



Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



MARCH 30, 2011

Pilgrims Progress

I entered high school in 1961. Before the decade ended I had graduated from high school and college, married, entered seminary, and become a pastor. During that same decade space exploration expanded rapidly; the civil rights movement and the sexual revolution turned the culture every way but loose. The reverberations of that decade continue to impact the culture and challenge the ministry of the church half a century later.

No issue has had more impact on faith communities than sexuality. Perhaps nothing has exposed faith communities at their worst than how they have dealt with situations related to sexuality. However, the challenge of dealing with sexual matters did not first arise in the 1960's. Sexuality is a powerful force and too often the way the church has sought to deal with sexuality is to suppress it and condemn any activity related to it.

Anxiety about sex may have its strongest roots in Victorian mores but often church leaders have clung to biblical passages to rationalize their condemnation of anything sexual. Statements about nakedness in the story of Adam and Eve and later Noah have been used to make the subject taboo. The apostle Paul had an aversion to marriage and he lifted up celibacy as the ideal state in a letter to the church of Corinth. Of course, if the church had followed Paul's example, there would be no Christians today. Often the church has held such a strict sexual code that those who live differently are condemned and discouraged from being honest. Divorce has been condemned and those in abusive relationships often have been rejected by the church when they finally got the courage to leave such cruel relationships. Consider those who have experienced painful divorces being told they are no longer eligible to receive Holy Communion. When people are the most broken and most in need of the church's ministry, they are judged unworthy and told they cannot receive

what communicates to many the most significant tangible symbol of God's grace and care for them.

For the most part the church has dealt with sexual intimacy by demonizing it or ignoring it. Jesus went out of his way to extend grace to people who were stigmatized as sexually suspect. If there was hope that the church might usher in a more enlightened understanding of sexuality as a result of the life and ministry of Jesus, that hope was dashed fairly quickly. Within a relatively short time, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was judged to be a virgin, it being unthinkable that someone of Jesus' stature would have been the result of sexual intercourse. The revulsion toward sex was so deep that Mary was declared to be a virgin even after giving birth to Jesus' siblings. Unfortunately, this revulsion toward sex has continued to dominate the church's practice resulting in those who divorce being condemned as well as those who live together without benefit of a marriage ceremony and those who are homosexual.

If the church were Christian, to us Philip Gulley's phrase, the priorities of the church would shift toward love and away from a preoccupation with sexual sin. Were this to be the approach of the church, it might begin to reflect on questions like these: What are the characteristics of gracious and mutual love? Are these qualities confined to marriage? Are these qualities limited to heterosexual relationships? What are the circumstances under which divorce might be appropriate? Can people be deeply committed to each other without a religious or legal affirmation of their love? Is sex outside of marriage always wrong?

When the church is Christian it will deal openly, graciously, and maturely with sexual matters. When the church is Christian it will be gracious, loving, welcoming, and healing rather than condemning, judgmental, and damaging.

Howard



SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 3, 2011

Communion

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Exodus 14:5-14, Luke 8:22-25

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Calmness"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 10, 2011

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Joel 2:28-32, Mark 10:46-52

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Vision"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY

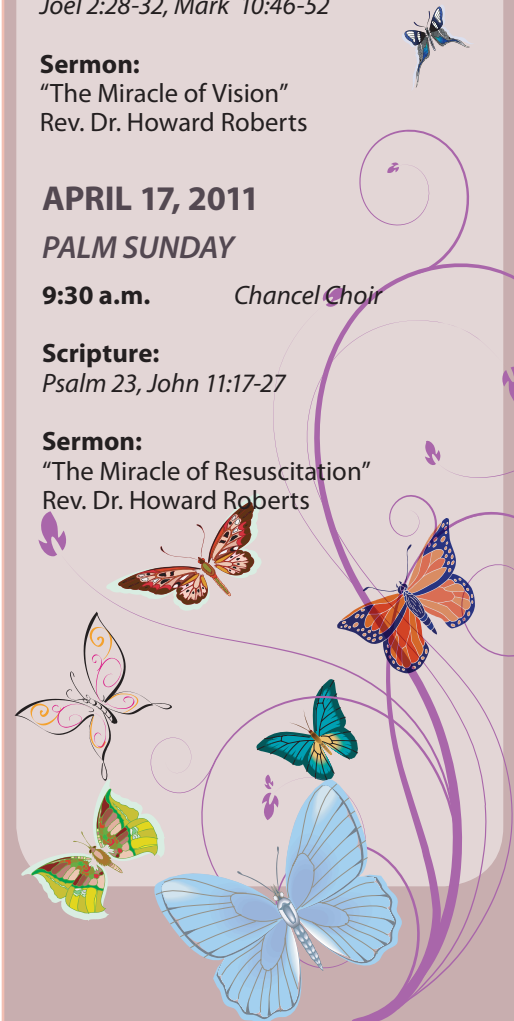
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalms 23, John 11:17-27

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Resuscitation"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts





Labyrinth, A Spiritual Walk

Spiritual Relevance for Today: Walking the Labyrinth is a personal journey or pilgrimage. The single pathway that leads you to the center and out again enables you to free your mind from mundane thoughts and concentrate on the sacred. Your walk, pace, and personal experience are all your own.

When will I be able to participate in the Labyrinth experience? You are invited to

walk the Labyrinth at GCC in the Mayflower room at any time the church is open after services on Palm Sunday or during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. For those new to walking the Labyrinth, Labyrinth guides will be available to assist you from 8:30 – 11:30 AM on Palm Sunday and from 4-8 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17-20.

Chapel Open During Lent

The Chapel will be open during Lent for your prayer and meditation now through April 20. Come Monday through Friday anytime from Noon until 6:00 p.m. If you are here at other times and would like to pray in the Chapel or Sanctuary, please come to the church office and we will unlock it for you if the space is available.

Share the Blessings and Joy of Easter!

Church members can still purchase lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning in honor of your loved ones. Forms are available to order lilies in the church office. You may take your lily home after the 11 a.m. service or donate your lily for delivery to a church member who is ill or home-bound.

A Lenten Prayer

God of righteousness and hope, we seek your healing and forgiveness. Often our lives are filled with so many activities and commitments that, in our busyness, we neglect your call to prayer, meditation, and self-examination. Help us, God, to set priorities that are focused on your way of faithfulness, justice and love.

Amen.

Laura J. Turnbull, Author

Bring a Touch of Spring to Others!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 24, after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the flowers. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Betsy Martin at (847)657-7595. Leave a voice mail if I am not home, and I will get right back to you.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup–Study–Worship

Join us for a Lenten time together each Wednesday evening during Lent. The theme is "Telling Our Stories" and will include discussion around the tables. We'll offer a simple soup supper from 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. followed by a Lenten study at 6:45 p.m. -7:30 p.m. centered on stories of Jesus and closing prayers. Leaders: Rev. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse. If you are planning to eat supper, please call the office with a reservation. A free will donation basket will be available for the meal.

Break Bread Together

Saturday, April 30 is the inauguration of the Fellowship Board's new "Break Bread Together" dinner program!

What is it?

An opportunity to build and nourish new relationships with fellow GCC members by breaking bread together (enjoying dinner), either at a members' home or at a restaurant on Saturday, April 30th.

Who can join?

All adults are welcome to sign up. You will be placed in groups of 8 with the goal of gathering people together who do not know each other, so that new GCC friendships can be fostered. The intent is that the groups will stay together and meet three more times over the coming year.

What do I do if I am interested?

Coming soon, an email blast, as well as subsequent information in the Broadcaster and Bulletin, will include information about how to sign up. You will also be able to sign up on several Sundays after church. The deadline for signing up will be early April.



Easter Eggstravaganza

To Benefit By The
Hand Club for Kids

Sponsored By:

Chapters 7 & 11, Children's Board and Missions Outreach Board

Please join us for our Eggstraordinary Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Eggsactly 9:30 a.m. in the Mayflower Room.

Don't forget to mail in your RSVP form to the Eggstravaganza. Respond in advance and receive an extra raffle ticket!



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

In Jesus' last conversation with the disciples after his resurrection, He repeated the same message three times: "If you love me, take care of the people I love." Jesus had given up everything to care for ordinary people. He called on his followers to now make a tangible difference in the lives of others. (John 21:15-17)

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries, including the United States and Canada. When you make a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing, you join with many other faith based organizations around the world to actively participate in tending God's flock.

A contribution to OGHS brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. You help refugees find

safe shelter and begin to build new lives. You aid impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water. And you help provide medical care and education that strengthen bodies and minds and create brighter futures. A portion of your gift will also be used to support relief and rehabilitation work in Japan after the recent earthquake and tsunami. 17% of the OGHS offering is utilized for disaster preparedness and response, responding to disasters on average every 2.5 days.

Please contribute generously, place your donation in the enclosed OGHS envelope, and turn it in to the GCC office or drop in the Sunday collection plate. Only donations placed in the special envelope or otherwise noted for One Great Hour of Sharing will be counted for this offering.

Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

GCC Group Walk

Spring is almost here and it is time to get out and enjoy some fresh air and exercise. (We hope the weather will cooperate, but rain or shine, we will walk.) We will leave GCC parking lot at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 10 and car pool to Flick Park. There we will walk through the park, Estate Lane and back to our cars. This is a safe route for this time of year, it is all hard surface and we have many options of places to walk. We look forward to walking together again and cordially invite new walkers to join us. We usually go about 2 or 3 miles and those of us who can't walk as fast as others happily bring up the rear. Questions? call Dori Hirsch (847)724-4453.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

Please bring your donations of food on Sunday, April 3 to benefit the Northfield Food Pantry and San Lucas food pantry (Humboldt Park). GCC collects non-perishable food and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month, all year long. During the course of a single year, GCC members and friends donate approximately 300-350 bags through Food on the 1st. Hot items for the pantry include boxed meals, cereal, canned meats, canned fruit and vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, juice, pasta and canned sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter and jelly, and crackers. Thank you for your continued contributions and commitment to this program! From your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

UPDATE Interim Minister Search Committee

The Committee has been meeting at least once and sometimes twice a week since being formed on February 22nd at the Executive Board meeting. We have formulated the position requirements for the Interim Minister position after soliciting input from the GCC ministers and staff and from the Chicago Metropolitan Association(CMA). In addition, we went through the GCC files of past minister and interim minister searches. The CMA also provided us with informative books on the topic. The position requirements will be sent to the CMA this week and resumes of local candidates should be sent to us very soon.

The objective remains for us to have an Interim Minister in place at Glenview Community Church by mid August. Any questions or comments can be directed to any of the Committee members.

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Sunday School

Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session on April 3. Classes will resume April 10. Nursery care will be available. Children are welcome to join their families in worship.

Confirmation

No Confirmation classes April 3 during Spring break.

Classes will resume on April 10.

PYF

Come reach your spring break peak as we go climbing at Vertical Endeavors on Sunday, April 3. We will leave from church at 3:00 p.m. and return to church at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15. Fill out the waiver on-line at the Vertical Endeavors website or bring insurance information ready to fill out the waiver when you come at 3:00 p.m.





my faith church commitment

In my every day life I am involved with automobiles. I have experience with generators, alternators and batteries. That experience is in direct correlation with what happens at our church. The battery starts the vehicle and in so doing it takes from it approximately ½ of the stored power. So left on its own, it would have no power or very little after just 3 starts. A method to replenish the power had to be invented to keep the vehicle running.

The church, this amazing church, is like that vehicle and all the good deeds, programs, and giving from the members of this church is the substance of the generator that replenishes the battery of my faith.

Twenty-five years ago my family and I were church shopping and tried many different churches. We could identify with Goldilocks, some were too strict, some would only let one of us join but not both of us; some were too stiff where the appearance of faith was more important than actual acts of faith, and some were just wrong.

My background of lukewarm Lutheranism and Nancy's Judaism made us a difficult fit for all the other places. Then friends invited us to attend GCC and after hiding in the balcony (before the comfy seats) we were stunned by the message of openness, by the choir and the warm embracing community we were welcomed into. We continued to hide out on high until Beryl Bills caught us and encouraged us to officially join the church.

We were at the new members first meeting, it took 3 meetings at that time before you could join, and they asked us what was our backgrounds and there was no shock, dismay or surprise at our interfaith marriage. Even back then we welcomed all, no matter who or where they were on their faith journey.

Fast forward 3 children all through who knows how many years of Pageant, Sunday school classes, Children's' Choir, Confirmation, Puppet People, PYF, and work camp experiences for all 3.

Each of my children is an example of what this church is about. Each had the same experiences, each were allowed to develop from those experiences and learn who they are and become the best "them" they can be. Each has taken and each has given back to this church we love.

For many years I have been privileged to be with the brightest people in this church, the Confirmands. Thanks to Rev. Keckler and her vision of what young people need in order to be ready to make their own decisions about their own faith. I have been with these young people in that search to their faith. The blessings and the lessons I learn each week, each year, and the friendships that continue after they are confirmed has for me defined my faith. I am lifted from the cynicism and ugliness of everyday life each Sunday by their ability to see life and the world in their own very unique ways. I stress to them that it is their decision and that there are more

than enough opportunities to get involved and move their faith to new horizons. For each of them there are numerous ways to use and develop their faiths. Ushering, puppets, ambassadors, PYF, numerous boards, church wide projects are theirs for the doing.

Each week we are given a chance from the pulpit and from the choir loft, and from the community in the pews to recharge our faith battery. We are encouraged to take as much as needed and then let others tap in to our faith reservoir and share our power.

The similarity here is that each of us has the ability to recharge the entire church through our gifts—time, talent and financial and we must realize that the person in the pew next to you or someone unable to attend or really any member needs us to do not just our part but as much as we can. We never know how much we may need and how much good we are doing by adding to the power supply.

Regular maintenance—positive thinking—caring and sharing—keeping corrosion of selfishness and exclusion from our jumper cables to each other will insure that we all have the necessary power we all need.

Kerry Karth



HAPPY Birthday

The Month of March

Katie Abraham, Tyler Aki, Zachary Baker, Julie Barker, Tommy Barrett, Jack Bauer, Patsy Bell, Heather Benson, Kelly Bentley, Doug Berg, Beryl Bills, Ted Blackwelder, Erin Bottcher, Sandy Bradbury, Ella Brown, Mark Brown, Carol Bubnovich, Samuel Bubnovich, Colin Burrowes, Megan Butler, Barbara Buzard, Duke Buzard, Chris Clark, Allyson Cunningham, Kelley Decker, Rob Deme, Leanne Drennan, Burke Dupuis, Brennan Eccleston, Greg Eggleston, Jim Ellis, Art Engle, Rachel Eshoo, Terry Fell, Nina Fockens, Pieter Fockens, Ross Foley, Debby Fossdick, Tom Gallanis, Lizabeth Gardner, Bud Geymer, Susan Gibbons, Gretchen Grad, Jean Gray, Teddy Gregory, Julie Hansen, Joe Harrington, Edie Harrison, George Henthorne, Heather Herrmann, Rob Hevey, Erica Hill, Jim Hinz, Kelsey Hogan, Molly Holden, Jon Hoover, Parker Hugueley, Nicole Huston, Steve Iida, Don Iverson, Susan Jacobsen, Sally Jenkins, Jim Johnson, Glenn Kelly, Kara Kilpatrick, Bud Kinzalow, Paul Kunkel, Merrilee Kwieford, Richard Kwieford, Jonathan Leary, David Little, Tori Lothian, Margaret Lutz, Tom MacPherson, Katherine Mahoney, Anne Martin, Theodore Matik, Tyeler Matsuo, Jenny McGee, Jim Mergl, Barbara Meyer, Brent Mitchell, Linda Monico, Jacob Mueller, Jack Neiweem, Gloria Nelson, Joshua Nelson, Mrs. Nels Nelson, Kriston Noard, Jane Nordberg, Sarah Odeshoo, Ashley Oldshue, Katelyn Ornduff, Rob Orr, Mary Ann Patterson, Terry Poland, Murray Pratt, Tom Pruter, Robert Pulford, Roslyn Pulford, Thomas Riedy, Richard Riemer, Robin Rolf, William Rolf, Sue Ryan, William Schiele, Christine Scholz, Sally Schreiner, Sue Schweke, Mary Sehlhorst, Samuel Sehlhorst, Lizzy Shaw, Louise Short, Barbara Smith, Anne Snyder, Reed Snyder, Corinne Spaulding, Cole Stewart, Cathy Stieber, Gwen Studt, Lily Stutz, Lumi Stutz, Kit Sultz, Jon Sykes, Sara Terry, Elisabeth Troyk, Melissa Troyk, Jan Valkenaar, Jeffery Wagner, Todd Wagner, Brian Wegley, Jake Whisler, Sarah Wojick, Sarah Yagelski, Carol Young, Richard Young



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DIRECTORS:

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

AFFILIATES:

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

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS 3/31 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
12:00 pm Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRI 4/01 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
12:00 pm Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
7:00 pm NSY&R Volleyball, Gym
8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor
8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201

SAT 4/02 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

SUN 4/03 9:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
10:45 am Adult Education, Chapel
10:45 am Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
3:00 pm PYF Outing

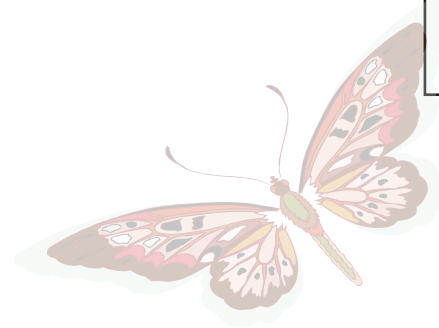
MON 4/04 12:00 pm Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
7:00 pm Music Board Mtg., Rm 201

TUE 4/05 12:00 pm Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
4:30 pm Hebrew School, Various Rms
7:00 pm Book Club, Chapel
7:00 pm Children's Board Mtg., Rm 201
7:30 pm CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm

WED 4/06 12:00 pm Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
6:00 pm PYF Small Groups, Youth Rm
6:15 pm Lenten Soup & Study, Founders Rm
7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
7:30 pm Confirmation Youth Board, Youth Rm
8:00 pm Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym

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