



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024 | 10:30 am

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## 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.*

#### CARILLON PRELUDE

HANDBELL PRELUDE – On Eagle's Wings

*Michael Joncas, arr. Larson*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

*One:* Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy. May all the nations praise you, O God.

*All:* **May all the nations of the earth joyfully sing because God's justice is supreme!**

*One:* May the love that lights up the face of God shine with favor upon us and bless us;

*All:* **teaching us God's way of living and loving so that we may witness to that love and grace.**

*One:* We gather to worship our wise and holy God. We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.

*All:* **We come together to seek your blessing, O God. Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN 511 – Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven  
(see bulletin page 14)

*Tune: Llanfair*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

**All:** Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from the Iona Community)**

**One:** Amen. Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**All:** May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**One:** Amen.

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**One:** May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love.

**All:** Amen.

**\*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:** God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 27**

(O.T. page 500)

*After each reading:*

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

*Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for “Children’s Church” held in room 108 (1st floor, adjacent to the nursery) after the children’s sermon. Children can be picked up from room 108 immediately following the service.*

**ANTHEM – How Can I Keep From Singing?**

*R. Lowry, arr. Jay Althouse*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth: it liveth.  
And though the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
My life flows on in endless song...

**GOSPEL READING – John 5: 1 – 9**

(N.T. page 90)

**SERMON – Do You Want to Get Well?**

Jeff Lincicome

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**OFFERING AND ANTHEM – There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy**

*Calvin Hampton*

*The words are found at Hymn 435.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

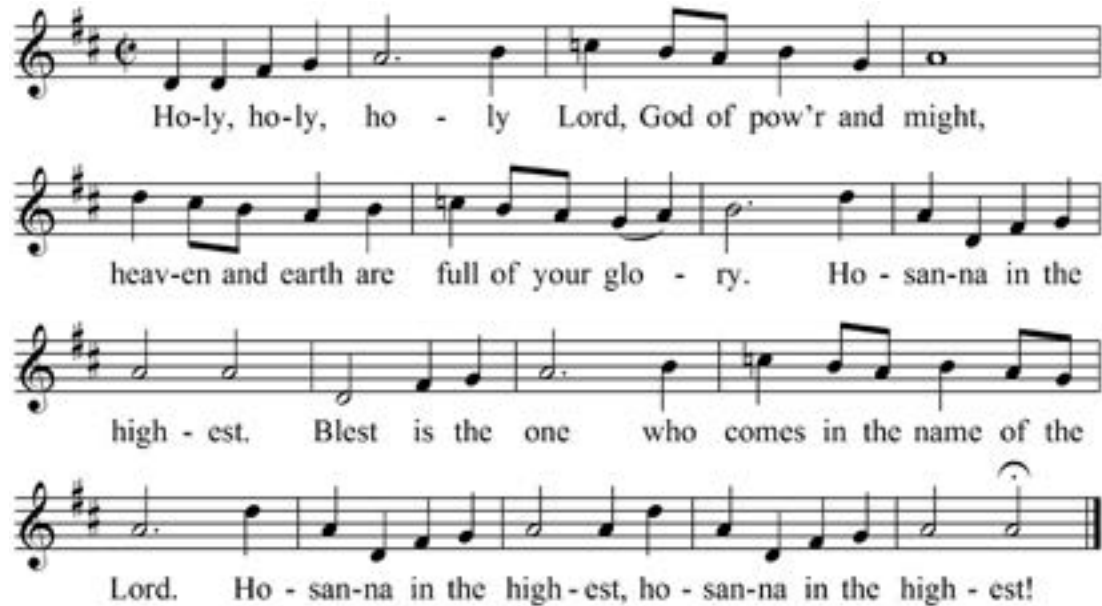
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: ... who forever sing the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

James Biery



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the  
 high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

James Biery

One: ... Great is the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN

James Biery

One: ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*Please hold the bread and cup until invited to eat and drink by the worship leader so that we can all partake in communion together.*

COMMUNION HYMN 43 – You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord *Tune: On Eagle’s Wings*

*The Choir will sing the verses; all join in singing each Refrain.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 536 – Rise, O Church like Christ Arisen  
(see bulletin page 15)

*Tune: Surge Ecclesia*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Carillon-Sortie

*Henri Mulet*

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

“On Eagle’s Wings,” by Michael Joncas (b. 1951), was written in the late 1970s after Joncas and his friend, Douglas Hall, learned that Hall’s father had died of a heart attack. The song was recorded in 1979, then published, and first popularized in Catholic churches. It has since made its way into the services of Protestant denominations and appears in our own “Glory to God” hymnal. Michael Joncas is an ordained Catholic priest who teaches at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Handbell Prelude arrangement is by Lloyd Larson, a prolific composer of music for church, who lives in the Minneapolis area. The arrangement sung during Communion was written by James Biery in 1995, before he went to St. Paul and met Michael Joncas.

“How Can I Keep From Singing?” was written in the 1860s by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister. It is often erroneously listed as a Quaker hymn. Lowry served churches in New York and New Jersey. He was known as a spell-binding preacher; hymn-writing was a sideline. This song was largely unknown in the 20th century until folk singer Pete Seeger sang it in the 1960s. In the 70s the Catholic folk music movement discovered it and since then the hymn’s usage has spread to all Christian denominations. The arrangement sung by the choir was composed by Jay Althouse, a resident of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Closing Hymn was written in 1997 by the late Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), a prolific and gifted Minnesota poet and hymn-writer. Interestingly, this hymn was influenced by a presentation by Michael Joncas (who wrote “On Eagle’s Wings”) discussing our identity as God’s people, our choice in following Christ, and the cost of that choice. The music was composed by Timothy Strand (b. 1958), a church musician and organist who was a good friend of the Bierys, living only two blocks away in St. Paul.

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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 159 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, Jasmine Smart, Carol Marks, liturgists; Tim Butler, lay reader; Carson Landry, carillonist; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Ringers; Rory Powell, director; The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir; James Biery, organist and director.

**The Chancel flowers** are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tom ZurSchmiede Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tom ZurSchmiede Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harness.

**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 Rachel Kurtz at 313.300.5353 or rkurtz1234@aol.com.

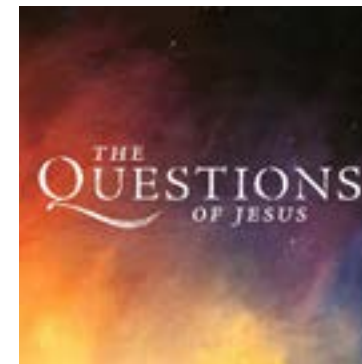
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**Infant and toddler room** is available in room 112 during the service should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers.

**Worship kits** for children to use during worship are in blue bags located at each of the entrances.

### SERMON SERIES



*One of the beautiful things about Jesus is that he loved questions. He knew that questions draw people into to relationship with each other and with God. Join us during Eastertide as we ponder the questions Jesus asks to the people he meets. In so doing, we hope to learn more about his deep and abiding love for everyone-including us.*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

|          |                             |                          |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10:30 am | Worship Service             | Sanctuary & Livestreamed |
| 12:00 pm | Seeker's Lunch with Session | Fellowship Hall          |
| 1:00 pm  | Girl Scouts                 | Room 310                 |
| 2:00 pm  | GP Theatre Outing "Newsies" | Offsite                  |
| 5:00 pm  | Worship Service             | Barbour Chapel           |

## 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, 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:** Baby Benjamin (Susan Griffin's great-nephew), Laura Burns, Ethel Burwell, Gwen Dunlap (Wayne and Karen Pratt's sister), Owen Richard Elliott (Sally Van Dusen's great grandson), Elisabeth Rose Labuz (Jessie Pogue Labuz's daughter), Bill Leonard, Phyllis May, John Ochman (Debbie Liang's father), Karen Pratt, Juliet Mazer-Schmidt, Ken Vella (Steve Vella's brother).

**Continued Prayers for:** Jim Bierbusse, Carol Cauvel (Scott Cauvel's mother), Ben Chapman, Peggy Davis, Hayden Hubbard (Tamara Gilbert's newborn grandnephew), John "Rudy" Krasnevich (Carol Wood's uncle), Michael Meda, Kay Peters (Ann Willett's friend), Christina Robinson, Edward Rowady, Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Bill Turner, Henry, Megan and Lucy Walters (Anne Trubes' friends).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Joey and Mike Bejin (nephews of Matt Bejin), General Mike Coyne (the Tenglers' friend), Alec Doyal, Special Forces, U.S. Air Force (Marilyn and Guy Doyal's grandson), Alec Mains, U.S. Marines (the Brewster's grandson), Phoebe Piku, U.S. Army Medic, Fort Liberty, Douglas Ross (Airforce, Fighter aircraft integrated avionics), Captain Florencio Yuzon V, U.S. Navy JAG (Val and Pat Moran's son-in-law), Captain Matthew Yelverton (Elizabeth Peters' grandson), 2nd Lieutenant Florencio Connor Yuzon VI, U.S. Army (Val and Pat Moran's grandson).

**John Ver Beek,** Jeff Ver Beek's father, died this week. John's service will be held in South Haven in June. Please hold John's wife, Margery, Jeff and Laura, as well as all of John's family and friends, in your prayers in the days ahead.

## In Memoriam

**Florence E. Seltzer**

*(July 20, 1935 - April 26, 2024)*

The Service of the Resurrection will be in our sanctuary on May 7, 2024 at 11:00 am. Please pray for Florence's daughters, son and her friends and family in the days ahead.

## Reflection/Worship Notes

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, May 6

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
Nominating Committee Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 pm (Room 209)  
Boy Scouts, 6:30 - 8 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, May 7

Women's Bible Study, 7- 8 am (Room 215)  
Yoga, 10 - 11 am (Room 301) & 6 - 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Full Circle Yoga & Wellness, 12:15 - 2:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Wednesday, May 8

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (2nd Floor Lounge)  
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Room 209)  
Memorial Youth Group, 6 - 8 pm (Room 315)  
Novel as Theology, 7:30 - 9 pm (Offsite)

### Thursday, May 9

Yoga, 10 - 11 am & 6 - 7 pm (Room 301)  
Makers at Memorial, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm & 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Room 220)  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 - 7 pm (Room 326)  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 - 9:15 pm (Choir Room)

### Friday, May 10

Free Food Fridays, 9 - 11 am (Offsite)  
Al-Anon, 6:30 - 8 pm (Library)  
AA, 7 - 8 pm (Room 209)

### Saturday, May 11

Men's Bible Study, 8 - 9 am (Offsite)  
Drive - By Food Collection, 10 - 11 am (Church Parking Lot)

### Sunday, May 12

Worship Service, \*9 and 11 am (Sanctuary, \*Livestream available)  
Great Tomato Giveaway, 10 - 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)  
Girl Scouts, 1 - 2 pm (Room 310)

Worship Service, 5 pm (Barbour Chapel)

Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).

## Worship in May

GPMC's worship schedule in May is going to look a little different with the celebration of Jim Biery's ministry and the holiday weekend. Here's an overview of Sunday worship times in May to plan ahead!

### Sunday, May 5

10:30\* am: *Worship Service with Communion*  
5 pm: *Worship Service with Communion*

### Sunday, May 12

9\* and 11 am: *Worship Service*  
5 pm: *Worship Service*

### Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost & Jim Biery's Last Sunday

10:30\* am: *Worship Service*

*Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for a reception celebrating Jim Biery and his 14 years of glorious music at Memorial!*

### Sunday, May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend

10:30\* am: *Worship Service*

**\*If you can't join us in-person, tune in to our livestream services.**  
Visit our YouTube channel at [bit.ly/GPMCLivestream](http://bit.ly/GPMCLivestream)

# Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven  
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 All who trust in God be - long  
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.  
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 at this ban - quet with this throng.  
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:  
 come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;  
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."  
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 taste and see: the Lord is good.  
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

# 536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

D G Bm F#m Em7 A Bm

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

A D Em A Bm Gmaj7

meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -  
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are  
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing  
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

Em7 A D Bm7 E Asus A D

vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -  
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -  
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -  
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

G Em A A7 Bm Em A7 D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.





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