



GROSSE POINTE  
MEMORIAL CHURCH  
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 25, 2024 8:30 and 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.*

PRELUDE – Improvisation on *Lux Prima*

*arr. Logan Hamilton*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your word, O God, is not empty.

All: **It is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

One: We open the treasure of our heart, asking God to fill us.

All: **Your word, O God, is not empty; it is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

One: In the mystery of life and death, we listen attentively.

All: **Your word, O God, is not empty; it is full and accomplishes your purpose.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN 684 – Faith Begins by Letting Go  
(see bulletin page 10)

*Tune: Lux Prima*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Gracious God, as our physical bodies carry the marks of past falls and injuries, our minds and hearts carry the scars of the ways we have fallen short of our best intentions, the injuries we have caused to others, intentionally and unintentionally. These wounds that go deeper than our skin can overpower us, even shame us. We come before you to confess our sinfulness to**

you, O God, as we also confess our faith in your victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*One:* Amen. Because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death have been swallowed up. God's victory over every destructive power is assured. This is the good news upon which we stand: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – Thou Art Giving and Forgiving**

*Tune: Beach Spring*

Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, O-ccean-depth of hap-py rest!  
Lov-ing Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er, Let your light up-on us shine;  
Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*One:* God is love, and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them. The peace of the Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*All:* **Steadfast God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, we pray that you would quiet our minds and open our hearts to receive and respond to the mystery of the good news of your selfless, sacrificial life-giving love. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 Corinthians 15: 50 – 57**

(N.T. pages 166 – 167)

*After each reading:*

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**VBS SONG AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (8:30 am)**

*Children ages 4-grade 2 may depart for “Children’s Church” held in the library after the VBS Song and Blessing of the Backpacks. Children can be picked up from the library immediately following the service.*

**SOLO – Acknowledgment from A Love Supreme**

*John Coltrane*

**GOSPEL READING – John 12: 20 – 26**

(N.T. page 100)

**SERMON – The Irony of It All**

*Susan Mozena*

**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 – Shine on Us (8:30)**

*Michael W. and Deboarh D. Smith  
arr. Keith Wilbank*

Sonata No. 1 in D (10:30)

*Henry Purcell arr. Michael Rondeu*

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 606 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Tune: Old Hundredth*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 247 – Now the Green Blade Rises

(see bulletin page 11)

*Tune: Noël Nouwelet*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Toccata on Noël Nouwelet

*arr. Logan Hamilton*

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**This Morning's Music** is a mix of different musical genres featuring some of our instrumental friends here at GPMC. The solo is by American jazz saxophonist and composer John Coltrane (1926-1967), who was a prominent leader in developing the sacred jazz movement in America during the 1960's. His album, *A Love Supreme* recorded in 1964, is a testament to his "spiritual awakening" and devotion to the Triune God of Christianity. The first movement, "Acknowledgment" is built on four notes that create a repeating phrase heard in the bass. This is the main motif that conveys each syllable to A LOVE SU-PREME. "Shine On Us" is a spiritual song composed by songwriting couple Michael (b. 1957) and Deborah (b. 1958) Smith, that mediates on the need for the Lord's presence through light and gentle guidance. The piece is arranged for solo trumpet by instrumental arranger Keith Wilbanks. Henry Purcell's (1659-1695) "Sonata in D for Trumpet and Strings" is a celebratory piece that reflects the composer's admiration for the brass instrument. It is modeled after the "Italian Trio Sonata" with a bright, beginning movement, interceded by a brief, slower movement, before closing with a spirited gigue.

## 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.

### OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP

**Bathroom:** Is located in our garage. Go in the double doors on the lake side of the garage and turn right.

**Dogs:** Some members and friends bring their dogs to outdoor worship on Trinity Terrace. Please be mindful of those who are scared of dogs and allergic to them. Dogs should be kept on a leash at all times and cleaned up after.

**Offerings:** Offering envelopes are on the table with the bulletins, next to a basket. To donate online, visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](http://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving) or text "GPMC" to 73256. We are thankful for all gifts that support our ministries.

**Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, our outdoor service on Trinity Terrace will move into the Sanctuary.

**Wi-Fi:** Is available on Trinity Terrace. The network name is: GPMC-Guest; The password is: GPMC123#

## ABOUT WORSHIP

**Leading and Assisting in Worship:** Susan Mozena, Carol Marks, Julie Huellmantel, liturgists; Bob Mobley (8:30 am), Judy Masserang (10:30 am), lay readers; Logan Hamilton, Interim Minister of Music and Organist; Rory Powell, Trumpet, Larry Huntington, Bass.

**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 Nancy Eckert at 313.418.6380 or nancy.k.eckert@gmail.com.

The Birth Rose is for **Charles Gregory Trube**, born July 31, 2024 to Shannon and Ben Trube. Charles' grandparents are Ann and Rob Trube. Charles would have been Jessie Davies' first great grandbaby.

**Giving at GPMC:** To donate, please visit [bit.ly/GPMC-Giving](https://bit.ly/GPMC-Giving) or text "GPMC" to 73256.

**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

### *It's About Time*

*One of God's greatest gifts to us is time. Many other things in life we can accumulate; money, experiences, relationships. But time is finite—we will only ever have so much of it. And so the question becomes what does God have to say about time and what will we do with the time we've been given? Join us as we take a look at the gift of time and why using it well matters in our lives of faith.*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

8:30 am	Worship Service	Trinity Terrace
9:30 am	Summer Book Discussion	Trinity Terrace
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
5:00 pm	Worship Service	Trinity Terrace

\*Chapter 12 will be discussed during the Summer Book Discussion.

## 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:** Brian Bayhan (Janie Burkey's nephew) Cindy Beltowski, Arlene Cobau, Gwen Dunlap (Karen and Wayne Pratt's sister), Carol Martin (Cheryl Littleton's mother), Barbara Woolf Packard (the Musials' friend), Bill Turner, David Vroom (Lorna and Tom Vroom's son).

**Continued Prayers for:** Laura Burns, Ethel Burwell, Carol Cauvel (Scott Cauvel's mother), Ben Chapman, Rosemary Coyne (the Tengler's friend), Fred DeHaven, Mike Duffy (the Musials' friend), Susan and John Gallaher (Ann Willetts' friends), Priscilla Jumisco, Virginia L. and Ann E. (Ann Willetts' friends), Stephanie Kornblum (Sue Vititoe's daughter), Elisabeth Rose Labuz (Jessie Pogue Labuz's daughter), Michael Meda, JT Mestdagh (Marlene Boll's grandson), Christina Robinson, Edward Rowady, Juliet Mazer-Schmidt, Woody Siddall (the Schultes' nephew), Ernestine Soloman (David Buckler's friend), Tammy Tedesco (Michelle DeLand's friend), Kathy Toupin (Judy Morlan's cousin), Henry, Megan and Lucy Walters (Anne Trubes' friends), Ken Vella (Steve Vella's brother).

**Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military:** Joey and Mike Bejin (Matt Bejins' nephews), 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).

## In Memoriam

**Sharon Tyrrell**

*August 1, 1942 - August 15, 2024*

Please pray for Sharon's husband Robert, their children and grandchild in the days ahead.

## This Week at GPMC

### Monday, August 26

Preacher's Workshop, 10 - 11 am (Trinity Terrace)  
Session Meeting, 7 - 9 pm (Room 200)

### Tuesday, August 27

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

### Wednesday, August 28

Men's Bible Study, 7 - 8 am (Trinity Terrace)  
AA, 8:15 - 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)  
Reel Theology, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Adult Bible Study, 7:30 - 9 pm (Room 215)

### Thursday, August 29

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

### Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

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

### Sunday, September 1

Worship Service, 10:30 am (Trinity Terrace & Livestream)  
Hymn Singing Festival, 11:30 am (Trinity Terrace)

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

# Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,  
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;  
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both  
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it  
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

# 247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.



## GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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### Office Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Thursday  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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Password: bibles@gpmchurch

Network on Trinity Terrace: GPMC-Guest  
Password: GPMC123#

Please email [lcameron@gpmchurch.org](mailto:lcameron@gpmchurch.org) to  
receive weekly eNews.



### Giving at GPMC

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or text "GPMC" to 73256.

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