READING – John 1:1 – 14

(N.T. page 86)

SERMON – Lofty as Ever

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 – Songe

Heinrich Molbe

***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 157 – I Danced in the Morning
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

Tune: Lord of the Dance

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Recessional on *Duke Street*

Arr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Features two of GPMC's woodwind friends, Keira Finley and Caroline Miller! The prelude composed by Hungarian clarinetist, Béla Kovács (1937-2021) is part of a series of homages honoring renowned composers such as Bach, Mozart, Paganini, and Debussy, expertly crafting short pieces in each of their distinctive styles. In the "Homage à J.S. Bach," Kovács emulates the balance of virtuosity and structure, masterful harmonic progressions, intricate melodies, and baroque musical techniques and forms found in Bach's music, especially in his Sonatas & Partitas for violin. The anthem composed by Australian conductor, Alfred Hill (1869-1960), is a brief movement from this one of miniature trios composed to accommodate a variety of different ensemble possibilities. The Adagio from the first suite takes on a light-hearted quality with a simple marching rhythm that travels back and forth between the three players, until interrupted by a brief, lyrical interlude. The original character of the movement then returns to close the piece. The offertory by Austrian composer, Heinrich Molbe (1835-1915) is a fantastical work with a title that translates to "dream." The piece weaves lyrical dialogue between the clarinet and bassoon with the piano contributing added momentum and agitation during the development of the piece. The piece closes with the bassoon recapitulating the opening, haunting melody.

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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 160 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, Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Elizabeth Schaefer, lay reader; Keira Finley, bassoon; Caroline Miller, clarinet; Dennis Curry, carillonneur; Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

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 Frances LaPlante-Sosnowsky at 313.434.5574 or Ab7014@wayne.edu.

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

SERMON SERIES

In Living Color: The Story of Our Faith

One of the gifts of GPMC is the incredible Willet stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. For close to 100 years, these windows have told the story of our faith, painting the Bible in living color, surrounding us on all sides with our heritage. This year, with those windows as our guide, we will be walking through the story of our faith, one pane at a time. What a gift we have been given!



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 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: Dan Aggas, Blakely DiTomasco (Pamela Sharrow's great niece), Dave Buckler, Gini and Dave Lincicome (Jeff Lincicomes' parents), Mary Matvias (Elizabeth Tengler's aunt), Millie Neal (Doris Neal Van Tiem's mother), Carolyn Scheuer (Marilyn Doyal's sister), Dr. Jack Schneider.

Continued Prayers for: Jane and Mark Dearth, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Brooks David Hawke (grandson of Susan Bolton and great grandson of Elizabeth Peters), Dennis Hertel (the Musials' friend), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vitoe's daughter), Rachel Kurtz, Lori (Dan Aggas' ward), Michael Meda, Dave McCoy, Sr., Robb Sharrow, Sharon Shink (Tom Hatch's mother-in-law).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Christian Mageau, Senior Airman USAF (Cynthia and Michael Mageau's son), Steven Hess, Army Combat Medic, FL (Roma and Tom Hess' grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines, Djibouti, Africa (Phyllis and John Brewster's 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).

This Week at GPMC

Monday, May 26

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

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

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, May 28

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)

AA, 8:15 – 9:30 am (Room 209)

Bible Basics Bible Study, 10 – 11 am & 7 – 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

Senior Luncheon & Theatre, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 29

Yoga, 10 – 11 am (Room 322) & 6 – 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Makers@Memorial, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Room 220)

Friday, May 30

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast, 7:30 – 9 am (Room 209)

Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)

GPMC's Parents' Group, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315)

Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)

AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

Saturday, May 31

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)

CE Volunteer Appreciation, 2 – 4 pm (Offsite)

Treats on the Terrace 7 – 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

Sunday, June 1

Worship Service, *10:30 am & 5 pm (Trinity Terrace & *Livestream)

Youth Mission Trip Meeting, 11:30 am – 2 am (Room 315)


Dr. Samuel Libra Concert, 3 – 4:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)

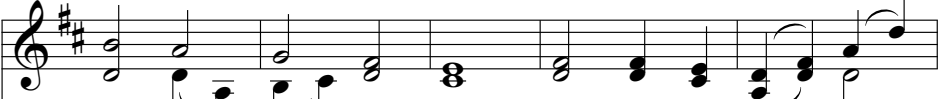
Triennium Meeting, 5 – 7 pm (Room 315)

Boy Scouts Court of Honor, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)


265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

157 I Danced in the Morning



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



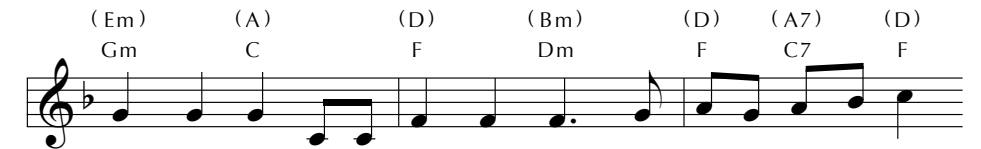
came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †



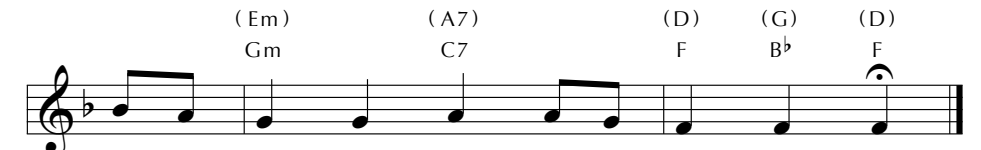
Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev - er you may be,



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.



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