



GROSSE POINTE
MEMORIAL CHURCH
'A light by the lakeshore'

Service of Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 | 8:30 & 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 (10:30 AM) – *Complainte from Pièces en Style Libre op. 31/1* Louis Vierne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship the Lord, who forgives our sins, heals our brokenness,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

One: We lift our hearts in praise, for God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Let us worship our God with gratitude and joy.

*HYMN 611 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(see bulletin page 9)

Tune: Hymn to Joy

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have often trusted in our own strength
rather than seeking refuge in you, and we have fallen short in our love
for you and for one another. Forgive us for the ways we have turned away

from your will, and renew our hearts by your grace so that we may walk faithfully in your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, restore us, guide us, and make us a people who reflect your mercy and love.

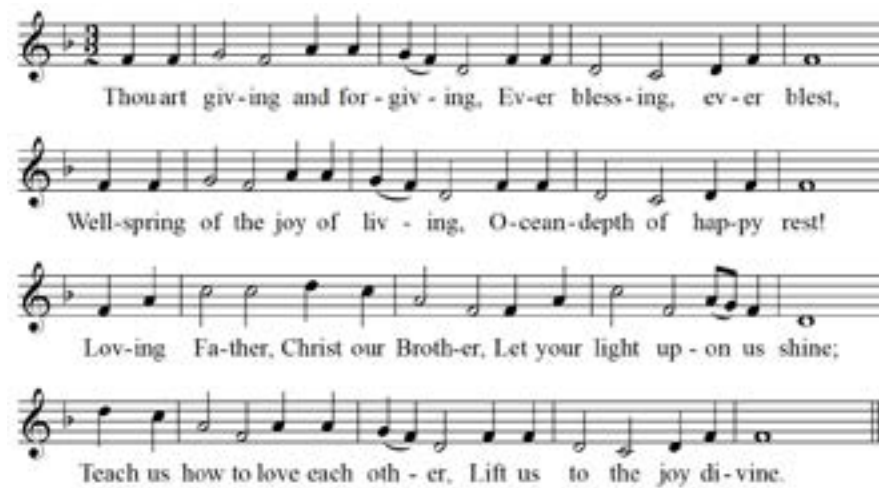
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Amen. Hear the good news! God is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love and faithful to forgive. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made new, and we are restored to God's family.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Tune: Beach Spring



***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Having been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, we are called to live in peace with one another. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and be shared among us. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Faithful God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as your Word is read, we may hear your voice calling us to trust in your saving love. Strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and lead us to live as your faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Samuel 22:1 – 7, 17 – 28 (O.T. pages 284 – 285)

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SONG 469 (10:30 AM) – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Tune: Children Praying

All: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

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 – En Prière

Gabriel Fauré

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à vous, O mon Père,
Écoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux, La prière!
Si vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois Sur la terre,
Je saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois, O Lumière!
Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité Salutaire,
Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité Vous révère!
Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur Nécessaire,
Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur, La misère!
Révélez-Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois Et j'espère:
Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au clavaire!

If the voice of a child can reach up to you, O my Father,
listen to this prayer from Jesus, kneeling before You!
If you have chosen me to teach your laws here on earth,
I shall know how to serve You, mighty King of kings,
O Light! Place the salutary truth upon my lips, Lord
so that he who doubts, may revere you with humility!
Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness needed
to lessen pains, to relieve suffering and misery!
Reveal Yourself to me, O Lord in whom I believe and I hope:
For You I wish to suffer and to die upon the cross at Calvary!

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 103 (O.T. pages 523 – 524)

SERMON – The Benefits 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 – Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me, and I’ll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor, And where it shall be. Master, Thou callest. And this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”
Willing, my Savior, To take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss; Willing to follow, If Thou will but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”
Living or dying, I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine, Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply. “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

*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 840 – When Peace Like a River
(see bulletin pages 10 – 11) Tune: Ville du Havre

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (10:30 AM) – Fanfare on Hymn to Joy arr. Dr. Logan Hamilton

This Morning’s Music: Looks to fulfill the laws mandated by God to love and serve all of those that inhabit the world. The anthem is a sacred art song by 19th century French composer, Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) composed in 1890. *En Prière (A Prayer)* is an original poem by Stéphan Bordèse (1847 - 1919) in which Fauré crafts a melody that floats above an arpeggiating accompaniment that flows upwards, like the prayer that is sung from the perspective of Christ before God. The piece briefly pauses the moving accompaniment when the text asks for God to be revealed, showing the severity of this request and the conviction to follow God into death. The offertory is based on a hymn written by American gospel songwriter, Fannie Crosby (1820-1915). The hymn takes text by Isaiah 6:8 which states, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” This parallels the evangelical nature of Crosby’s text as the opening line describes the writer hearing their Master calling and them gladly obeying. The text is paired with original music by American composer, John Ness Beck (1930-1987). The music compliments the text as the melody steadily ascends with conviction. The refrain of the piece is a declarative statement that is filled with determination as the words “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I” are sung at the peak of the song’s range.

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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.

OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP

Bathroom: Located in our garage through the double doors on the lake side of the garage.

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 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: Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome, Rev. Heather Thum - Gerber, liturgists; Matt Bejin (8:30), Judy Masserang (10:30), lay readers; Tia Wilson, Mezzo-Soprano; Dr. Logan Hamilton, Minister of Music and Organist.

Summer Sermon Series: After God's Own Heart: The Story of David. "I have found David, son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do" (Acts 13:22). God says this about David—the beloved king of Israel and an ancestor of Jesus. At first, David can seem untouchable, far beyond what any of us could hope to be. But a closer look shows that David was deeply human: humble beginnings, great successes, serious failures, moments of faithfulness and moments of pride. Yet through it all, he remained close to God's heart—and that became his greatest legacy. This summer at GPMC, we'll explore the life of King David, a man after God's own heart. By learning from both his victories and his failures, we hope to see ourselves in his story and grow into women and men after God's heart as well. Join us!

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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING TODAY AT GPMC?

8:30 am	Worship Service	Trinity Terrace
9:30 am	Stuffing Backpacks	Trinity Terrace
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Children’s Church	Room 301
5:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals Service	Trinity Terrace

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: Rowland Austin, Dan McCrary, Amy Miller, Dennis Perkins, Kathy Rogers, Susan Villa - Arce (friend of Linda Lloyd), Barbara Zaccagni.

Continued Prayers for: 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), 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).

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

it is well; it is well with my soul.

This Week at GPMC

Monday, August 24

Preacher's Workshop, 10 – 11 am (Trinity Terrace)
Session Meeting, 7 – 9 pm (Room 209)

Tuesday, August 25

Yoga, 10 – 11 am & 6 – 7 pm (Trinity Terrace)
Nominating Committee Meeting, 6 – 8 pm (Room 200)
Carillon Concert, 6:15 – 7 pm (Front Lawn)
Al-Anon, 6:30 – 8 pm (Library)
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Room 209)

Wednesday, August 26

Men's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Trinity Terrace)
Women's Bible Study, 7 – 8 am (Room 215/Zoom)
AA, 8:15 – 9:30 am (Trinity Terrace)

Thursday, August 27

Yoga, 10 – 11 am (Trinity Terrace)
Makers @ Memorial, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Room 220)
Adult Mission Trip Meeting, 7 – 8 pm, (Offsite)

Friday, August 28

Free Food Fridays, 9 – 11 am (Offsite)
AA, 7 – 8 pm (Trinity Terrace)

Saturday, August 29

Men's Bible Study, 8 – 9 am (Offsite)

Sunday, August 30

Worship Services, 8:30 am (Trinity Terrace) & 10:30 am (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Children's Church, 10:45 – 11:30 am (Room 301)
Evening Prayer Service, 5 – 5:45 pm (Trinity Terrace)

**Please note this list is subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit gpmchurch.org.*