

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

APRIL 21, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The bulletin cover is the Easter Sunrise Service taken by our Communications Director.



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.

Our new sound system is installed and will be ready to use on April 28! 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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 flowers on the altar are given by the Altar Guild in honor of the Gathering and its gift to the Glenn community.



■ Welcoming All

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prayer

René Vierne (1878-1918)

René Vierne was the younger brother of the famous organist and composer Louis Vierne. René was also devoted to music and studied organ, composition, and improvisation with his brother and with Guilmant. He spent a portion of his career as titular organist at Notre Dame des Champs in Paris. René was killed during the first World War, and this loss affected his brother Louis deeply. This musical prayer is sweet and beautiful. It may have been inspired by Vierne's time in the Catholic seminary at Versailles as a young boy.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

ALL: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

One: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

ALL: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

One: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

ALL: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #610

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Sarah Perkins

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Within Us Flows a River

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

Within us flows a river; we are trees along its banks drawing in our sustenance, giving back our thanks. Our strength is gained in stages 'til in season we bear fruit. Living water brings us life, nourishing each root. The Spirit is the river; so dwells God within the soul, nourishing the fallowness, making fragments whole. The flow of love sustains us, grace and mercy make us clean; broken hearts begin to heal, new growth can be seen. God, be in the tree, in the bud and in the flower. May we bring forth fruit at the Spirit's chosen hour. Cultivate our faith, prune our worry and regret; drawing strength from you, may we blossom for you yet.

-Lindy Thompson

SERMON

Why Together?

Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Respond

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Ansley Aurora Allen
Camille Collins Bartelt
David Bryan Potsic

ALL: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

*HYMN UMH #544

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

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

Let the People Praise Thee

William Mathias (1934-92)

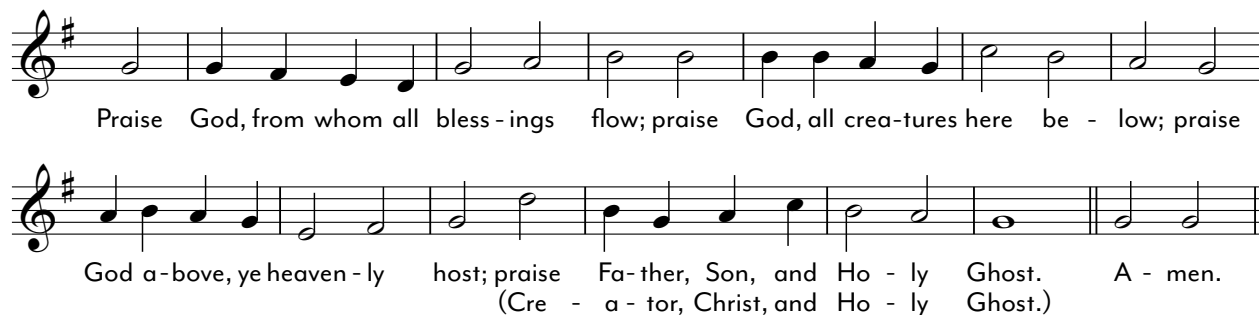
Let the people praise thee, O God; Yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; Yea let all the people praise thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

-Psalm 67

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
(Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Almighty God, thank you for calling us to a new life shared in your love. Now, as each of us offers our gifts and ourselves, make us truly one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #436

The Voice of God Is Calling

MEIRIONYDD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott ("We all believe in one God"), BWV 680

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Bach was inspired by the Italian style in composing his musical setting of the Creed. This trio combines the non-relenting, interweaving lines in the hands with a repeating ascending ostinato in the pedals. The alternating pattern in the feet could signify firm steps on the path up to heaven, or perhaps the confidence brought about by healthy faith in God.

■ Announcements & Special Events

THE CANDLER FOUNDRY CLASS AT GLENN

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

Tuesdays until May 7, 7pm-8:30pm, Church School Building Room 208, Zoom Available

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.

SPRING SAVE-THE-DATES

- **April 28 Youth Sunday**
- **May 5 Glenn's Got Talent Show!** More information at glennumc.org/children.
- **May 12 Festival of the Christian Home:** Honoring Older Adults and New Babies of the Congregation
- **July 21-26 Youth Summer Mission Trip!** Register now at glennumc.org/youth

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, Picnic Shelters #5 and #6

Join the Glenn 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, fellowship, devotion, and from dinner 4-6pm. 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.

■ Justice at Glenn

SNACK IN A BACKPACK - FINAL VOLUNTEER DAY OF THE SEMESTER: MAY 16

Looking to support local missions? Volunteer with Snack In a Backpack on 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.

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

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 Glenn School Building and in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Learn about upcoming events during Earth Month at glennumc.org/justice.



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.

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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.**



■ Previous Attendance

Sunday 4.14 | Third Sunday of Easter

In Person - 179

Online - 129 views

■ Next Sunday

Sunday 4.28 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship - Little Chapel, Guest Preacher
Rev. Heather Flaherty

11am Youth Sunday - Sanctuary

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newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter
every Friday, and occasional updates.