

GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



JUBILEE LIFE BY THE LAKE

July 18, 2010

Order of Service for the Worship of God

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Go placidly amidst the noise and haste and remember what peace there is in silence.

Parts in **bold** are to be said in unison.

ORGAN PRELUDE (10:00 a.m.) – Prélude, Fugue, and Variation

César Franck

GATHERING HYMN 481 – (8:30 a.m.)

Tune: *Llanfair*

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

**Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within
God's courts below, Alleluia! Angels round the throne above,
Alleluia! All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia! Tell the won-
ders, sing God's worth, Alleluia! Age to age and shore to
shore, Alleluia! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia!**

**Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise this
providence and grace, Alleluia! All that God for us has done,
Alleluia! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**

*HYMN 267 – All Things Bright and Beautiful Tune: *Royal Oak*
(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great
and small, all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God
made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings: God
make their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sun-
set, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the
ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear and believe the good news
of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to
God.** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And
also with you.** (Please greet your nearest neighbors in worship
saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” The response is,
“And also with you.”)

LET THE CHILDREN COME (Children age 3 through 2nd grade)

As the children come forward please sing: **This is the day, this
is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad
in it. This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice
and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day that the Lord
has made.** *After the children’s time, the children will be escorted to “Growing
with God,” down by the vegetable garden.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING (10:00 a.m.) – 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21
(N.T. p. 167)

After each reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SOLO (10:00 a.m.)—Fantasie in B-flat Georg Philip Telemann
Rachel Farber, violinist

A READING FROM THE PSALMS (10:00 a.m.) – Psalm 96 (O.T. p. 529)

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 43: 16-21 (O.T. p. 636)

SERMON – Custom Made The Rev. Don Brown

*HYMN 391 (10:00 a.m.) – Take My Life Tune: *Hendon*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING & ANTHEM

SOLO (8:30 a.m.) – Fantasie in B-flat Georg Philip Telemann
Rachel Farber, violinist

ANTHEM (10:00 a.m.) – Ain a That Good News W. Dawson

TAKING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 274 – O God of Earth and Space Tune: *Leoni*

O God of earth and space, of sea and fire and air, Your providence surrounds us here and every where. In fruit and grain and tree, in shelter from the cold, in cooling breezes, flowing wells, now as of old.

Where faithfulness is shown, where love and truth abound, where beauty graces human life, there You are found. Inspirer of all thought! Creative force of art! The melody on every tongue, in every heart!

Wherever freedom reigns, where sin is overthrown, where justice fused with mercy rules, there You are known. Give us the courage clear to make the earth a home for all to live in harmony in Christ's shalom.

Your word commands response and summons us to life. We follow, strengthened by Your grace, in calm or strife. Our ever present help, our challenge and our prod, we praise You now and to life's end, Eternal God.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN (10:00 a.m.) – The Lord bless you and keep you
John Rutter

*ORGAN POSTLUDE(10:00 a.m.) – Final on *Veni Creator* M. Durufle

Welcome to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We give thanks to God that you joined us today and we pray that 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. We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. Visitor packets are available at the Lakeshore Drive and Lakeside entrances. For more about our active congregation, visit [www.gpmchurch.org/about us](http://www.gpmchurch.org/about-us). For more about our denomination, please visit www.pcusa.org.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT GPMC

About summer worship: Our summer schedule of worship services **begins** outside by the lake at 8:30 a.m. and moves inside at 10 a.m. If you are able, consider riding your bikes to worship or scootering and walking, as we continue our summer worship with the Worship Council's summer focus on sustainability.

Children are always welcome in worship at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. A crib and toddler room (Room 101) is available during the services should you prefer to leave your child with our wonderful caregivers. Please do not let wiggles and whispers by your children worry you; we trust you will know when your child might need to be excused. Worship kits for children to use during worship are in purple bags located at each of the entrances.

“Growing with God” is a program for children age 3 through 2nd grade during our 8:30 a.m. lakeside worship service. Immediately following the children's sermon, the children are escorted by adults to the garden at the bottom of the hill at which time they will help tend to the garden while learning about and giving thanks and praises to God for all of our wonderful creation! Sunday School for children and youth will resume in the fall.

Please print your name and address in the fellowship pads so we can get to know you. If you prefer to receive your communication from the church electronically, please make a note on the form in the fellowship pads.

Cassette tapes and CDs of our worship services are available the week following the service. Please request copies at the reception desk. You may also watch taped sermons of every Sunday at www.gpmchurch.org or download audio from files through iTunes or the website.

Leading and Assisting in Worship Today: The Rev. Don Brown, The Rev. Susan Mozena and Diane Hernden. Lay reader: (10:00 a.m.) Sue Acton.

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Don Brown, a former member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and currently the pastor of North Haledon Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. A child of this church and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Don is in town for his 35th high school reunion. He is the son of Pat Brown and brother to Dale and Doug Brown, all members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Our organist this morning is Dexter Kennedy.

The birth roses announce the arrival of God's new children: **Hunter Stanton Mikel**, son of Rebecca and Clinton Mikel, born July 12, 2010. **Libby Willson**, daughter of Matt and Angela Willson, born July 14, 2010.

The **Chancel Flowers** are a reflection of gifts to the Flower Fund and are given in loving memory of **Peter Zornow**, Marcia's brother, by Marcia and Bill Ball.

If you are interested in providing **flowers for the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Connie Dunlap at (313) 570-7515 or cdunlap@comcast.net.

Reflections on Stewardship: If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you. – *James 1:5 NRSV*

What's Happening Today, July 18

Congregational meeting – Back 40 at 9:15 a.m.

Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace
Barbour Chapel – 9:30 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 25 Lakeside Worship service at 8:30 a.m.
Adult Education: Middle East Peace 9:30 a.m.
Worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
- August 1 One Service of Worship at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion and a Hymn Sing

LIFE AT MEMORIAL

The Session of GPMC has called a congregational meeting today, Sunday, July 18, at 9:15 a.m. in order to consider proposed changes to the terms of call of the Rev. Peter Henry and the Rev. Matthew Parker Wrzeszcz.

Tuesday, July 20, we continue our July Vespers services. Each Tuesday in July the Back 40 will open at 5:30 p.m. for anyone who wants to play, picnic, etc. by the lake. At 6:40 p.m. an informal vespers service will begin, with simple prayers, readings from Scripture and song. The service will conclude at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to stay as long as they would like and an adult Bible study on the prophets will last from 7 - 7:45 p.m. Whether you are unable to worship with your GPMC community on Sundays or you are just looking for a mid-week pick me up, join us on Tuesday nights for as much or as little of the night as you can. **All ages are encouraged to come!**

As part of our summer focus on sustainability, worshipers are invited to bring in those hard-to-recycle items. You can put them in the containers by the marked containers at the Back 40 or in the Reception Area. Items you can bring include: digital cameras, mp3 players, video game systems, cell phones and chargers, monitors, computers, ink cartridges and more. Take a flyer from the collection bin to get a complete list of recyclable items that we do not want entering our landfills. The Worship Council will get these items to appropriate recyclers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elementary Mission Day – All elementary age children (and friends) are invited to a morning of service work at Cass Community Center on Thursday, July 22. We will meet in the church lobby at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to the Center. Afterward, we will have a picnic lunch and swimming at Patterson Park. For more information or to sign up, please email jruthven@gpmchurch.org.

Scavenger Hunt at the DIA – Middle School and Senior High students (and their families) are invited to travel to the Detroit Institute of Art for a scavenger hunt on Friday, July 30. We will leave from GPMC at 2:00 p.m., have dinner downtown and return around 7:00 p.m. Cost for the trip is \$35 (which includes your ticket and dinner). Paperwork can be found outside the CE Offices. Contact Pastor Matt for more details.

The MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY TRIP will occur August 3-5, 2010. If you were a student in grades 6-8 during the 2009-10 school year, and you are interested in embarking on a mystery trip with other youth, and you are up for an adventure, then this trip is for you! The cost of the trip is \$150. Registration forms (located outside the CE Office) should be returned by July 28. Parents can see Pastor Matt for more details.

Year of the Bible Q & A resumes on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of August, at 7:30-8:30 p.m., with a focus on the Gospel of John. All are welcome, regardless of whether or not you are doing the Year of the Bible.

The newest short story for Faith and Literature is available in the reception area. The story is "The Rabbi in the Attic" by Eileen Pollock and the conversation starts at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11 at Peter and Shawn Henry's home.

Sunday morning summer adult education continues today, July 18. Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Barbour Chapel for a conversation about Middle East peace. Using a P.C. (U.S.A.) DVD resource, Peter Henry and Susan Mozena will lead discussions of issues and theological perspectives related to sustainable peace in the Middle East.

WORSHIP

This summer a diverse sampling of recorded joyful noises to the Lord can be heard approximately 15 minutes before the start of our 8:30 services. Please feel free to share your thoughts about any of the music heard this summer or any questions about searching for the huge range of religious music that exists, with the Worship Council. We hope you will be pleased when you arrive for service a little early.

OUTREACH

The July and August Hunger Offering will go to the Open Door Program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. The Open Door ministry provides a weekly meal, haircuts, shower facilities, clothing, medical supplies and personal hygiene items to more than 400 people in downtown Detroit who cannot afford food and these basic necessities. Last year, 21,000 meals were served to homeless and poor people at the Open Door. The Outreach Council will match donations up to a total of \$2,000. Please contribute generously, using the blue envelopes in the pew racks.

Stock the pantry at Second Mile Center – Detroit schools are out for the summer and so are free school breakfast and lunches for many of the children who attend our mission programs. Their families turn to Second Mile Center to avoid going hungry. Lists of suggested non-perishable food items are available in the Second Mile collection basket in the main lobby.

AND MORE..

Darn It! Presbyterian Women need **ten cross stitchers** to begin work on small, easy, (and fun!) Christian symbol ornaments for their November fair. Kits with instructions are available now. Please contact Kathie Morinelli at 822-7666 or Helen Meyering at 886-2080. Visit gpmchurch.org to see a photo of the ornaments.

St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church in Shelby Township currently has a couple of spots open for a Men's mission trip to Haiti departing Detroit Friday evening 10/1/10 and returning Tuesday 10/12/10. They are in particular need of construction and auto/engine repair skills. If interested, please be in touch with Matt Sullivan at 586-615-2814 for more information or Peg Carpenter, GPMC, mimargaretc@aol.com.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

If you would like a name added or taken off the prayer list or know of someone in the hospital, please contact Pam Radlick at (313) 882-5330 or by email at pradlick@gpmchurch.org.

Carol Marks extends her great gratitude for all the lovely expressions of kindness that she has received. She is at home healing well.

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS: Drin Bacon (Lynne Bacon's husband), Tom Bakos (Theresa Bakos' brother), Chuck Bayer (Anne Burke's brother), Barbara Bentley (friend of Jane Burkey), Betsy Brown (friend of Jean Rudolph), Shawn Coyle (grandson of Tom & Joan Coyle), Tom Coyle, Gerry Krause (friend of Lee and Lyn Sanborn), Julia Kurtyka (Lynne Bacon's friend), Carol Marks, John Mazer, Jr., Don McIntyre, Elizabeth Metteauer (newborn great-niece of Maura Corrigan), Cyril Newman (brother-in-law of Lee and Lyn Sanborn), Mary Nuckols (Kathie Morinelli's sister), Carl Reichert, Steve and Michelle Ruetschle and their three boys, (pronounced "Ritchley," friends of Tim and Heather Klepp), Gideon Schripsema (friend of Betty Young), Shirley VanDerKar.

ON-GOING PRAYERS: Harold Bate, Catherine Bracci (neighbor of the Tenglers), Shirley Carr, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Chloe and her family (friend of Holly Cory), Rose DeGraaf (Kay Felt's sister-in-law), Heather Denler, Warren Eich, Leslie Greenfield, Alex Johnson (Kay Champion's grandson), Elise Camitta Keating (friend of Pauline Lackey), Willie Maye (friend of Christina Robinson), Jim McWatt, Nene O'Connor (Pam Radlick's friend), Bill and Madge Queen, Michael Schaupteter, Ron Selvius (Cathy DeRoo's father), Dorothy Sicklesteel, Marge Wernz (Martie Neily's mother), Tim Woodhouse (Tom Singelyn's nephew).

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Marine Corps PFC Matthew Frahm (nephew of Russ and Beth Frahm), Army Ranger Jamie Fountain (Marilyn Whims' grandson), Lt. Commander Michael Lawrence, USN (Sylvia Sander's nephew), Jim McLeod (friend of Myra Brown), Mary Mikhael (Near East School of Theology), Alek Willson (Angie Willson's brother-in-law).

ECHOES OF ST. PAUL: A REPORT ON THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Minneapolis, Minnesota – July 3-10, 2010

BY JACK HABERER, *Outlook* editor

About 900 commissioners and advisory delegates worshiped and prayed, deliberated and discerned, all aiming to advance the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They gathered in Minneapolis under the theme, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living waters.”

However, this city has a twin. Few folks had time to wander over there, but St. Paul was just around the corner.



CYNTHIA BOLBACH

The other St. Paul was just around the corner, too. From the Apostle’s rejection of legalism in favor of freedom to his complex teachings on family, from his love of Israel to his vision of Jews’ and Gentiles’ union in Christ, from his proclamation of grace to his teachings on justice, his voice reverberated throughout the assembly hall.

As always, the GA began with the election of a moderator. Cynthia Bolbach, an elder and lawyer from Arlington, Va., was elected against a field of five ministers. The apostle who called all believers – not just clerics – to stir up their spiritual gifts might have smiled over that vote. Bolbach told the assembly: “Elders rule.”

After three days of working in committees, the commissioners voted to adopt a simplified Form of Government section of the church’s *Book of Order*. This mission-focused document, if ratified next year by a majority of the 173 presbyteries, will jettison hundreds of rules, entrusting judgment calls to local governing bodies.

The assembly voted to form a commission to accelerate the reorganization of some presbyteries and synods. They specified that the commission could act only with agreement by the affected governing bodies.

The GA voted to add the Belhar Confession to *The Book of Confessions*. Written in South Africa to eliminate Apartheid, it calls for an end to racism and subjugation, and calls for equal rights under the Lordship of Christ. Final adoption requires ratification by 2/3s of the presbyteries plus a final assembly vote in 2012.

The commissioners made peace among Middle East peacemakers. After several Jewish organizations erupted with cries of anti-Semitism this past spring over a report by the Middle East Study Committee, the GA committee struggled to find its way. Finally, a cluster of commissioners and other PC(USA) leaders huddled together across ideological lines, generating a set of amendments that were added by the assembly committee. In a stunning, Damascus Road moment – some leaders called it a miracle – the committee voted unanimously to adopt the modified document, and the Assembly followed with an 82 percent affirmative vote. Leaders of both the Jewish and Palestinian communities expressed their gratitude.

A second study that bridges theological understandings of Christians and Jews met resistance due to the absence of Palestinian Christians' participation in the study. The report was referred back to the writing team with instructions to consult with them and report back in 2012.

The commissioners did adopt for study a paper assessing theological understandings between Christians and Muslims.

The GA authorized a special committee to retranslate the Heidelberg Catechism – originally written in German in 1563. The committee identified scores of problems in the existing translation. They will join with scholars from the Reformed Church and the Christian Reformed Church who already are retranslating Heidelberg for their adoption.

The study of apostolic teaching on family life continues as the GA sent out for study both majority and minority reports addressing same-sex marriage. They took no action on calls to allow same-sex weddings in states where that is allowed.

The church's struggle to find one mind regarding the ordination of those in same-sex partnerships will be tested in presbyteries for the fifth time in 14 years, as they will be asked to ratify a new constitutional amendment (approved by 373 to 323). It requires officers to submit "joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ" in all aspects of life, but would remove the requirement that candidates for ordination live a life of "fidelity within a marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness."

Consistent with the denomination's longstanding commitment to equal rights for gays and lesbians, the GA called upon the Board of Pensions to provide medical benefits for those in committed same-gender relationships and their dependent children.

The Assembly also re-established its collegiate ministries department and passed resolutions on gun violence, poverty, the Afghanistan War, the Gulf oil spill, immigration, and women being coerced to end or continue a pregnancy. ●

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THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

July 18 - July 24, 2010

Summer Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Mon. Preacher's Workshop 10 a.m.
- Tues. Triennium (offsite) 9:30 a.m.
Sewing Group 10 a.m.
Senior Yoga 10 a.m.
Back 40 open 5:30 p.m.
Vespers Service 6:40 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.
Alanon 7:30 p.m./AA 8 p.m.
- Wed. Stephen Ministry Support Group 9 a.m.
Investment Committee 4:30 p.m.
Kerygma: Discovering the Bible 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Elementary Mission Day 9:30 a.m.
Senior Yoga 10 a.m.
- Fri. AA 8 p.m.

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