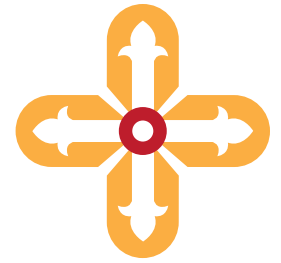


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

APRIL 7, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The bulletin cover is *The Doubting Thomas* (1971) by Japanese artist, Sadao Watanabe.



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 from an usher.

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 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.



■ Welcoming All

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Variations: Noël nouvelet

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

This tune is a French Christmas carol stemming from the 16th century that has also been repurposed for the Easter hymn, “Now the Green Blade Riseth,” written in 1928 by John Macleod Campbell Crum. It is set in the Dorian mode and therefore sounds “minor,” even though its subject is one of rejoicing. British composer Philip Moore sets the carol in several different variations and textures.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

ALL: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

ALL: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

ALL: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

One: Let us worship the risen Christ!

We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

■ We Respond

INVITATION

One: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, and with peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ALL: God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear

Words and Music by Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you. I will make a way beside a flowing stream. Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you; My rod and staff to comfort and redeem. In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you. In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun. I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on. *Refrain: Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.* When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings. I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings. When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need. Though the waters rage and foam, fear not I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed! [*Refrain*]

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland & ALL

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: And so, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Love bade me welcome, from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd anything. A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I? Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve. And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve. You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat.

-George Herbert

UMH #317, vv. 1, 6-9

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

○ FILII ET FILIAE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #310

He Lives

ACKLEY

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Pinson

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allebreve in D Major, BWV 589

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Perhaps dating from Bach's time in Weimar, this piece is an example of Bach writing in the "old style," that of Palestrina and his contemporaries who mastered counterpoint, or the interplay between voices. Bach's original rhythmic theme keeps returning and, in his style, is passed around all ranges of the organ. But harmonically, Bach's writing becomes more and more adventurous, in the "new style" (from his point of view). The composition techniques in this piece work against the aimlessness that might arise in this repetitive idiom, and the overall feeling is one of grandeur and joy.



■ Announcements & Special Events

THE JUSTICE TEAM

The Glenn Justice Team leads service-learning volunteer opportunities locally and globally. For more information, visit www.glennumc.org/justice.

■ Justice at Glenn

GLENN & GEORGIA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT PARTNERSHIP

This Earth Month, Glenn is celebrating its partnership with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL). GIPL has been a partner of Glenn since 2017. GIPL is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that inspires and equips communities of faith to organize, implement practical climate solutions, and advocate across Georgia on issues of climate change, environmental justice, and community resilience. An affiliate of the national Interfaith Power and Light movement, GIPL envisions a Georgia where all people can flourish in a healthy environment, a stable climate, and resilient communities.

COLLECTION OF **HARD TO RECYCLE MATERIALS** – CHARM TRAIN

Beginning Today, April 7

Beginning on April 7 and running through the end of Earth Month, Glenn's Justice Team will be collecting scrap textiles, old electronics, paint (latex, oil-based, and aerosol), and household chemicals at the church office to take to the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM), helping keep hazardous materials out of our air, water, and soil. Collection bins may be found near the church office in the Church School Building and in the Sanctuary narthex on Sunday mornings. Questions? Email Jay Horton at jay@gipl.org.

BLACK HISTORY BOOK STUDY

Thursdays from April 11 - May 9, 12noon - 1pm, Zoom

Join us for this Zoom book study led by Rev. Brent Huckaby on Michael Harriot's *Black AF History - The Un-Whitewashed Story of America*. Harriot's "searingly smart and biting hilariously" retelling of American history corrects the record and showcases the perspective and experiences of Black Americans. Contact Rev. Brent for the Zoom link.

CLEAN UP THE CREEK CONCERT

Saturday, April 20

On the Saturday before Earth Day, April 20, join the Glenn Justice Team at Coca-Cola Clean Up the Creek Concert at Emory Village from 5-9 p.m. The concert will celebrate – and raise additional funds – for the upgrades planned for Peavine Creek, which runs through Emory Village. The clean-up will include removing invasive plants like kudzu on the creek banks, providing steps down to the creek, and a rain garden to help manage erosion. Learn more at www.druidhills.org.

UMC CREATION JUSTICE EARTH DAY VIGIL

Monday, April 22, 7pm

In partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Church and Society, the Love Your Neighbor Coalition, and United Women In Faith, the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement is hosting an "Earth Day Vigil for Creation" on April 22 at 7 p.m. The main event will take place at First UMC, Charlotte before General Conference, with featured speaker/preacher Dr. Musa Dube from Candler School of Theology. Decatur First UMC has agreed to serve as a North Georgia host site for the vigil live stream. Join in person as we worship together, create prayer flags for Sacred Earth, and have a time of reflection for our planet. Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) will be present to offer additional resources for individuals and congregations looking to expand their green efforts.

KIDS @ GLENN: CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Join us on Sundays at 9:30am for Children's Choirs and 10am for Sunday School on April 14th, 21st, and 28th. Save the date for our annual "Glenn's Got Talent" show on Sunday, May 5! For more information, contact Rev. Susan Pinson and subscribe to the Kids @ Glenn newsletter at bit.ly/KidsAtGlenn.

THE CANDLER FOUNDRY CLASS AT GLENN

SCIENCE AND FAITH: WHAT DOES ATHENS HAVE TO DO WITH JERUSALEM?

Tuesdays, April 9-May 7, Five Sessions, 7pm-8:30pm, Church School Building Room 208, Zoom Available

What is the relationship between what we learn about the world by our own efforts (science) and what God has revealed to us (faith)? This course will explore that question by looking at areas where the conclusions of science and faith intersect, whether they conflict, and how the scientific discoveries bear on the content of Christian faith. Use the code GlennUMC for a discounted \$20 price. Register at: bit.ly/foundry-glenn-2024.

SNACK IN A BACKPACK

Looking to support local missions? Our Snack In a Backpack team meets every Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm in the Youth & Activities Building. 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.

SPRING SAVE-THE-DATES

- **April 21 Confirmation Sunday**
- **April 28 Youth Sunday**
- **May 12 Festival of the Christian Home:** Honoring Older Adults and New Babies of the Congregation

PLANNING AHEAD: LUNCH & LEARN WITH A.S. TURNER & SON'S FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, April 23, 11:00am, Youth & Activities Building

Join with the FriendShip Group Older Adult Ministry for a lunch and learn on planning ahead for funerals for loved ones or making your own plans to share with loved ones. Lunch is complimentary thanks to A.S. Turner's. Please RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson (spinson@glennumc.org 404-634-3936, ext. 103).

FAMILY FAITH & FUN DAY AT RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Saturday, April 27

Join the Glenn UMC Church family for a casual fellowship to celebrate Earth Week! We'll have a Low Country Boil potluck dinner and music led by the Druid Hills Billys band. Make a day of it with optional hiking, boating, and fishing (GA license required) or just join us for games (hula hoops, parachute, bubbles), fellowship, devotion, and from dinner 4:00-6:00pm at Picnic Shelters #5 and #6. RSVP at bit.ly/red-mountain-2024.

A SUNDAY OF MUSIC

Sunday, May 5, 11:00am, Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir invites you to worship on May 5 for a celebration of sacred music! The choir will offer some of the great pieces of English composers Herbert Howells (A Hymn for St. Cecilia) and Benjamin Britten (Festival Te Deum, Rejoice in the Lamb, and Jubilate Deo in C). Some of these works aren't often heard in a typical Sunday worship service, so come to sing, listen, and worship through music on this special day.

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES 2024

FAITH IN ACTION: HOW THE SCRIPTURES GUIDE US TODAY

Sundays, 9:45am June & July, 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. View the full schedule at glennumc.org/upcoming-events.

GLENN YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

July 21-26 | Register now!

Join the Glenn Youth for their summer mission trip from July 21-26! The Glenn Youth will work with Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) to serve people in the local community who are in need. AYM works with hungry and unhoused people, as well as on environmental protection projects in the Asheville area.

- Base price is \$300 per person.
- Youth who worked three or more shifts at the pumpkin patch are discounted at \$225.
- Siblings receive a \$25 discount. Scholarships are also available based on need.

For questions on fees and scholarships, contact our Youth Director, Ben Ladner, at bladner@glennumc.org. When registering, please provide names of the youth participating. Register through www.glennumc.org/give.



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. To learn more about The Glenn Justice Team, visit www.glennumc.org/justice.

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■ Giving

Financial Report

2024 Budgeted Expenses: 2,060,107

Year-to-Date March Contributions & Other Income:
\$501,462

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



■ Next Sunday

Sunday 4.14 | Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship - Little Chapel

11am Worship - Sanctuary

5pm The Gathering - Ward Fellowship Hall

■ Stay Updated

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