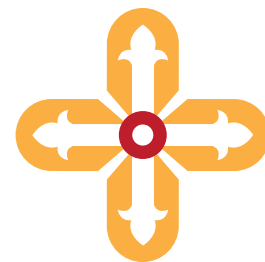


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JANUARY 9, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY & THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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.



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■ We Gather

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684 (“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Connor Bell

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Exciting God, Glorious God,

ALL: baptize us with wonder.

One: Wise God, Righteous God,

ALL: baptize us with justice.

One: Holy God, Covenant God,

ALL: baptize us with love. Let us worship!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

CHILDREN’S TIME

The Rev. Susan Pinson

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God’s Word

THE FIRST LESSON

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt

as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—' ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Maker, and I love you with a perfect love.

—Text by Gerard Markland; based on four verses from Isaiah:43

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Pinson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with* the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Into the River**

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ...Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

ALL: I do.

One: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

ALL: I do.

One: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

ALL: I do.

One: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

ALL: I do.

One: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

One: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

ALL: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Sing a New Church

NETTLETON

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity: Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one of faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water; robed in holiness and light, male and female in God's image, male and female God's delight. Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into

being, one of faith and love and praise.

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within. Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been. Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one of faith and love and praise.

Draw together at one table all the human family; shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free. Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one of faith and love and praise.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emily-Elizabeth Castelloe

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Westmoreland

OFFERTORY

O Nata Lux

Morten Lauridsen (b.1943)

○ Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

-Text: 10th Century Hymn

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INVITATION

Rev. Huckaby

■ We Go Forth

Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

CLOSING HYMN 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)



■ Announcements & Special Events

KINNARA CONCERT

January 15 | 8pm | Glenn Sanctuary

Experiencing live music is one of those things that continues to make us feel human and connected in this difficult time of separation and disconnection. Kinnara, one of the nation’s premier professional chamber choirs, will appear in concert featuring David Lang’s Pulitzer Prize-winning composition, *the little match girl passion*, and the world premiere performance of *Southern Dissonance: Portraits of a New South* by American composer Heather Gilligan, which draws texts from famous Georgian civil rights activists including MLK, Alice Walker, John Lewis, Jimmy Carter, and Stacey Abrams. Please join us in-person (proof of vaccination and masks required) or online via Glenn’s Facebook page for a live-stream of the event.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECTS

Volunteers are invited to complete our Habitat for Humanity House build, sort & pack food for our weekly Snack in a Backpack food ministry, and be a part of a virtual reading & recording of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech to share with our neighbors at Branan Towers retirement community.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP OLDER ADULT MINISTRY:

ALL IN THE GLENN FAMILY WITH MARY LINDSEY LEWIS

Tuesday, January 18 | 12 p.m. (Zoom)

Join with us for our “All in the Glenn Family” series to hear stories from our congregation. Mary Lindsey Lewis will share the unique love story of her parents, the late Ernestine & John Lewis, including their influences that led to Mary Lindsey’s career in education and music. Join with us for this inspiring story of lives full of love, travel, music, and adventures with vision impairment that intertwines with our own Glenn Memorial Church.



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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■ Upcoming Services

Saturday 1.15

8pm Kinnara Concert (in-person and live-streamed over Facebook)

Sunday 1.16 | Epiphany II

9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including Confirmation (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
11am Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday 1.23 | Epiphany III

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including Confirmation/ReNew (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
11am Worship (Sanctuary)
5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

Sunday 1.30 | Epiphany IV

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
9:30am The New Class (Zoom) & Children's Choir
9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages-including Confirmation/ReNew (Church School Building & Youth and Activities Building)
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