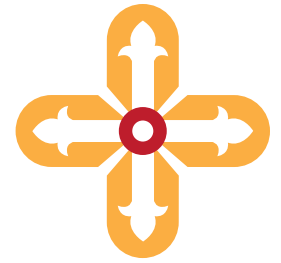


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

MAY 12, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

ASCENSION SUNDAY | FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The bulletin cover art is "The Ascension of Christ!" by Jorge Luis Somarriba, 2000.

Each new baby born into Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church is honored today by a Gift for Mission by the Glenn unit of the United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women). United Women in Faith is a national organization whose purpose is to develop supportive fellowship, foster spiritual growth, advocate for social justice, and expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church. Glenn has five active circles which are small groups of women who meet monthly for fellowship, study, prayer, and discussions. All are welcome. To learn more about circles, visit www.glennumc.org/women-at-glenn.



LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

Register your attendance online, using the QR code, or in the attendance pad at the end of the pew.

Thanks to our new sound system, you can experience improved sound quality throughout the Sanctuary!

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children's Worship Kits are available from an usher.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available throughout the service in the Nursery (room 200, Church School Building), Two's & Three's Room (room 206), and on the Playground (entrance next to room 206), or Pre-K/Kinder Room (room 310).

Parents/guardians, please escort your children & sign in with our Childcare Staff.

A Comfort Room & restroom are available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms are available downstairs at the front of the Sanctuary.

GLENN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church is committed to loving God and loving neighbor with our whole selves – heart, mind, soul, and strength. As Jesus loved those around him, we believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, education, politics, physical or mental ability, or faith history.



GLENN CHURCH & RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Glenn Memorial UMC has been a proud affiliate of Reconciling Ministries Network since 2014, and welcomes and affirms all LGBTQ+ persons.



YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT GLENN

Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn. Scan the QR code or visit www.glennumc.org/give to donate securely online.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God,
honoring all those in our lives and in our memories who have nurtured and loved us.



■ Welcoming All

**You are invited to rise in either body or spirit.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium Pastorale (Super Gamut Descendens)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Written by the composer of our Offertory Anthem today, this prelude was crafted carefully with a clever use of harmony. The subtitle, translated from Latin to “descending over the gamut,” means that the music is supported by a slowly descending scale in the pedals, in this case from the top C of the pedalboard all the way down to bottom C. As the pedal line descends, the pastoral texture in the hands grows in volume and energy until it reaches a triumphant C major chord to finish.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hansen

One: A new day has begun.

ALL: Hope wins!

One: A fresh start is granted.

ALL: Faith wins!

One: Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

ALL: Hope wins!

One: Christ is entering your life in a new way.

ALL: Faith wins!

One: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way: a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

ALL: Love wins!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

■ Glenn Church Family over 90 years:

Ellen Bracewell John Patton
 Robert Butler Ellie Pope
 Melvin Cauthen George Quillian
 Haviland Dunaphant Anne Robinson
 Janet Gary Doris Robinson
 Louette Hardegree Roberta Shoup
 Evelyn Hull Ray Stainback
 Berta Laney Mudie Weber
 Jim Laney Betty Jean Wilson
 Julia Wynne

■ Glenn Church Family over 100 years:

Betty Robinson
 Burton Trimble

■ Babies born/adopted into our Church Family this year:

Brooks Lane Buffington
 Charlotte Rosemary L'Esperance
 Stella James Hill

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Surge, propera, amica mea

Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

-Song of Solomon 2:10-12

SERMON

Beyond Bethany

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

*HYMN UMH #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Rev. Susan Pendleton, Erica Pendleton,
Sonia Tyler, Asilia Watkins

One: Mothering God, we honor the image of you as one who nurtures, who gathers, who protects.

ALL: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

One: We pray for all those who have nurtured us – near and far from us today and those no longer with us.

We pray for all those around the world who are working long days and nights to nurture and care for children right now.

We pray for mothers and caregivers around the world.

We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations and those who have been separated from their children.

We pray for mothers or mother figures who have lost children to acts of violence, and those who have lost their mothers or mother figures to acts of violence.

We commit to advocating for just systems and laws that protect our loved ones and bring peace to our world.

We pray for all those living in uncertainty and facing the unknown.

We pray for those who grieve – for hopes unfulfilled, for the pain of infertility, pregnancy loss, and the death of a child.

We pray for comfort and for peace that surpasses understanding.

We rejoice with the hope and promise that new babies bring while acknowledging the heartache, fear, and exhaustion mothering brings.

Mothering God, we honor the image of you as one who nurtures, who gathers, who protects.

ALL: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Pinson

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I Saw the Lord

John Stainer

I saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. O Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship Thee, And with the songs that angels sing Unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

-Isaiah 6:1-4 and Anonymous hymn, 11th century

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
(Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Eternal God, your faithfulness endures forever and your lovingkindness is from generation to generation. We rejoice that here and now we are part of your great family that knows no limits of time or boundary. With these gifts we offer our thanksgiving, and with these gifts we offer all that we are and all that we have to your work of grace and healing in the world. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532/i

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Likely written during Bach's tenure as court musician in Weimar, this dramatic prelude begins with an ascension of pedal notes in three rapid D major scales. A spritely alla breve middle section follows, perhaps reflecting the Weimar court's fascination with the robust and colorful Italian style of that era. The final, dramatic Adagio (used as the soundtrack during an especially grisly scene in *The Godfather!*), ends in a grand final cadence. One early copyist to add a suggestion to the player in the manuscript, "Note well: in this piece one must really let the feet kick around a lot."



■ Announcements & Special Events

PENTECOST PARTY!

Next Sunday, May 19, 10am

All ages are invited to celebrate Pentecost - the historic birthday of the Church - when the Holy Spirit came down like fire and a dove on the first disciples. We'll hear the Bible story, have crafts, games, treats, and weather permitting, playground time! Wear RED, ORANGE, & YELLOW if you'd like! Details & RSVP here: tinyurl.com/Pentecost24

SCOUTS TROOP 18 ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Next Sunday, May 19, following the 11am service

On May 19th immediately following the 11am church service, BSA Troop 18 will hold a plant sale fundraiser on the Sanctuary lawn. Proceeds go to support scholarships for Troop 18 programs and memberships.

FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 2-6, 5-6pm (Family Campout, Friday, June 7)

Join us the week of June 2-6 from 5-6:30pm. Plus, the Family Campout will be on the playground on Friday, June 7! For children *with* their grown-ups and adult & youth volunteers. More info & register here: tinyurl.com/GlennVBS24

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES 2024 – FAITH IN ACTION: HOW THE SCRIPTURES GUIDE US TODAY

Sundays in June & July, 9:45am, Ward Fellowship Hall

Each summer, our adult Sunday School classes take a break and combine for the Summer Lecture Series led by faculty of Emory University's Candler School of Theology. See the full schedule at www.glennumc.org/adults.

■ Justice at Glenn

ORIGIN MOVIE SHOWING

May 18, 9:30am, Youth & Activities Building

Join Glenn's Justice Team as they view and discuss movies related to Glenn's work for justice in our world.

30TH ANNUAL ATLANTA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

May - July 2024 (please register the Saturday before each build date!)

Glenn will be participating in our 30th annual Atlanta Habitat for Humanity build! This year, we're building a new home alongside the homeowner, Jemario. Please join our build! Sign up here: bit.ly/habitat-glenn-2024

SNACK IN A BACKPACK - FINAL VOLUNTEER DAY OF THE SEMESTER: MAY 16

Snack in a Backpack provides food to children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. The program currently serves over 400 children, including 66 refugee families. Sign up to help: bit.ly/snack-backpack2024.



To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit glennumc.org/upcoming-events or contact any of our staff. Staff contact information is on back cover.

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■ Giving

Financial Report

2024 Budgeted Expenses: \$2,060,107

Year-to-Date April Contributions & Other Income:
\$639,082

**To give a gift, visit www.glennumc.org/give or scan
the QR code below.**



■ Next Sunday

Sunday 5.19 | Pentecost

8:30am Worship - Little Chapel

11am Worship - Sanctuary

■ Stay Updated

Want to stay updated on the Glenn Community?

Visit www.glennumc.org and subscribe to the
newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter
every Friday, and occasional updates.