

■ The Worship of God

October 2, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday

OUR FALL SERIES: CELEBRATING FAITHFULNESS

You don't have to look any further than the statement below - located on the front cover of our bulletin - to see what this church values. At Glenn Memorial UMC, we believe that all people are created with sacred worth and this church strives to understand our role in working for justice for all people through a variety of ministries and partnerships. This work permeates through all we do here at Glenn and today we worship a God who continually seeks justice for the marginalized and oppressed. We also join at the table with other worshipping communities from around the world to remember that we are one body in Christ and that all have a place at the table of love and forgiveness.

The artwork on the cover is by Monica Welch.

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.



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■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Gott, du frommer Gott ("O God, Thou faithful God")

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

Ethel Smyth was the first female composer to be granted a damehood in the UK. While studying in Europe as a young woman, she met many other composers, including Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Dvorák, Brahms, and Clara Schumann. She was also greatly encouraged by her friend Arthur Sullivan. While her music was sometimes characterized as "too masculine," other critics were more favorable. She was involved in the women's suffrage movement in the UK and served two months in prison for the cause.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to do justice.

ALL: God, here we are! All glory belongs to you.

One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to cherish kindness.

ALL: God, here we are! From you all good things come.

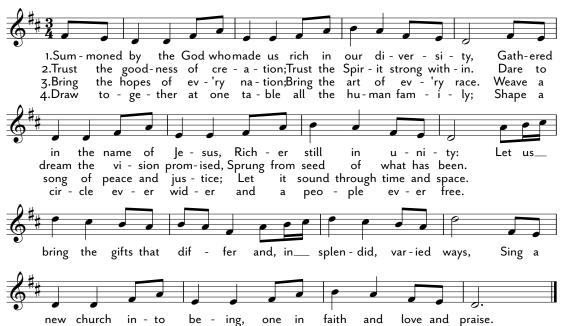
One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to journey humbly with God.

ALL: God, here we are! Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.

*Processional Hymn

Sing a New Church

NETTLETON



Personal Transformation

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Carol Allums

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Witness arr. Mark Patterson (b. 1969)

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lions' den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. Daniel was a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.

-African American spiritual

SERMON The Rev. Brent Huckaby

Transforming the World

A LITANY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Rev. Susan Pinson & ALL

One: God, we know you look with compassion upon the lowly

All: The ones society ignores.

One: We know you listen to the cries of the weary and destitute;

All: Your eyes are upon them.

One: Teach us to follow true religion: to not show favoritism to the rich,

All: To favor justice over comfort and convenience, to care for the poor, the lonely, the orphan, to demonstrate mercy, to withhold judgment.

One: We know that the work ahead, the work of righting wrong systems, the work of providing for our weakest siblings,

All: The work of resisting evil is the work of the Community of Heaven, and never guaranteed to be easy.

One: Help us, Oh God our Healer,

As we re-evaluate our perspectives, As we widen and deepen our listening,

All: As we learn the meaning of sacrificial love,
As we put ourselves in the shoes of the marginalized,
As we exercise humility.

One: May our faith be alive with good works,
And when we come into your presence,
And the fullness of your kingdom,
May we be remembered for our compassion,
The compassion of Christ. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Pinson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Pinson & ALL

ALL: Creative and loving God, you have searched us and know us. We confess that we have sinned: we have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our hearts to your gifts. We have failed to respect the gifts you have given us in creation. We have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors, giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance. We are stained by the sin of racism and fail to respect the gifts of all your peoples. We have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other; we have forgotten you, and have gone away from your path. Forgive us for what we have done to hurt others and the ways we have hurt your earth. Help us to walk in your great love; through the great peacemaker, your Son, Jesus Christ.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Arr. David Schwoebel (b. 1957)

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation. Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring. As at communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle; the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table. Put Christ into each other's hands, He is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

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: ...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

Lord, Grant Us Your Peace

Carlton Young (b. 1926)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. And grant us your peace.

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, and to peoples of all nations around the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

God Wills a Full Life For Us All

Azmon



*BENEDICTION Rev. Huckaby

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lebhaft, from Sonata 2

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Hindemith was by no means an organ specialist but rather a well-rounded musician. Throughout his career, he worked as concertmaster of the Frankfurt Opera Orchestra, violist in the Amar Quartet, soloist and conductor in concerts around the world, and Professor of Theory at the Academy of Music in Berlin. After his music was labeled "degenerate art" by the Nazis, the composer escaped to Switzerland in 1938 and then America from 1940 onwards. This sonata movement shows Hindemith's respect of his great predecessors J. S. Bach, and Max Reger, valuing counterpoint and rhythm. This organ sonata was included in Hindemith's project of writing sonatas for all the main orchestral instruments (22 in total).

Announcements & Special Events

THE MOST SEGREGATED HOUR: PART 3

Today, October 2, 12:15pm, Ward Fellowship Hall

Join us for Part 3 of our conversation on how we got to the place where 11:00 Sunday morning is called the most segregated hour. Now we will turn our focus to what we are called to do about it.

Pumpkin Unloading

Today, October 2, 6:00pm

All hands on deck! Join with the annual intergenerational event of unloading pumpkins to set up our Pumpkin Patch in the front of the Youth & Activities Building. Dinner provided for all volunteers! Sign up at: www.bit.ly/Pumpkin-Patch-2022



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.

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Giving

Pledge Report as of August 31st

2022 Pledge Budget: \$1,348,222

Pledge collection through August 31: \$860,213

Needed : \$488,009 Needed : 36.1%

To give to Glenn visit:

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■ Next Sunday

Sunday 10.9 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

■ You are Invited

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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 from Rev. Mark.

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