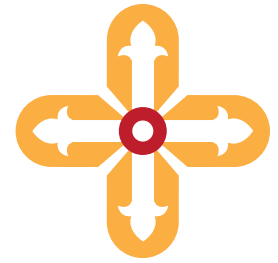


# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

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## 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.



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

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

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# ■ We Gather

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

**Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”), BWV 687**

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*A significant contrast from Bach’s much grander setting of this chorale (BWV 686), this setting is perhaps more humble, as if Bach is siding with vulnerable humankind, creeping closer to God’s throne, daring only to hope and expecting nothing. The chorale (found in our hymnals at UMH #515), is one of the psalms from the Office for the Dead.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

## \*HYMN

**Come and Find the Quiet Center**

BEACH SPRING



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead, find the  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it  
3. In the Spi - rit let us tra - vel, op - en to each oth - er's pain, let our  
room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the  
is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, tou - ches base, mak - ing  
loves and fears un - ra - vel, ce - le - brate the space we gain: there's a  
cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the  
space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rai - sing  
place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the  
things that rea - lly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spi - rit's live - ly sche - ming there is al - ways room to spare!

*The refrain is taken from Dust We Are and Shall Return by The Brilliance.*

## Joel 2: 1-2; 12-17

Rev. Westmoreland

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—<sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. <sup>14</sup> Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup> gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. <sup>17</sup> Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

One: From dust we’ve come and dust we are and shall return; Be still my soul and let it go, just let it go.

**ALL: Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest. (x2)**

## 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

One: Naked we came and shall return into the grave; Be still my soul and let it go, just let it go.

**ALL: Glory to God, glory to God in the highest. (x2)**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness 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 somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces 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: Be still my soul, Lord make me whole; Lord make me whole.

**ALL: Glory to God, glory to God. (x2)**

LENTEN REFLECTION

The Rev. Susan Pinson

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Westmoreland

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Rev. Westmoreland

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, you have created us out of dust of the earth; grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**Steal Away**

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Patrick Dupré Quigley (b. 1977)  
Sylvia Ware, Soloist

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me; he calls me like the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bending; and sinners stand a-trembling. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.*

**Psalm 51**

**Refrain:** *O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**ALL: according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.**

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**ALL: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

One: Against you, you only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight,

**ALL: so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.**

One: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

**ALL: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Refrain**

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;

**ALL: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.**

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

**ALL: and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**ALL: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

**Refrain**

One: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation. and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**ALL: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

One: For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**ALL: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Refrain**

## ABSOLUTION

One: Almighty and merciful God, source of our salvation in Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner but rather that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

# ■ We Respond

## OFFERTORY

### Miserere mei, Deus

William Byrd (1540-1623)

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences. -Psalm 51:1*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL: God of compassion, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you reconciled our people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN UMH #402

### Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

# ■ We Go Forth

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Pinson

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

### Le Prie-Dieu (A Meditation)

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

*This contemplative piece incorporates two Lenten tunes: the chorale “Herzlich tut mich verlangen” and a motif taken from an alto aria in Bach’s St Matthew Passion, “Erbarme dich, mein Gott.” Within the score, Oldroyd has included the text for each respective tune: “I pray thee, Jesus, own me, Me, Shepherd good, for thine,” and “Have mercy upon me O Lord.” Prie-dieu means literally, “pray [to] God;” it is a type of prayer desk primarily intended for private devotional use, not unlike a kneeler.*



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## ■ Lenten Offering

Our Lenten Offering will go to the **Housing & Homeless Council of the North Georgia Conference**. The North Georgia United Methodist Housing & Homeless Council is an agency of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church and was created to help churches and other non-profit organizations minister to people experiencing poverty and homelessness.

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### Sunday 2.26 | First Sunday in Lent

8:30am   Worship (Little Chapel)  
11am      Worship (Sanctuary)  
5pm       The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

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