

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

April 8, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

A Pilgrim's Progress

Can any sense be made of Easter in a Good Friday world? By all appearances, it is indeed a Good Friday world. Easter says that defeat is not the last word. Death is not the last word. The message of Easter states that we are willing to follow the way set out by Jesus. We do not proclaim that we are raised to wait for the hereafter. We do not proclaim that we are finished with the journey. We do not proclaim that there is nothing left for us to do. Rather we claim that what happened to Jesus will happen to us. We are raised to walk, right here, right now, in newness of life. (Kenneth R. Lyle, Jr. "Preaching the Resurrection to Experience the Risen Christ," *The Living Pulpit*, April-June 2005, p. 14)

It's necessary to emphasize that Easter has less to do with one person's escape from the grave than with the victory of seemingly powerless love over loveless power. Too often Easter comes across very sentimentally, like dessert water—airy and sweet. But there's nothing sentimental about Easter. Easter represents a demand as well as a promise, a demand not that we sympathize with the crucified Christ, but that we pledge our loyalty to the risen one. That means an end to all loyalties, to all people and all institutions that crucify.

Easter becomes an opportunity to roll the stones away from our graves. Easter becomes the experience of the courage to confront death and to believe that life is eternal. Easter becomes the assurance that God is present in our times of limits and loss. God's love reaches into and beyond the tomb. Easter begins by rolling away the stone that keeps us more dead than alive.

From this perspective Easter is not the triumph over the idea of death; it is the discovery of life in the midst of the experience of death. It is the experience that God's presence makes a difference in how we live our lives and deal with our losses. With death being present in so much of our experience, the promise of God's presence is power, power that helps us to develop both courage and action.

Easter proclaims that forgiveness is offered to all of us exactly as it was to Peter. All the rulers of the world are forgiven and church people, too. All are forgiven; which means that if we appropriate our forgiveness, we are relieved not of the consequences of our sin, but of the consequences of our being sinners. Now we are forgiven sinners; which means that with the zeal of gratitude we can become 10 times the people we are. It means that instead of trying to prove ourselves endlessly, we can express ourselves as fearless, vulnerable, dedicated, joyous followers of the Risen Christ. May God help all of us to be Easter people in a Good Friday world.

Howard

Come to us, God

Open our locked doors and hearts.
Dust us off, and make us new.
Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings,
Into the exciting mysteries of discipleship.
We long to be your Easter people,
To live and proclaim new life.
Amen.

Share the Joy of Easter

The Sanctuary will be abloom with lilies on Easter morning! Again this year, volunteers are needed to help deliver these lovely plants to members of our congregation who are home bound or in nursing homes or hospitals. By delivering one or more plants, you will be extending the hope, joy and beauty of this celebration to those who cannot worship with us in person. Flowers will be available for pick up at the conclusion of the second Easter service, at which time volunteers will be given the names and addresses of recipients. If you can help, please call Mary Buchanan at (847) 729-2328 or e-mail her at mifledder@aol.com.

APRIL 9, 2009

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. *Pilgrim Wind Ensemble*

Rev. Sally Iberg
"How Do We Get Through This Night?"

APRIL 10, 2009

Good Friday

7:30 p.m. *Chancel Choir*

Tennebrae Service
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

The Sanctuary will be open at noon for individual prayers and meditation.

APRIL 12, 2009

EASTER

9:00 a.m. *Chancel Choir and Bell Choir*

11:00 a.m. *Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Primary Choir*

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12, Romans 8:31-39

Sermon:

Easter People in a Good Friday World
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 19, 2009

Are We There Yet?

8:30 a.m. *Voices of GCC & Primary Choir*

10:30 a.m. *Voices of GCC & Primary Choir*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choir Director*
Rev. Sally Iberg

60 Plus Luncheon

April 21 at 12 noon
in the PLYMOUTH ROOM.

Please notice the change of location for our monthly 60 Plus Luncheon. We will be feasting on homemade soup, bread and wonderful dessert in the Plymouth Room (Resale Shop Room).

Our special program for the afternoon will be the presentation by Dr. David Beigler, Chief of Orthopedic Trauma North Shore University Health System titled "Anterior Approach Total Hip Replacement" Dr. Beigler has been specifically trained in this procedure and operates at Glenbrook Hospital. The program will begin about 12:45 p.m.

If you would like a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.



GCC CAREER NETWORK



"We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."
Author Unknown

Unemployed, returning to work or considering a job change? Looking for resources or a place to network? Interested in posting career opportunities? Been there - done that and want to share your experiences and tips? Then welcome to the GCC Career Network - a place for GCC members and friends to share knowledge, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Alek and Renee Jablonski will moderate, and we will meet every other Monday at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Plymouth Room, beginning April 6th. We have also set up a Yahoo group to share information and alert you of opportunities. Email any questions to Pam Keckler at pam.keckler@gccucc.org or call her at 847-724-2210 x24. The next meeting will be April 20.

Mitzvah Day SUNDAY, MAY 17



GCC will join with B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, the Islamic Cultural Center of Northbrook and the Baha'i of Glenview in performing acts of loving kindness throughout the northern suburbs and the city. The day will begin at 12 noon with brunch in the Mayflower Room for all participants. We will recognize Nancy Bloom, Director of Youth Services of Glenview, with the annual Humanitarian of the Year Award. List of all projects and sign up sheets are available in this Broadcaster and in the church office.



Calling All Walkers

A new walking season is at hand (and foot). Walks are normally scheduled on the first Sunday of the month. With Palm Sunday and Easter on the first two Sundays in April, we plan the first walk of the season on the third Sunday. GCC Walkers meet on April 19 at 12:45 p.m. in the North Parking lot. We let the weather determine where to go a few days before. Newcomers and old-timers are equally welcome!

Adult Education Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

Ron Miller will present: "The Search for the Historical Jesus" on April 19 and 26.

MAY 3 May is Older Americans Month...

In honor of Older Americans Month, Wendy Thornton will share with you the "Good News-Bad News". A story that illustrates how to create a long-range plan to allow an aging parent or spouse to receive care at home and postpone or prevent the need for care in a nursing home.

Ideas, suggestions for future Adult Education programs? E-mail Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net

Mission Moment

Let All Praise with Joy the World's Creator Ah, Spring! Fresh breezes, a new palette of colors, the earth changing daily before our eyes—a time so full of promise it's easy to "Praise with Joy the World's Creator," as the hymn goes. And a time to remember we are entrusted with God's marvelous handiwork. We hold it in common so that all may enjoy and praise in this generation and in years to come.

As communities across the U.S. celebrate Earth Day on April 22, we can look back in history and discover yet another UCC first. Twenty years ago, on the eve of Earth Day 1987, the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice published a landmark report, "Toxic Waste and Race." For the first time in history, the disproportionate burden borne by African American, Latino, Native American, and Asian American communities as the "dumping grounds" for our nation's waste and pollution was documented. Funded by Our Church's Wider Mission, the study looked at every zip code in the United States and identified where toxic waste sites were located. It found that race was the most significant factor, even more significant than poverty. "Toxic Waste and Race" led to the coining of the term "environmental racism" and helped to jump start the environmental justice movement.

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GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
Women's Association Spring Plant Sale
It's time to order your garden flowers! The Women's Association Chapter 1 is offering a fabulous variety of flats, hanging baskets and potted plants.

Profits will be used to beautify the grounds of the church. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Deadline for order:
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Pickup/Delivery *
SATURDAY, MAY 9
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please give June Mussay (729-0021) or Jill Ruter (729-2368) a call if you have any questions.

Forms can be found in the church office and on the website at www.gccucc.org.

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**EASTER EGG HUNT
April 11th**

HANDS OF PEACE

Hands of Peace, the unique interfaith program that brings together American, Israeli and Palestinian teenagers for two weeks of dialogue, friendship and fun each summer in the northern Chicago suburbs, is still accepting applications for participants and host families.



Hands of Peace needs your help!

We're recruiting families to host Israeli and Palestinian teens during the two-week program this summer (7/17/09 -- 8/3/09). If you'd like to get involved, fostering new and very meaningful relationships, please apply today! Whether or not you have a teen or young children at home, we would welcome your application. More information and applications can be found online at www.hands-of-peace.org/host.html. Contact Gail Tatsuda with any questions (847)559-0599. We look forward to hearing from you!

Save The Date

A President's First 100 Days

THURSDAY APRIL 30 AT 10 AM

A Presentation by JOYCE SCHRAGER.

Ms. Schrage is a well known, highly respected and popular current events lecturer. Plan to attend this historical perspective on President Obama's first days in the White House. In the aftermath of the presidential election, all are watching and anticipating "change" in this current time of crisis. Joyce, a dynamic speaker, is an expert on past and present political events.

FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCHEON

TICKETS \$15 for the program and luncheon

\$10 for the program only

The Chapter 8 members of GCC Women's Association are sponsoring this Spring program. We think the venue will appeal to both men and women of all ages. Tickets will be sold during fellowship hours and in the church office.

CHAPTER 20 SPEAKER Ursula Maethner

Please join Chapter 20 on Wednesday for a presentation by Ursula Maethner. She began woodcarving years after retiring as principal from Lakeview High School in Chicago. Ursula will exhibit a variety of her works and tell of the experiences in this unusual hobby for a woman.

Guests are welcome. Program is in the Chapel on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Rachel Barton Pine in Concert

Celebrate the Spirit-An Interfaith Dialogue in Word and Music is a concert and conversation intended as an expression of new ways of being in the world. Sponsored by Chicago Theological Seminary, April 19, 7 p.m. at the Music Institute of Chicago in Evanston, this is an opportunity to hear renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine who played for our worship service in August 2008. Tickets are \$35 and may be secured by contacting Kim Johnson at 773-332-0223 or visit the website www.ctschicago.edu. Young people in high school and college are being offered free tickets. Call or go on line to secure your tickets.



Sunday School

Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session on Easter Sunday so that all may worship in the sanctuary. Classes will not meet on April 19 so that all may enjoy the children's musical. See you on April 26.

Confirmation

No class on April 12.

No class on Easter Sunday, April 12. Our next class is April 19. Be sure to finish up all worship reflection sheets and service project reports.

Service Project Idea Reminders: Easter Egg Hunt April 11 and Easter lily delivery after worship on Easter Sunday. Contact Rev. Keckler for more information.

8th Grade

There are a few robes left to pick up in the Youth Room. You may come during regular church office hours or on Sunday morning. Remember to fill out your retreat forms (there are extra by the bulletin board) along with your check.

Chaperones needed

This year our youth will travel to Northern Minnesota to work on the Cass Lake reservation, repairing houses and working with young children.

We are looking for two chaperones. Youthworks is the organization we are working with this year. www.youthworks.com. The dates are June 14- June 19. Please e-mail Elizabeth Ciccolini for information on the process to become a PYF chaperone. Elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org

Are We There
There Yet?

by: Allen Pote

April 19, 2009
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Voices of GCC
and Primary Choir

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8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

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Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*
Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Lectio Divina, Rm 5	
4-9	4:00 pm	Investment Committee, Parlor	
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm	
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday, Sanctuary	
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary	
Fri	12:00 pm	Sanctuary will be open for Prayer	
4-10	7:30 pm	Good Friday Service, Sanctuary	
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201	
Sat	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym	
4-11	9:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt, Mayflower Rm	
Sun	9:00 am	Easter Service	
4-12	11:00 am	Easter Service	
MON	9:00 am	Finding My Spirit, Library	
4-13	6:00 pm	Voices Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Rm 201	
	7:00 pm	Finance Board, Founders Rm	
Tues	7:00 pm	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor	
4-14	7:00 pm	Services & Sacraments, Youth Rm	
	7:00 pm	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm	
	7:00 pm	Children's Board, Rm 201	
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Key 3, Rm 210	
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm	
4-15	9:15 am	Chapter 11, Parlor, Cradle/Toddler Rm	
	9:30 am	Chapter 20, Chapel	
	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym	
	7:00 pm	Venturing Crew, Rm 210	

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org