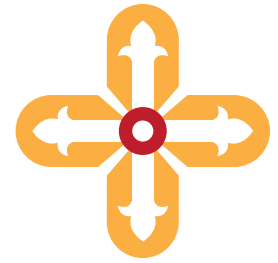


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 | 7:00 P.M.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The bulletin cover is *Ash Wednesday Cross* by Caroline Serafinas.



### 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.

Hearing devices, pew cushions, and Children's Worship Kits are available in baskets by the doors.

**A new sound system for the Sanctuary is currently in the works!** In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.

### CHILDCARE

Childcare is available throughout the service in the Church School Building, 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.



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## ■ Welcoming All

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

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

#### Miserere in 4 Parts, FVB 177

William Byrd (1543-1623)

This somber piece comes from the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book and is a setting of the *Miserere* plainchant. While written for a keyboard instrument, this setting, with its carefully crafted polyphony, would translate well to a consort of viols, recorders, or even voices.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

### OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Westmoreland

One: On this day, merciful God, we begin a journey of repentance, a journey of renewal, a journey of healing. Sometimes this journey is hard. We often don't know where we are going. Help us remember that we follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus, our guide and guardian. Help us be faithful on this day and all days. In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### KYRIE ELEISON

Guarani Kyrie, Paraguay



O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O  
O Christ, have mer - cy, O Christ, have mer - cy, O



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

## ■ We Hear God's Word

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mary Lindsey Lewis

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said,] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN REFLECTION

Rev. Westmoreland

## ■ We Respond

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Westmoreland

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

The Rev. Susan Pinson

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

### Miserere mei

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

Julia Lega, Sylvia Ware,

Doug Dodson, and Cory Klose, solo quartet

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>19</sup> Then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

*-Psalm 51, vv. 1-10, 19*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen & Rev. Pinson

One: Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

One: We have not heeded your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

One: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

One: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

One: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for ignoring the need and suffering of others, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

One: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**ALL: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

One: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**ALL: That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

One: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**ALL: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

One: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. May God the Creator, who does not despise the broken spirit, give us contrite hearts. May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal us by his wounds. May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERTORY

#### **Wash Me Thoroughly**

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

Katie Boice, soloist

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

-Psalm 51: 2-3

## ■ We Go Forth

### \*CLOSING HYMN UMH #402

#### **Lord, I Want to Be A Christian**

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

One: Choose this day whom you will serve;

**ALL: We will choose the living God.**

One: The road is narrow that leads to life;

**ALL: We will walk the way of Christ.**

One: Faith is not our holding on;

**ALL: Faith is letting go.**

One: We offer more than words, O God;

**ALL: We offer you our lives.**

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

#### **Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt (“In Adam’s Fall, All Humankind Fell”), BWV 705**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

This solemn chorale melody is set in the *stile antico* of the era preceding (and surely inspiring) Bach. The repeated-note subject is imitated by the other voices and is reminiscent of classical *ricercars* by the likes of Gabrieli.



## ■ Announcements & Special Events

LENTEN STUDY: PRAYER PRACTICES WITH PASTOR MARK & DON SALIERS

**Wednesdays, February 21 – March 20, 5:30pm dinner, 6pm study, Church School Building, Room 208**

Join Rev. Mark Westmoreland and Rev. Dr. Don Saliers as they lead a Lenten study on prayer for all ages! Dinner begins at 5:30pm and the prayer study runs from 6-7pm. RSVP here: [bit.ly/lent-dinners-2024](https://bit.ly/lent-dinners-2024)

BOOK STUDY: THE END OF WHITE CHRISTIAN AMERICA – *JUSTICE EVENT*

**Tuesdays, February 20, February 27, & March 5, 10:30am-12noon, Youth and Activities Building**

Glenn United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) is sponsoring a book study of "The End of White Christian America by Robert P. Jones," CEO of the Public Religion Research Institute. Join us for a compelling and timely look at religion in a changing America, as we learn about ways forward. For questions, contact Jean Luker ([jeanluker@gmail.com](mailto:jeanluker@gmail.com)). For more info, visit [www.glennumc.org/women-at-glenn](https://www.glennumc.org/women-at-glenn)

WOMEN'S NIGHT IN: LENT EDITION

Join with Glenn women of all ages & stages for conversations around Kate Bowler's *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent* (though reading the devotional is not required!). Come as you are - straight from work, the gym, or the carpool shuffle! Feel free to bring a nut-free sweet or savory snack to share. For more info, directions, and to RSVP, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

- **Monday, Mar 4, 7pm** – at the home of Gena Morgan (Druid Hills)
- **Monday, Mar 18, 7pm** – at the home of Mary Lou Boice (Medlock Park)

LENTEN OFFERING 2024: HOUSING AND HUNGER MINISTRIES OF GLENN

Join the Justice Team as it focuses on Hunger and Housing during Lent. Learn about service opportunities at [www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn](https://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn). One important ministry of Glenn is Snack in a Backpack, which provides food on Fridays to children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. The program currently serves approximately 400 children, including children in 40 refugee families. Give to our Lenten Offering at [www.bit.ly/lent-glenn-2024](https://www.bit.ly/lent-glenn-2024)



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](https://www.glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff. To learn more about The Glenn Justice Team, visit [www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn](https://www.glennumc.org/justice-at-glenn)**

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## ■ Next Sunday

### Sunday 2.18 | First Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Worship - Little Chapel
11am	Worship - Sanctuary
5pm	The Gathering - Ward Fellowship Hall

For Sunday, February 18, childcare will be available for all three worship services. However, children and youth Sunday School, Choirs, & Youth Group will not meet due to winter break for schools.

## ■ Stay Updated

### Want to stay updated on the Glenn Community?

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