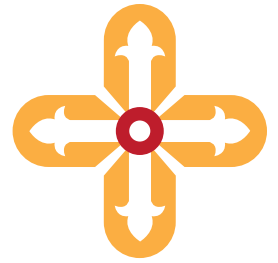


GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

MARCH 20, 2022 | 8:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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 (or Fellowship Hall if it's too wet or cold outside) 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.

Children's Worship Kits are available from an usher.

UMH stands for United Methodist Hymnal, the red book located in your pew.



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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.



■ We Gather

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Prelude on “Aus der Tiefe”

Steven Seigart (b. 1990)

WORDS OF WELCOME

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

ALL: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

One: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

ALL: Lent is a time to ponder God’s providence and persistence.

One: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;

ALL: the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

One: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

ALL: We come to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

One: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #381
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

■ We Hear God's Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. ⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips ⁶ when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Surely Life Isn't Random, Jesus

The Rev. Susan Pinson

■ We Respond

*HYMN #357 (vs. 1,3,5,6)

Just As I Am

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Text by Isaac Watts (1707)

Wes Griffin, soloist

*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 (Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost);
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

BEECHER

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the__ sea;
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in__ heaven;
3. For the love of God is__ broa - der than the mea - sure of the__ mind;

there's a kind - ness in his__ jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly__ kind.

There is wel - come for the__ sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the__ good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been_ shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his__ word;

there is mer - cy with the__ Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his__ blood.
there is joy for all the__ mem - bers in the sor - rows of the__ Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the__ Lord.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wer nur den lieben Gott läst walten (If thou but suffer God to guide thee), BWV 690

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



■ Announcements & Special Events

ORDER EASTER LILIES TODAY!

\$11 dollars each | Order by April 12th

Given in honor or memory of loved ones, the lilies will be on display in our worship spaces on Easter Sunday. \$11 each. Pay online, or with cash or check: www.glennumc.org/lent-holyweek-and-easter-2. The deadline to order is April 12th.

THE MOST SEGREGATED HOUR - *MEETING TODAY!*

Today, 12:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The 11:00 hour on Sunday morning has been called “the most segregated hour in America.” Join in a conversation about how we got there and what we are called to do about it. (It may not be what we think!) Box lunches provided if you registered online in advance. All are welcome to join us!

CLUB 1012: PARENT EDITION - *MEETING TODAY!*

Today, 6:30-8:00pm | Next meeting: Sunday, May 15, 6:30-8:00pm

This parenting group will provide a nonjudgmental environment for parents/guardians to share their experiences and challenges raising ‘twens and teens. We also will draw on spirituality and faith as resources on our parenting journeys. RSVP with Rev. Susan, spinson@glennumc.org. (If childcare is needed for younger children, let us know!)

FRIENDSHIP GROUP FOR OLDER ADULTS: TRIP TO THE MILLENNIUM GATE MUSEUM

Tuesday, March 22, 10am-1pm | \$15 Museum Entrance & Lunch | Meet at the YAAB to ride the church bus

Meet at the Youth and Activities Building at 10:00am to ride the church bus to Atlantic Station to visit the Millennium Gate Museum, including a special exhibit on the Life of Andrew Young and memoranda from the Glenn family. \$15 includes museum entrance and a sack lunch. RSVP with Rev. Susan, spinson@glennumc.org 404.634.3936, ext. 103.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 22, 12-5pm | YAAB | Register to donate on our upcoming events webpage

BIG news! The Red Cross is testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies starting March 7, 2022, for a limited time. You’ll also get a mini-physical, including tests for your heart rate, blood iron levels, and temperature.

SONGS OF LENT

Thursday, March 24, 7-8pm | Little Chapel | Masks Required

Join Wes Griffin and friends for an evening Lenten hymn sing in the wonderful Little Chapel. Music will be provided. Mask required. Contact Wes for more info: wesgriff@bellsouth.net.

YOU ARE INVITED

Have you heard about the three new areas of Invitation for Glenn’s ministries in 2022? We will be focusing on invitations to Personal Transformation, the Welcoming Table, and Transformation of the World. To get involved in shaping the work of these areas, contact David O’Brien (Personal Transformation - obriendavid1954@gmail.com), Susan-Anne MacKenna (Welcoming Table - sasmack@gmail.com), or Carol Allums (Transformation of the World - theallums5@gmail.com).



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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■ Lenten Offering

Lenten offerings are in support of the **Love Beyond Borders** campaign, which aims to raise funds for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world. The initiative has emerged from First United Methodist Church, Boise, ID and seeks to engage The United Methodist Church in supporting COVAX alongside UNICEF, the key vaccine delivery partner. All funds raised will be sent to UNICEF for this project. \$37 will purchase, transport and distribute a vaccine.

Learn more about this initiative at:
<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/unicef/>

■ Upcoming Services

Sunday 3.27 | *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

- 8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)
- 9:30/9:45am Sunday School classes for all ages
(virtual & in-person options)
- 11am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5pm The Gathering (Little Chapel)

■ Holy Week & Easter

- Eggcellent Saturday** April 9, 3-5pm
- Palm Sunday** April 10, 8:30am, 11am, 5pm services
- Maundy Thursday** April 14, 7pm
- Good Friday** April 15, 7pm (Organ Prelude 6:30pm)
- Easter Sunday** April 17
 - Sunrise Service 7:15am
 - Festival Worship 11am (with Choir, Organ, and Brass)