

Stories Jesus Told  
"The Good Samaritan"



Glencoe Union Church

April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

*The Everlasting Arms  
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME

Erin Raska

\*GATHERING SONG

*Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

\*OPENING PRAYER

Ken Crews

\*OPENING HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER

Erin Raska

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."*

During the Passing of the Peace, **children 1st-4th grade** are invited to join Ms. Cristina for Sunday school. Children will be met by Cristina at the back of the sanctuary.

## \*RESPONSE

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10: 25-37

Ken Crews

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' " Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**ANTHEM**

*Ubi caritas*  
(sung in Latin)

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
We have been gathered together by the love of Christ.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.

**SERMON**

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**SERMON RESPONSE***Jesu, the very thought of thee*

Edward Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of thee will sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Erin Raska

**\*CLOSING HYMN***Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast.  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Ken Crews

**\*POSTLUDE***Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

sett. John Behnke

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Dr. A.J. Keller, Music Director  
Dr. Hyea Young Cho, Pianist & Organist  
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.

~Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Liz & Elliot Gardner~

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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, located on Third Fl. North Building.

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

## *Sunday School During Worship*

At GUC, we are passionate about Youth, Children and Family Ministries. We believe that young people play a critical role in the life of this church and have much to add to our faith community. Children are always welcome in worship, and they are also invited to join one of our Sunday School classes:

Parents of small children, infant - kindergarten are welcome to bring their child(ren) to the Nursery located on the Lower Level. Ms. Anne and the rest of our nursery staff will be ready to welcome your child to an hour of Bible stories, free play time, and art making.

Children, grades 1 – 4, are invited to begin in worship with their families and then, during the passing of the peace, meet Ms. Cristina, at the rear of the Sanctuary. Ms. Cristina will lead children to their classroom, located on the Third Floor of the North Building, for a time of Bible stories, conversation, activities, and art making.

## This Week at GUC

<b>Sun, April 21, 11:00 a.m.</b>	C24/7 Snack Drive, Sanctuary
<b>Sun, April 21, 11:00 a.m.</b>	LCN Lunch-packing, Cornell
<b>Sun, April 21-April 27</b>	Family Promise, Cornell
<b>Sun, April 21, 5:00-6:30 p.m.</b>	Prepare Youth Grades 5-7th, Cornell
<b>Mon, April 22, 4:00 p.m.</b>	Knitting Ministry, Great Hall
<b>Tues, April, 23, 7:00</b>	Adult Education: Storytelling Workshop, Great Hall
<b>Wed, April 24, 7:30 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>Thurs, April 25, 7:00 p.m.</b>	GUC Book Club, Great Hall
<b>Fri, April 26, 6:00 p.m.</b>	Progressive Dinner
<b>Sun, April 28, 5:00-6:30 p.m.</b>	Pitch Youth Grades 8-12, Youth Room

## **Storytelling Workshops: Adult Education**

**Tuesdays, April 23, 30, & May 7, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

This workshop will invite each of 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.

**The Family Action Network (FAN)** presents Anne Lamott, novelist and non-fiction writer: **April 23, 7 p.m.**, Loyola Academy, Wilmette

Lamott will speak on her book, *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, where she explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. "Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere" and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love.

**GUC Book Club, Thurs, April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Gather with fellow readers at GUC in the Great hall. In April the book we will discuss is "The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness" by Gregory Boyle. 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)

## **Men's Breakfast, Sat, May 4, 8:00 a.m. (Date Change)**

Join other GUC men for fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast in the Cornell Room.

To sign-up or to learn more about the breakfast, contact Kevin Kohlstedt at [kkohlstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kkohlstedt@gmail.com).

# SPRING SEASON OF SERVICE

## **La Casa Norte Lunch-making -Today, Cornell Rm Future Sundays: May 11th, & 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.



## **Family Promise Starts Today, Sunday, April 21st- Sunday, April 28th**

Sign up today, scan the QR code to sign up. Several spots to fill:

**New Opportunity:** Be a host for the evening. Arrive at 6pm to set table, share meal and clean up April 22, 24, 25 & 27.

4/27 Bring Breakfast and help serve @ 8:00 a.m.

Bring Dinner and help serve, dinner served @ 6:30

4/28 Clean Up 7:30-8:30 a.m.



## **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.