

We rejoice in our community of faith,
strengthened by diversity,
including diversity of culture,
economic status, age, ethnicity,
race, gender, sexual orientation,
gender identity, marital status, and
physical or mental abilities.

We affirm that God is glorified when
we welcome all people
to our spiritual community,
as Jesus did.

Wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF GLEN ELLYN

A community of Christian discipleship,
grounded in tradition,
centered in worship,
called to serve,
fortified by justice,
sustained by peace,
free to dream.

The Order of Worship
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Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

based on the tune St. Christopher by Frederick C. Maker, 1881
Shu-Hui Janet Tsai, organ

Welcome

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Invocation

Join in singing one time.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you. God, fix my
heart so that I may be used by you. For I'm not
worthy of all these blessings. Give me a
clean heart and I'll follow you.

Chords: Abm/Eb, Eb, Abm/Eb, Eb, Ab, Eb/G, Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Abm/Eb, Eb, Ab, G, Cm, Ab°, Eb/Bb, Cm, Fm7, Bb, Abm/Eb, Eb

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Unison Prayer of Confession Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared to all persons in Christ Jesus. And grant, O most merciful God, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Response

Join in singing two times.

Michael Stillwater

Descant:

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Melody: I am one with the Heart of Cre - a - tion, I am one with the Heart of Love,

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

I am one with the Heart of the Spir - it, I am one with God.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Penelope Ellen, daughter of Brian and Aynsley Toombs

Words with Children

"Do What Your Mother Tells You"

Catherine Curtis, Director of Christian Education

Time of Preparation

Join in singing two times.

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

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.

Prayer Response

Join in singing "Our Eyes Are Turned" two more times.

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Call for the Offering

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey

Offertory

"Morning Song" tune from Kentucky Harmony (1816), arr. Matthew Prins Handbells

Introduction to the Scripture

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Scripture

John 2:1-11
Karen Pulver, Worship Leader

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

"*The Examined Life: Now That's a Party*"
Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Hymn

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)"

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

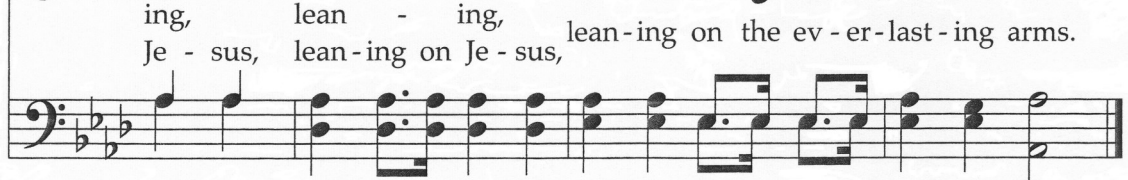
Lean-ing,
Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
lean-ing on Je-sus,



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

Sending Forth

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller

Postlude

“Let Everything That Hath Breath” by Jeffery L. Ames
Choir (*performed in worship on September 13, 2009*)

Our Worship Service

Music Notes

Song Leader is Lisa Crank.

Flowers on the Lord’s Table are donated by

Don and Gayle Bartell

“In celebration of our great nephew, Taylor, who joined the Navy.
Thankful for him, our veterans, and active military. Keep them safe.”

Joys

Baptism of Penelope Ellen, daughter of Brian and Aynsley Toombs;
granddaughter of Mike and Carol Toombs

Elaine Hamilton, the joy of having clear scans and being cancer-free

Deep gratitude for our Stephen Ministers

- Those who completed their training and were commissioned today:
Cathy Christoff, Brian Hamilton, Tracy Kline and Sara Waterloo
- Current Stephen Ministers:
Maggie Fredricks (Stephen Leader), Becky Gadowski, Steve Jungling,
Amy Kalten, Leland Livingston and Kristin Malone

Concerns

Paul Kalinich, in hospice care

Deb Wenninger, as she faces upcoming surgery

Ray Cliff, recuperating at Marianjoy

Ruthie Maddock, friend of Laura Peccarelli, recovering from surgery

Pastor Availability Should you need a pastor, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Seth (630-207-0118 or seth@fccge.org), Pastor Kendra (704-798-7083 or kendra@fccge.org), or Sarah Swindall, Seminary Intern (sarah@fccge.org).

Holy Week: Palm Sunday, March 28 (*pre-recorded, available online*); **Maundy Thursday with Communion**, April 1 (*live on Zoom*); **Good Friday** (Tenebrae service), April 2 (*pre-recorded, available online*); **Easter Sunday**, April 4 (*reservations have been filled, but see your Thursday eblast to add your name to the waiting list; pre-recorded service will also be available at 8:00 am online*).

Stay Informed

Covid19 Vaccines Available in Glen Ellyn For 65+ Please contact Dawn Bussey at the Glen Ellyn Public Library by email (director@gepl.org) or you may call the main line at 630-469--0879.

Lenten Sermon Series: The Examined Life—through March 28 It’s been said that the unexamined life is not worth living. This Lent, in honor of spiritual practices like prayer and the Ignatian Examen, we’ll be exploring the intersection of spiritual practice and divine encounter. Join us, along with notable figures like Jacob, Jesus, and Ruth, as we discover how spiritual practices like guided self-reflection, meditation, and even friendship can lead to encounters with God.

Lenten Adult Education Classes: Sundays, through March 28, 10:00-11:00 am During Lent, we invite you to live and examine life, entering into this spiritual season with intentionality and taking this time as an opportunity for reflection. We join together to learn about ourselves—one another and God, using the tools of the Enneagram as a framework. *The class will be led by Pastor Kendra and our Seminary Intern, Sarah Swindall, and will meet every Sunday from 10:00-11:00 am. Make sure to register for the class from the article in your Thursday Enewsletter, at fccge.org or on the FCC app. Contact Pastor Kendra at (kendra@fccge.org) with any questions.*

Lenten Music Series During Lent, we will share special music in coordination with our Wednesday Noon Prayer services. Videos will be viewable anytime afterward as well. You will hear Baroque music on the organ, classical flute, jazz piano, acoustic guitar, contemporary vocals and harp from our talented music staff and volunteers. We invite you to take a few moments out of the busyness of the day to listen and reflect on God's goodness through the beauty of music.

Come Get Your Palms! Palms will be available for pick-up at the church, outside, on Sunday, March 28, from 7:30 am—8:30 am.

Easter Sunday, April 4 In-person, outdoor Easter services will be held at Blackwell Forest Preserve (North Shelter) at 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Easter reservations are now full, but you can be put on a waiting list from the link in your Thursday eblast or the special eblasts you've received this week. Please read all guidelines stated on the reservation form. In addition, a prerecorded worship service will be available via the link provided by email that morning at 7:55 am.

Easter Flower Pick-Up Thank you all so much for ordering Easter flowers! You will be able to see their glory in our pre-recorded version of our Easter service on April 4, 8:00 am. *You may pick up your flowers at the church, Monday—Thursday, March 29—April 1, during office hours, 9:00 am—5:00 pm. Please wear a mask and practice distancing.*

Opening the Church: *Registration will be required; if registration is full, you may sign up to be added to a waiting list.*

▪ **Spring (April 11—May 30)**

We will be offering two, live indoor worship services, with up to 25 participants each, in our Sanctuary every Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. *Registration for April will begin on Monday, March 29, at 8:00 am, with May reservations to follow at a later date. These services will be live-streamed from the church to YouTube in real time.*

▪ **Summer (June 6—September 5)**

We will be offering two, live outdoor worship services, with up to 50 participants each (according to state regulations), at Blackwell Forest Preserve every Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. *Registration for June will begin on Monday, May 24, at 8:00 am, with July and August to follow. Registration limited to five participants per household. These services will be recorded and available on YouTube later that morning.*

▪ **Other Gatherings and Activities**

Given that 55% of responders to our online questionnaire said they would be comfortable gathering with groups of 15 or less in the church building, after Easter we will begin to allow groups of that size to do so. Small groups will also be able to meet outdoors at the church. *Please contact the church office (630-469-3096). We prefer to space these meetings out, both in time and distance. We ask, that if Zoom video conferencing is working for your group, please continue to use it for the time being. Gathering in person, however safely, creates greater health risks, and we'd prefer to limit that to groups that simply cannot function well on Zoom.*

Flowers 2021 We are scheduling altar flower donations for 2021: July 4, 11, 18 & 25; September 26; October 10 & 17; November 7 & 21; and December 5, 12, & 26. Please give your calendars a gander and see which Sunday(s) you would like to donate. *It's super easy—just call or text Jennifer Darnall (708-712-3712).*

FCCGE Mental Health Support Questionnaire First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn cares about the well-being of you and your family. Our new Mental Health Ministry Team was recently formed to help address the mental health needs of our congregation and the community beyond our walls. Look for a link to a 2-minute questionnaire in a special eblast in your inbox, your Thursday ENewsletter or at fccge.org, so we can best focus our efforts to support you and your family. All responses will be viewed and tabulated anonymously.

Grief Support Group Grief is part of all our lives - it is the cost of living and loving. Whether it is the recent death of a loved one or the weight of a loss you will always carry, you do not have to walk through this alone. Here at FCCGE, we are looking at starting a grief group, led by our trained Stephen Ministers, to help support you through this time. This group would meet twice a month. We are exploring small in-person and virtual options. If you are interested in a grief group, please contact Pastor Kendra (kendra@fccge.org).

Therapy 101 - What you need to know After living through a year of pandemic, with all its stresses and pressures, we are all probably ready for a little therapy--if for no other reason than to get a much needed annual mental/emotional tune-up. But what is therapy? Read a comprehensive article and learn more from your Thursday noon Eblast. Is therapy for you?

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Makes Campaign Goal With amazing support from the community, Glen Ellyn Food Pantry has reached its campaign goal of \$900,000 for the transformation of the 100-year old parsonage of Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn to become its new headquarters. The relocation from inside Grace Lutheran Church, where it was founded by a youth group in 1979, to a larger, dedicated building is necessary to support the growing number of neighbors who rely on the Pantry for groceries and services. *Thank you for your support.*

Help Others

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry “Share our Spirits” Fundraiser is Back Now Featuring Scotch! Friday, March 26 , 7:00 pm Specialty spirits expert, Patrick Brophy, will host a fundraiser to benefit the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. By popular demand, after the January Bourbon/Whiskey event, the focus will be on Scotch. Participants will be guided through a tasting via Zoom starting at 7:00 pm, Friday, March 26. Cost is \$200 per Zoom, and participants can pick up their beverage samples and accoutrements – enough for 2 participants - in advance at the Pantry. Space is limited to 20 Zooms, so register early to reserve your spot. All proceeds will benefit the Pantry. *Sign up at glenellynfoodpantry.org.*

Rebuilding Together Rebuilding Together is back again, but with several changes. This year the National Rebuilding Day will be exterior work only; landscaping, lawn care, and some if any repairs on the exterior of the house. Two hours will be the allotted time to complete the work. Only 5 volunteers will be allowed. We need three more volunteers for the day. The event is in Chicago Heights. Once we assemble the volunteer group, we will need to choose one from the following three Saturday dates: April 24, May 15, or May 22. All volunteers will need to be masked and follow social distancing guidelines. If you would like to participate, send a text to Randy Briasco (630-251-3551). Also, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago (RBTMC) has put together other events, such as delivering food and first aid kits. *If you would like to help in that way, please visit their website (rebuildingtogether-chi.com). Hope to hear from you soon!*

How Can I Learn More About the Church?

Newcomers Information Sessions Below are the dates for the **Newcomers Information Sessions**, which will be held via Zoom, on the following Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings:

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-7:40 pm: ▪ April 7, and ▪ August 18

Saturday mornings, 9:00 am-9:40 am: ▪ April 10, and ▪ August 21

New member ceremonies will be held in the church Sanctuary, following Covid19 protocol, on the following Saturday mornings at 11:00 am: ▪ April 24, and ▪ September 11. *Contact Clara Hughes via email (clara.marie.hughes@gmail.com) or phone or text (630-699-6970) if you are interested in learning more about the church through a Newcomers Information Session. If you already have attended a session and want to become a member as the next step of your faith journey, contact Clara to begin the membership process.*

Children & Youth

Church School Offering: January—June for Bricks to “Build” New Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Between now and the end of June, all of our Church School offerings will be donated to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry’s capital campaign to help renovate the new location for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Our goal is to raise \$150, and the children of First Congregational Church will have a customized brick to greet thousands of our neighbors who visit the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry at their new home. *Your household may donate via our online portal at fccge.org or you may mail a check made out to our church (535 Forest Ave. GE 60137) with “Church School Offering” on the memo line.*

Zoom Church School Kids who are in **preschool through 5th grade** have three options to join us and their friends for “Zoom” Church School, Sunday mornings, 11:00 am to 11:30 am. In addition, we continue our “Virtual Church School,” where each Sunday, “Virtual Church School” is sent to your email inbox, with lessons led by Catherine Curtis, Director of Christian Education, and Cathy Basso, Youth Education Coordinator, as well as stories and activities led by volunteers. Finally, each child will receive their own Church School Activity Bag before the start of each unit. These activity bag supplies are accompanied by a brief Devotion, scripture reading, and instructions for the activities in each bag. *If your family has not received a bag, please contact Catherine Curtis (catherine@fccge.org) and go to www.fccge.org to register your family for the 2020- 21 Program Year. You may log in from your Virtual Sunday School Sunday morning email or from fccge.org under “Youth.”*

Words with Children (Non-Communion Sundays) As your family gathers around to worship together, note the addition of a weekly “Words with Children” (WWC) that is now a part of non-Communion Sundays’ Order of Worship. Hosted by Director of Christian Education, Catherine Curtis, or Director of Youth Ministry, Danny Harman, WWC will provide fun and meaningful ways for children to learn that morning’s scripture and explore kid-friendly faith practices.

Rev. Seth Ethan Carey, *Senior Minister (ext. 12)*

Rev. Kendra Joyner Miller, *Associate Minister (ext. 11)*

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