

Stories Jesus Told



Workers in the Vineyard



Glencoe Union Church

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in A minor
Andante Semplice*

Maurice Greene
Ernest Tomlinson

WELCOME

Erin Raska

*GATHERING SONG *Spirit, Open My Heart*

**All: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

Solo: God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

**All: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

Solo: Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

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As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Ken Crews

*OPENING HYMN *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn No. 620, v.1-3

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."

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**

Instruments of Your Peace

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let your love increase.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease

When we are your instruments of peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20: 8-16

Erin Raska

When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, "Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first." Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, "These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun. He replied to the one speaking for the rest, "Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?" Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first."

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

Forgive our foolish ways;

Reclothe us in our rightful mind,

In purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise.

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.

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

Rev. Erin Raska, Senior Minister, erin@glencoeunionchurch.org, 847-858-0925
Rev. Ken Crews, Associate Minister, 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).*

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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.

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.

This Week at GUC

Sun, April 28, 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Pitch Youth Grades 8-12, Youth Room
Tues, April, 30, 7:00	Adult Education: Storytelling Workshop, Great Hall
Wed, May 1, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Cornell Room
Sat May 4, 8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Cornell Room
Sun, May 5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Prepare Youth Grades 5-7th, Cornell

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.

Storytelling Workshops: Adult Education

Tuesdays, April 30, & 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.

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 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.