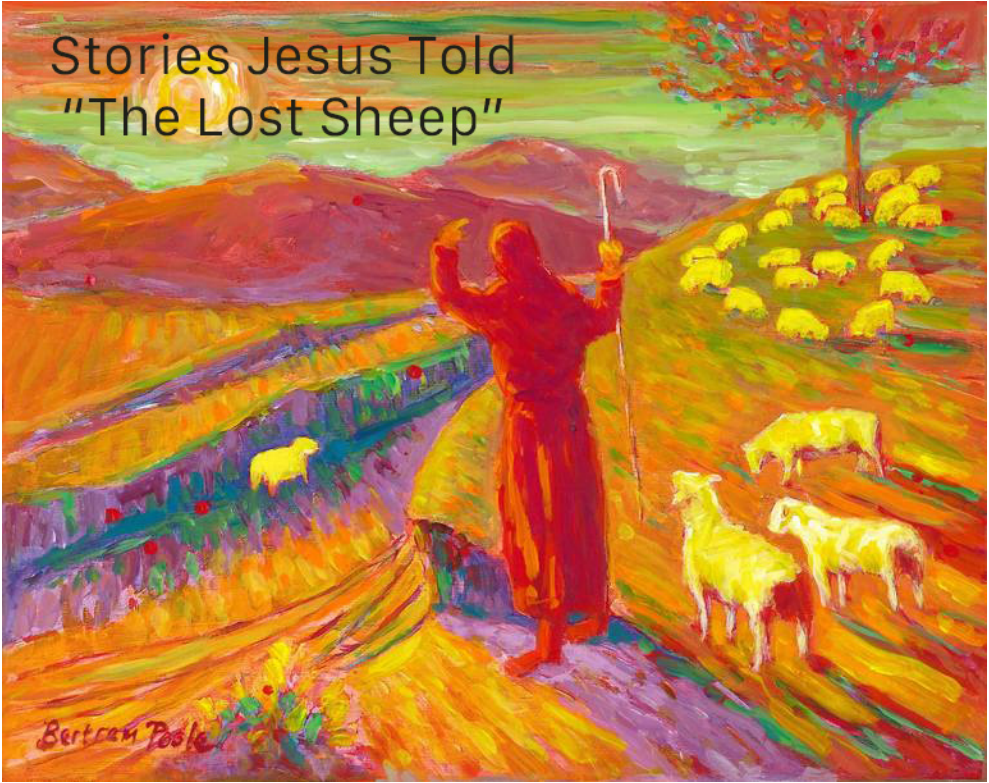


Stories Jesus Told "The Lost Sheep"



Glencoe Union Church

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE

Andante
Pastorale

Robert Führer
Walter Battison Haynes

WELCOME

Erin R. Raska

*GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

Choir: Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreaming
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**All: Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Ken Crews

*OPENING HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymn No. 803

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER

Ken Crews

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

(time for silent confession)

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we might delight in your will
and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By dying, Christ destroyed our death.

In rising, Christ restores our life;

In giving us his Spirit,

He grants us peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with signs and words of peace: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

*RESPONSE TO PEACE

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

On Communion Sunday, we invite children, 1st - 4th grades, to remain in the Sanctuary with their families to worship and to celebrate communion together. Should your child need to take a break from the worship service, 1st and 2nd graders are welcome to join Anne Marion and her staff in the nursery, located on the lower level of the building.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ken Crews

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15: 3-7

Erin R. Raska

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance."

ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need.

She makes me lie down in green meadows,

Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs.

She leads me in a path of good things

And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me;
She has said She won't forsake me;
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes.
She anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

SERMON "Stories Jesus Told: The Lost Sheep" Erin R. Raska

SERMON RESPONSE *Sicut Cervus* G.P. Palestrina
(sung in Latin)

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.*

Like as the deer desires the water-brooks:
so longs my soul after you, O God.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Ken Crews

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
(forgive us our sins...)

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

All are invited to come forward to receive communion.
Gluten free bread is available on the table.

Music During Communion:
Come to the Table of Grace (No. 507)
For Everyone Born (No. 769)

*As we conclude Communion, all are invited to stand as we sing:

(refrain) *And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

*BENEDICTION

Erin R. Raska

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

J.S. Bach

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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Special thanks to all who assisted in this morning's Worship Service:

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Frank Hudson, Livestream Production  
Rev. Erin R. Raska, & Rev. Ken Crews, Worship Leaders

### *Welcome to Glencoe Union Church*

We are delighted that you are here and trust you will find yourself at home among us, where our mission is to Love God, Love Others and Love the World. If you are visiting today, we invite you to fill out a Visitor Card found in the pew back and place it in the offering tray at the rear of the Sanctuary. To stay up to date on GUC's news, events and opportunities sign-up for our weekly email by emailing us at, [office@glencoeunionchurch.org](mailto:office@glencoeunionchurch.org).

We look forward to meeting you and please don't hesitate to reach out to either of the GUC pastors.

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Rev. Ken Crews, Associate Minister, [ken@glencoeunionchurch.org](mailto:ken@glencoeunionchurch.org), 773-569-1115

### *Fellowship Hour*

We believe that our worship extends beyond the Sanctuary and into the Great Hall for a time of refreshment and fellowship. All are invited to join us immediately following today's service.

*You may contribute online to the ongoing ministry of  
Glencoe Union Church by visiting our website,  
([www.glencoeunionchurch.org](http://www.glencoeunionchurch.org)).*

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## *Sundays at GUC*

10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

Infant-Kindergarten Sunday School, located in the Nursery, Lower Level.

10:15 a.m. First-Fourth Sunday School (except on Communion Sunday)  
located on Third Fl. North Building.

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, located in the Great Hall.

## This Week at GUC

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| <b>Sun, May 5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.</b>  | Prepare Youth, Grades 5-7th, Youth Room            |
| <b>Mon, May 6, 4:00 p.m.</b>       | Knitting Ministry, Great Hall                      |
| <b>Tues, May 7, 7:00 p.m.</b>      | Adult Education: Storytelling Workshop, Great Hall |
| <b>Wed, May 8, 7:30 p.m.</b>       | Choir Rehearsal, Cornell Room                      |
| <b>Sun, May 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m.</b> | Pitch Youth, Grades 8-12, Youth Room               |

### **Storytelling Workshops: Adult Education**

#### **Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

This workshop will invite each us into the spiritual practice of telling our own stories and noticing how those stories are a part of a larger story; God's story. Former GUC Associate Pastor, Rebecca Anderson, will lead our time together. This workshop promises to be fun, and funny, meaningful, and will move us towards a deeper understanding of how God is at work in our lives.

#### **June 1, 9am - 12pm**

How to build a (better) story; gather for a fun, conversational (but structured!) workshop, generating ideas and getting some tools in the mix to craft your own stories.

What's in it for you:

- Tools for the craft of true, first person storytelling.
- How to listen for your own stories.
- How to build a story. (Spoiler: by knowing what it's about, and what to leave out!)
- Structure, delivery, and how to land that elusive mic-drop last line.

Come work on a story for GUC summer worship or just to flex your storytelling muscles.

**Knitting Ministry: Mondays May 6, & May 20, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Bring your needles and yarn, or just an interest in learning and laughing, and enjoy this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and service. Amazing teachers are glad to help you learn!  
Questions? Contact Laurie Jaffe at [lauriejaf@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejaf@gmail.com).

**Women's Breakfast: Sat, May 18, 9:30 a.m.**

Consider joining other GUC women for this potluck breakfast and the opportunity to build friendship and community!

We begin with a warm, full breakfast, an inspiring reading, along with insightful conversation and reflection. We hope you will join us!  
To RSVP please contact Virginia at [office@glencounionchurch.org](mailto:office@glencounionchurch.org)

**GUC Book Club: Thurs, May 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Gather with fellow readers at GUC in the Great Hall. Looking ahead we will be reading:

May 23 - "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins.

June 27 - "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride.

July 25 - "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

For more information please contact Paula Giovacchini at [paula@giogroupinc.com](mailto:paula@giogroupinc.com).

**Choir Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.**

The Chancel Choir is excited to announce the musical offering for our annual Choir Sunday. During our Sunday worship service on Sunday, June 2, we will present the hauntingly beautiful Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). Written while he was serving as maître de musique at the church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine in Paris, this gorgeous Romantic setting of the traditional catholic Mass for the Dead has become one of the most beloved large-scale choral works of the nineteenth century. Similar to the Requiem settings by Maurice Duruflé and Johannes Brahms, the piece functions as a consolation to the living rather than a maudlin lament on the impermanence of our earthly existence. As the composer wrote: "It has been said that my Requiem...is a lullaby of death. It is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience." The Chancel Choir will be joined by an orchestra of local professionals for our presentation of extraordinary, powerful work. You won't want to miss it!

# SPRING SEASON OF SERVICE

## **La Casa Norte Mother's Day Brunch, Saturday, May 11th, 11:00am-1:30pm, 3533 W North Ave., Chicago**

Volunteer with GUC to make Mother's Day special for clients of La Casa Norte. Volunteers will help staff a family photo booth that will be set up to provide clients with a framed family photo keepsake.

Opportunities may also be available to help with a kid-friendly craft or other event needs. Contact Catherine Schulte at [cpschulte@gmail.com](mailto:cpschulte@gmail.com) to volunteer or with questions.

## **La Casa Norte Lunch-making, Cornell Rm, Sundays, May 19th, & June 16th, 11:15am**

GUC members are invited to gather the 3rd Sunday of each month to help prepare 100 lunches for clients of La Casa Norte. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## **C24/7 Junior Board Info Session & Callout Meeting Sunday, May 19th, 4pm-6pm, Glencoe Union Church**

The C24/7 Junior Board, made up of high school students, partners with the C24/7 ministry to help support, build relationships and connect resources for the C24/7 After School Program in Rogers Park.

Students in 8th-12th grade, and their parents, are invited to come learn more about the Junior Board and C24/7. Guests will enjoy activities, learning opportunities, and pizza!

Please RSVP to [ken@glencoeunionchurch.org](mailto:ken@glencoeunionchurch.org).