

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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



■ We Gather

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

PRELUDE

Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5, BWV 529

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

This plaintive movement was probably composed during Bach's time in Weimar (1710s) and then later revised when the collection of six Trio Sonatas was published (1739). It takes stylistic cues from the Italian sonata style of Corelli, and the interweaving voices create an overall melancholic effect.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise God, who has taught us to sing.

ALL: Praise God, who has gathered us together.

One: We come before God to begin again,

ALL: to renew our hearts and our spirits.

One: Be assured that God's steadfast love surrounds us and upholds us.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

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.

*OPENING HYMN

BEACH SPRING

Come and Find the Quiet Center

1. Come and find the quiet 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!



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O
 Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Joel 2: 1-2; 12-17

¹ 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—² 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. ¹² Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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?’”

ALL: Sing Response

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

²⁰ We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹ As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² 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! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

ALL: Sing Response

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

¹ '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. ² '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. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ '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. ⁶ 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. ¹⁶ '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. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

ALL: *Sing Response*

ANTHEM

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Miserere Mei

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

-*Psalm 51: 1*

LENTEN REFLECTION

The Rev. Connor Bell

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

Beautiful Things

David Gungor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Susan Pinson

Psalm 51

**Refrain: You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.**

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.

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

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,

O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

ABSOLUTION

One: Let us pray.

ALL: May the almighty and merciful God, the 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. Amen.

■ We Respond

OFFERTORY

Steal Away

arr. Patrick Dupré Quigley (b. 1977)
Ameya Gangal, 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.

-Traditional Spiritual

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 wiling hearts and serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #402

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

■ We Go Forth

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell

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.

POSTLUDE

Ach Gott, wie manches Herzeleid (“Oh God, how much heartache”)

Peter Shepherd (b. 1995)
William Whitehead (b. 1970)
Timothy Byram-Wigfield (b. 1963)

This piece was composed collaboratively by the three composers after the style of Maurice Duruflé's writing. It is a product of The Orgelbüchlein Project, which seeks to enlist the talent of contemporary composers to complete the 118 missing chorale preludes that were planned out by J. S. Bach but never finished.

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Announcements

LENTEN OFFERING

Lenten offerings are in support of the **Love Beyond Borders** campaign, which aims to raise funds for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world. The initiative has emerged from First United Methodist Church, Boise, ID and seeks to engage The United Methodist Church in supporting COVAX alongside UNICEF, the key vaccine delivery partner. All funds raised will be sent to UNICEF for this project. \$37 will purchase, transport and distribute a vaccine.

Learn more about this initiative at:
<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/unicef/>

RSVP FOR A LENTEN SMALL GROUP!
Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2
RSVP with Rev. Mark, Rev. Susan, or Rev. Brent.

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.

■ Upcoming Services

Sunday 3.6 | *First Sunday in Lent*

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)

9:30/9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages

(virtual & in-person options)

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)