GLENN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





■ The Worship of God

October 24, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.



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.



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. We will use contact information in case of the need for contact tracing for COVID-19. Thank you for continuing to support public health protocols of masking and distancing.

Childcare on the Playground is available throughout the service. Masks required for all (age 2 & older).

Parent/guardians, please escort your children and sign in with our Childcare Staff.

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



■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Trentham

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Westmoreland

One: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest"

ALL: In this place we are invited to heal.

One: As the spirit of the Lord caused breath to enter into the bones and brought life from what was once dead.

ALL: In this place, we are invited to begin anew.

One: And just as the disciples were called to go into the world and spread the Gospel.

ALL: In this place, we are invited to turn the world upside down

One: Like those who have gone before us and formed us in the faith,

ALL: In this place, we are invited to the table of love and forgiveness.

One: We rejoice that God invites all of us, no matter who we are, to find our place in this community.

ALL In this place, we are invited to be joyful in praising God. Let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON Rev. Westmoreland

Invited to Begin Anew

■ We Respond

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ...And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

ALL: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

One: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

ALL: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

One: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

ALL: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

One: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

ALL: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

One: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

ALL We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our Lord.

One: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

ALL: Come upon us, Holy Spirit! Amen.

HYMN UMH #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Morning Prayer and 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

Behold

Taylor Leonhardt Jordan Grassi, soloist

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together

The poor are blessed, the weary rest, we will dance forever

The hurting held, the needy helped, the helpless now believers

The outcast known, the orphan home, You are my redeemer

Behold, Behold what love can do.

Behold, Behold He's making all things new

The lost returned, the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing

The mountains shake the world awake, creation all composing

The sad untrue, the earth renewed, the song has found its singer

The darkness light, the dead alive, You are my redeemer

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Doxology UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Invitation

Rev. Westmoreland

■ We Go Forth

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CLOSING HYMN UMH #213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

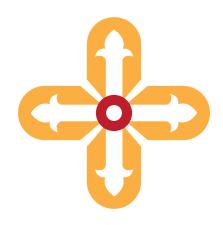
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BENEDICTION Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation Michael Dauterman





Announcements & Events

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WITH OPEN STREETS EMORY VILLAGE

Today, 2:00-3:00pm, Sanctuary steps

Drive-thru or Walk-thru – Front driveway of the Glenn Church Sanctuary. Pets should be on leashes or in carriers. Humans should be masked.

GATHERING BAND WITH OPEN STREETS EMORY VILLAGE

Today, 3:00-4:00pm

Join members of the Gathering Band in the parking lot of the former Slice & Pint (in Emory Village) from 3-4 for some live music!

Trunk or Treat with Open Streets Emory Village

Today, 3:15-4:30pm, Bank of America parking lot

All ages are invited to wear costumes and join the fun of "trick or treating" from car trunk to car trunk. Masks encouraged. Donations for the food pantry of Intown Collaborative Ministries will be collected during the event.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Wednesdays, October 27 - November 17, 12:00pm on Zoom

Most all of us have experienced the death of a loved one during the past year and a half, whether to COVID19 or our grief and loss complicated by the pandemic. Join us for confidential care and support wherever you find yourself on the grief journey. Led by Cindy Song, LMSW, of CHRIS180 Counseling Services and Rev. Susan Pinson, MSW. For more information to RSVP to receive the private Zoom link, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

29th Annual Atlanta Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturdays through December 11, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers age 16 & older (covid vaccination required) join us for Glenn's 29th Habitat for Humanity build! This year, we are partnering with Cascade UMC, Shallowford Presbyterian, Haygood UMC, Ben Hill UMC, and Northside Drive Baptist congregations to build a home for the Williams family. **More info & volunteer link found at glennumc.org.**

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Upcoming at Glenn

SUNDAY 10/24 | INVITED TO BEGIN ANEW

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

Service (Sanctuary) 11am

2pm Blessing of the Animals

Open Streets Emory Village 2-6pm

3pm Gathering Band

3:15pm Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY 10/31 | INVITED TO TURN THE WORLD

Upside Down

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

Service (Sanctuary) llam

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY 11/7 | ALL SAINTS' (OBSERVED)

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

Service (Sanctuary) 11am

The Gathering (Fellowship Hall) 5pm

All Saints' Luminary Walk-Thru 7pm

SUNDAY 11/14 | COMMITMENT SUNDAY

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

Service (Sanctuary) llam

Lunch on the Lawn 12pm

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY 11/21 | THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

8:30am Service (Little Chapel)

Service (Sanctuary) llam

5pm The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)