



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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 – Praeludium en G-moll, WoO 10

Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

All: **We look to the Lord, for those who trust in him will not be put to shame.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord who hears our prayers, calms our fears, and surrounds us with his presence.

All: **We will seek the Lord and trust in his unfailing care.**

*HYMN 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11)

Tune: Faithfulness

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we often live in fear rather than trusting in your presence and care. We allow the troubles around us to consume our attention, forgetting that you hear those who cry out to you and deliver them from their fears. Forgive us when we turn inward, rely upon our-**

selves, or fail to seek you in times of trouble. Help us to look to you, to trust your goodness, and to rest in the assurance that you are near to those who call upon your name.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Hear the good news of the gospel: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new.”

All: **Thanks be to God! Through Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, and made new.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE – All Glory to the Father**

Tune: Nyland



***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As Christ has welcomed us, let us welcome one another in peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Holy God, quiet our hearts and open our ears as we hear your Word. Let the Scriptures speak not only to our minds, but deep within our hearts, revealing your truth, your grace, and your call upon our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 34: 4-7

(O.T. page 481)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Today we commission those who will be going to Chico and Paradise, California to work with the Butte County Habitat for Humanity team: Julie and Mike Huellmantel, Holly and Mark Cory, Micky and Kathy Kurap, Jane and Mark Dearth, Cynthia Ford, Peter Marks, and Lisa and Scott Thayer.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SONG 188 – Jesus Loves Me!

Tune: Jesus Loves Me

All: **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 3-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 – Concertato on The Church’s One Foundation

Robert J. Powell

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the word; From heav’n he came and sought her To be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth, Her carter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, Partakes on holy food, And to one hope she presses, With ev’ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forever more; Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Acts 12:1–5 (N.T. pages 122 – 123)

SERMON – Prayer Between Friends Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome

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.**

OFFERTORY – The Peace of Christ James Biery

May peace from Christ come dwell in you, May love from God envelop you And bind you close in harmony, True meekness and humility.

For you are called God’s chose ones, God’s holy and beloved ones. Be clothed anew in loveliness, Compassion, patience, gentleness.

The peace of Christ which dwells in you Will perfectly be seen through you So let your hearts and voices ring. Let grateful songs to God take wing.

*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 465 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(see bulletin page 12) Tune: Converse

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Recessional on “Old Hundredth” arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning's Music: Celebrates the beginnings of a new program year and the foundations of which the faith of those who believe in God are grounded in. The mid-Romantic era, composer Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), is mainly remembered for his wide array of orchestral and chamber music, as well as his monumental *Ein Deutsches Requiem*. However, early in his composing career Brahms turned to the organ, finding inspiration in the organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach. The prelude this morning is an example of these early works that showcase the organ's virtuosity through ferocious scalar passages, and bombastic orchestral interludes. The piece comes to a triumphant close after one last cascading roar. The anthem is a triumphant arrangement of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" by late American church musician and composer, Robert J. Powell (1932-2025). In this arrangement, the stanzas are arranged in different textures dependent upon the nature of the text, for example, the opening stanza is a bold unison that depicts the solidarity in the church's one foundation in Jesus Christ, while the third stanza breaks the choir into parts, while minor harmonies depict the "toil and tribulation" that is experienced in the midst of waiting for the peace of Christ. The offertory with music by American church musician and composer, James Biery (b. 1956) and text by Marilyn Biery (b. 1959), is a benediction based on Colossians 3: 12-17, in surrounding those who hear it in the peace and love of Christ. The piece starts with a gentle, lilting chant that starts in the treble voices before the choir splits off into harmony in adorning the chant that was introduced.

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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. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, Carol Marks, liturgists; Bruce Vick, lay reader; Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

The Birth Rose is for Thomas Lee Bill, born on May 20, 2026 to Charlotte (née Morrow) and Christopher Bill. Mary Morrow is Thomas's grandmother.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in thanksgiving for another year of Rev. Heather's ministry. Love APNC.

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 Patty McCracken at 313.515.9798 or pattyjomc@email.com

Giving at GPMC: To give, visit bit.ly/GPMC-Giving, text "GPMC" to 73256; scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or offering envelopes can 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: Are in blue bags located at each of the sanctuary entrances for children to use during worship.

NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

SERMON SERIES

The Prayers We Pray

Have you ever wondered why Christians pray the way they do? The Prayers We Pray is a series that explores the prayers we share in worship—from the Prayer of Confession, to the Prayer for Illumination, to the Great Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (to name a few), along with other means of private and corporate prayer—and discovering what these acts reveal about our relationship with the God of our salvation. Whether you’ve been praying for years or are simply new to the task, you’ll discover that prayer isn’t about finding the right words—it’s about growing in a relationship with a God who is always ready to listen and speak. Join us!

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
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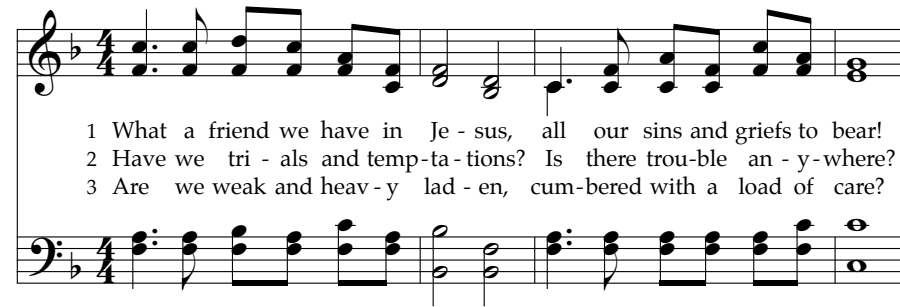
Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

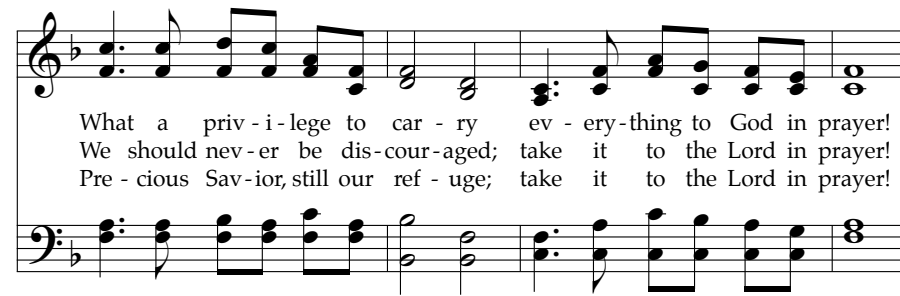
Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

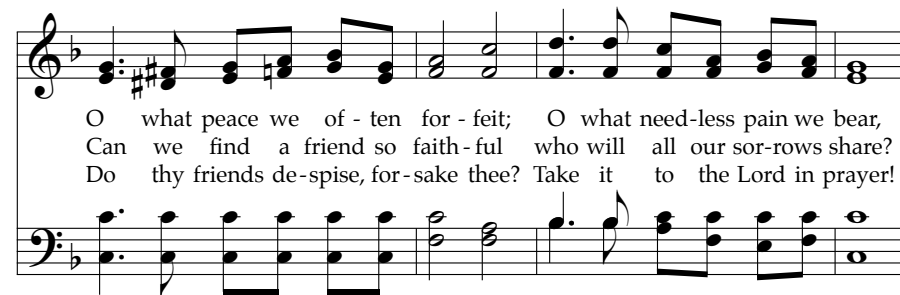
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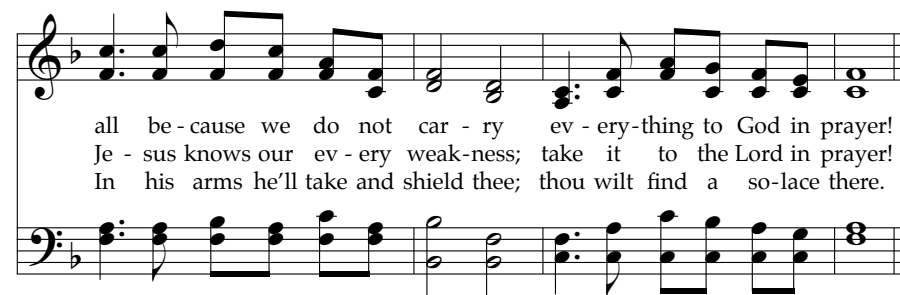
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

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: Lyn Gordon, Dave Lawrence (friend of Rob Musial), Amy Miller, Dennis Perkins, Kathy Rogers, Susan Villa - Arce (friend of Linda Lloyd), Barbara Zaccagni.

Continued Prayers for: Rowland Austin, Marlene Boll, John Boris, Keith Crain, Frank Debenski (Ken Mazer-Schmidt's friend), Samantha Fleming, Gail and Allan Hart, Oliver Daniel Klinec (Sarah Ollison's grandson), Dan McCrary, Bob McDowell, Melanie Mosher (Elizabeth Tengler's friend), Ted Schaefer, Robert Schmidt (Ken Mazer-Schmidt's brother), Sue Stanton, Dick Strowger, Allison Thornton, David Treder (Sue Acton's cousin), Rosemary Van Domelen (Sue Buckler's cousin).

Protection and Strength for Our Loved Ones in the Military: LTJG Peter A. Costello, U.S. Navy (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).

WHAT’S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
10:45 am	Children’s Church	Third Floor
11:30 am	Fall Kick-Off	Trinity Terrace

This Week at GPMC

Monday, September 14

- Preacher’s Workshop, 10 – 11 am (Trinity Terrace)
- Stewardship Sweets for Councils, 6:15 – 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Council Meetings, 6:30 & 7 pm (Various Locations)
- Boy Scouts, 7 – 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

Tuesday, September 15

- Yoga, 10 – 11 am (Trinity Terrace) & 6 – 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)
- AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)
- Prayer Book Study Group, 7 – 8 pm (2nd Floor Lounge)

Wednesday, September 16

- Men’s Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Trinity Terrace)
- AA, 8:15 – 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)
- Stephen Minister’s Meeting, 9:15 – 10:30 am (2nd Floor Lounge)
- Memorial Youth, 6 – 8 pm (Room 315)

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

- Unpack the Truck, 8:30 – 10:30 am (Offsite)
- Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)
- AA, 7 – 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

Saturday, September 19

- Men’s Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)
- Detroit Bachtet Debut Concert, 7 – 8 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 20

- Worship Services, *9 & 11 am (Sanctuary & *Livestream)
- Children’s Sunday School, 9:45 – 10:30 am (Third Floor)
- Ministry Fair, 10 – 11 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Makers Bonding Scent Heart Project, 10 – 11 am (Fellowship Hall)

VOLUNTEER AT GPMC!



Learn more about where you can share your time, skills and gifts and get involved at GPMC. Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back and to get to know your fellow church members better. Scan the QR Code, or go to our GPMC Website: gpmchurch.org and click on the drop-down “Serve and Connect,” or contact Donna Hartzell at dhartzell@gpmchurch.org or call 313.882.5330. There is a place for everyone!



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