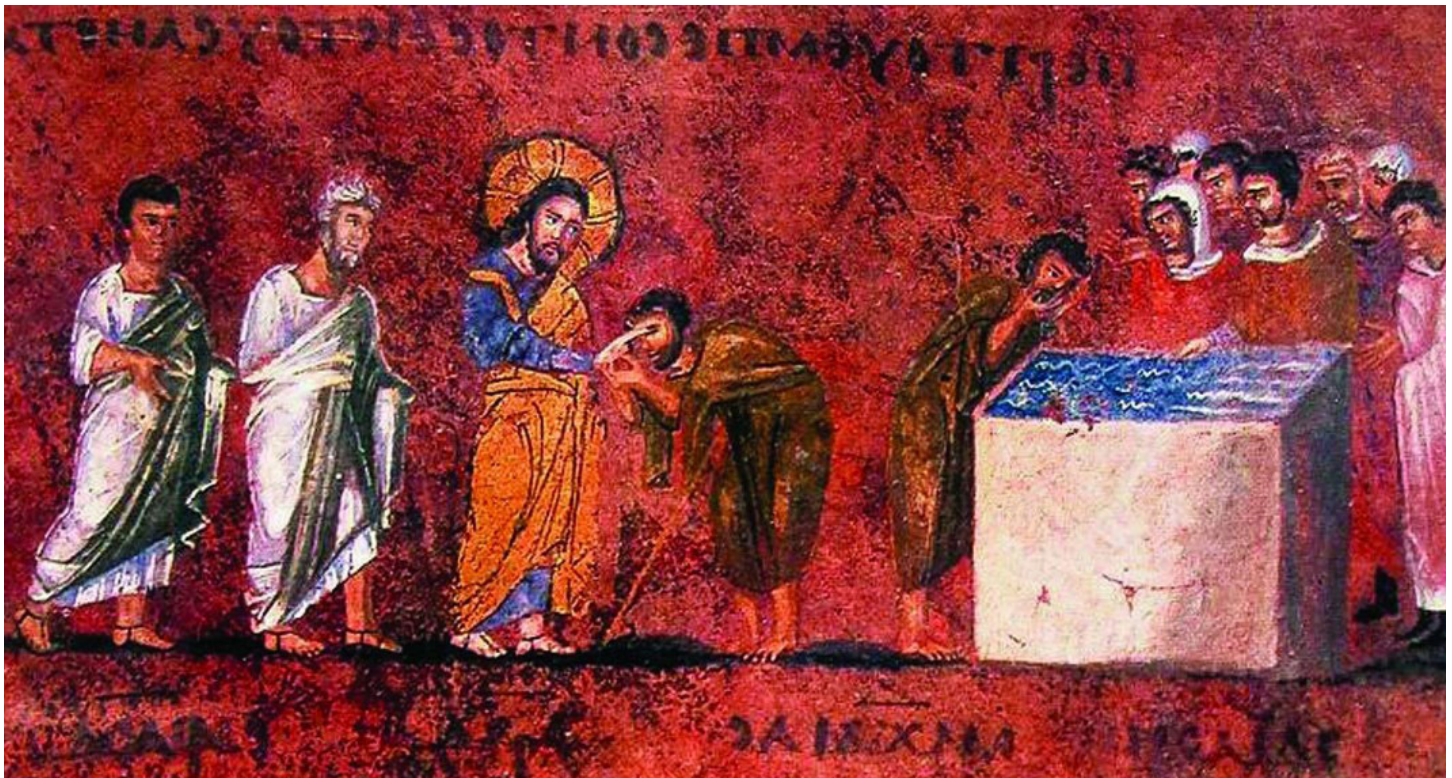


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

MARCH 19, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The bulletin cover is *The Man Born Blind*, from the Rossano Gospels (6th Century).

Throughout Lent, with a focus on hunger and homelessness, some of our scriptures will be read by representatives of Glenn's Justice Ministry partnerships. Today, Mary Yoder is joining us from Trinity UMC.

Help set the table! The food is secured. Volunteers are ready. But we need your donations to make sure that after 35 years in service to the downtown Atlanta community, we are able to keep the doors of Trinity Table open! Trinity Table provides food for the hungry in a hospitable setting that affirms the dignity and worth of those in need. You can donate anytime.

For more information, visit www.atlantatrinity.org/trinitytable or contact Mary Yoder (yodermh@bellsouth.net).

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.



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.

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 304).

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

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

We hope to make improvements to the sound system in the Sanctuary. In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.



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 altar flowers today are given with love by the Asbury Lennox family in memory of Betty Mackay Asbury on her 95th birthday, March 21, and in honor of Erin Claire Lennox on her first birthday, March 23.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagietto

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

This is the fourth movement of Fauré's "8 Pièces brèves" for piano, Op. 84, in arrangement for organ by Charles Quef, who succeeded Alexandre Guilmant at Église Sainte-Trinité in Paris as organist. The melody, first heard in the tenor range, repeats many times and is transformed harmonically to an overwrought climax, after which the piece winds down to a quiet and somber close.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world is dark, full of hate and fear, and we cannot see God,

ALL: we will turn on the light.

One: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,

ALL: we will turn on the light.

One: When our vision dims due to darkness within,

ALL: we will turn on the light.

One: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

ALL: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

One: Come and worship God, the light of the world!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #60

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

OLD 113TH

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mary Yoder,
Trinity Table

John 9:24-41

Full scripture available on the insert in today's bulletin.

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Ich folge dir gleichfalls from St. John Passion

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Carrie Anne Wilson, Soloist
Brittany Salkill, Flute
Käthe Wright Kaufman, Portative Organ

I follow you likewise with joyful steps and do not leave you my life, my light.
Bring me on my way and do not cease to pull, push and urge me on.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

*HYMN UMH #189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

ALL: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again, that God might free us from the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives your sins and offers you a transformed future. Live fully into God's grace. **Amen.**

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

Brother James's Air

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 and can be found at UMH #136 in our hymnals.

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

ALL: With our offerings of money, time, and talent, we say, “Thank you, Lord of Light and Life.” With one heart and voice we sing, “Thank you, Lord of Truth and Beauty.” Move us in the grace of your Spirit, that we might give and live our thanks in the countless moments of our days. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #188

Christ is the World’s Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Introduction and Fugue (Sonata VIII)

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Rheinberger was based in Munich for the majority of his life, teaching at the Conservatory there, where his students included the likes of Humperdinck, Horatio Parker, and Furtwängler. These two movements are the opening of his Eighth Sonata in E minor (out of twenty organ sonatas, total). Conductor Hans von Bülow said of the composer, “Rheinberger is...unrivalled in the whole of Germany and beyond in skill, refinement, and devotion to his subject; in short, one of the worthiest musicians and human beings in the world.”



■ Announcements & Special Events

RESERVE LILIES IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Lilies are symbols of the resurrection; we use them to decorate our sacred spaces during Easter. The lily donations will be listed in the Easter bulletin. If you would like to reserve a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact Kat Griffith (kgriffith@glennumc.org or 404.634.3936).

ST. JOHN PASSION | JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Friday, March 24, 7pm, Sanctuary, (Free admission)

Join the Glenn Memorial Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra in a presentation of one of J.S. Bach’s most well known and loved masterworks. This gripping setting tells the story of Christ’s trial, condemnation, and death as found in the Gospel of John, and comments on these events from a poetic perspective through beautiful solos, choruses, and chorales. We hope you can join us to hear this historically important and deeply meaningful piece of music!

DAY OF SERVICE & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICKOFF!

March 25, All Day, (for questions, contact justice@glennmc.org)

Intown Food Pantry, 9:30am-12:30pm

From 9:30am-12:30pm you can work in the Intown Food Pantry serving clients. Intown Collaborative Ministries – Intown works to prevent and reverse homelessness and hunger in intown Atlanta. To sign up to volunteer on the 25th, go to <https://bit.ly/intown-march-25>

Stations of the Cross, 10am-12pm

Join with Glenn members and Emmaus House to experience a walking Stations of the Cross in Peoplestown from 10am - 12pm. This 3-mile-long pilgrimage will present the history of the Peoplestown community, as it remains steadfast in its efforts to create a community that shelters its most vulnerable residents. We will hear about the impact of systemic racism and gentrification on this historic neighborhood and its residents. To be a part of this profound experience sign up here: <https://bit.ly/glenn-stations-2023>. Let Carol Allums (theallums5@gmail.com) know if you are interested in carpooling.

Training with Katie Farmer, 2:00pm, Youth & Activities Building

Katie Farmer, Director of Development at Intown, will offering a training focused on advocacy and offering welcome to our unhoused neighbors. No need to sign up – just show up!

Make Signs and Write Letters to Legislators, Youth & Activities Building (materials available all day)

Write letters to your legislators encouraging them to prioritize making sure all have sufficient food and a place to call home (templates will be provided). Materials will be available in the YAAB all day March 25. Come when it is convenient for you.

Dinner & Discussion, 6:00pm, Ward Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a potluck dinner! We will enjoy each other's' company, reflect on what our experiences have been during this Lenten focus on hunger and housing, and talk about how Glenn might continue to work to end hunger and homelessness while also supporting those in need.

Glenn's 29th Habitat for Humanity Build (3/25, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, and 5/6)

Beginning March 25, members of Glenn are invited to participate in Glenn's 29th Habitat for Humanity Build. Glenn will need to provide 15 volunteers for each of those Saturdays. Volunteers at all skill and age levels 16 years old and above are welcome – no building experience required! For more info, contact Jennifer Scott-Ward. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/glenn-habitat-2023>

LENT-EN ACTION CHALLENGE

Meet new people, try new activities, and engage in life at Glenn during Lent by playing "Lent-en Action"! See how many boxes you can check off to win a prize for yourself and donuts for the congregation. Download the handout at www.glennmc.org/justice-at-glenn or scan the QR code.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EGG-CELLENT SATURDAY!

Eggcellent Saturday, April 1, 3 – 5pm

Join us for our annual Easter egg hunt, Easter Bunny, & more! Treat-filled eggs & volunteers needed! Contact Rev. Susan at spinson@glennmc.org to help.



To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit glennmc.org/upcoming-events or contact any of our staff.

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■ Giving

Pledge Report as of Feb 28, 2023

Pledge Budget: \$1,389,626

Pledge Collection Thru Feb 28: \$298,910.98

Needed: \$1,090,715

Needed % : 78%

To make an immediate gift, visit: [bit.ly/immediate-gift-](https://bit.ly/immediate-gift-glenn-2023)

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Sunday 3.26 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

■ You are Invited

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 from Rev. Mark.