

# GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## ■ The Worship of God

MAY 21, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

ASCENSION SUNDAY AND A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

The altar flowers have been donated by Ben Franklin Academy in honor of their graduates.

## 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.



## YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT GLENN

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## ■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

#### **Andante, from Sonata VI**

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Perhaps counterintuitively, Mendelssohn chose to end his sixth Organ Sonata with this gentle, rocking movement. The first movement of the sonata is far longer and comprises a set of variations on the German chorale setting of the Lord's Prayer. This quiet movement might serve to contrast the intensity of the variations and to remind us of God's enduring love, no matter what hardship we may encounter.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**ALL: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

One: God has made us whole.

**ALL: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

**ALL: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. Amen.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #312

#### **Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

LLANFAIR

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

*Ansley Allen*  
*Joseph Waller*  
*Marian Waller*  
*Banks Bartelt*  
*Camille Bartelt*  
*Eloise Miller*  
*Luke O'Neill*  
*Alexis Overbey*  
*Rob Van Atta*

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ■ We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ross Perkins

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.<sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.<sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

**I Will Not Leave You Comfortless**

William Byrd (1539-1623)

I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia. I will come again to you, Alleluia. And your heart shall rejoice, Alleluia.

*-John 14:18*

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

**Looking for Wisdom, Revelation, and Enlightenment? You've Come to the Right Place.**

# ■ We Respond

\*HYMN

O Christ, When You Ascended

LANCASHIRE

1. O Christ, when you as - cen - ded, you took your right - ful  
2. We look at earth - ly rul - ers and see what they com -  
3. We're temp - ted, Lord, to leave you in stor - ies nice - ly  
4. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are ful - ly

throne; Your time on earth had end - ed yet we weren't left a - lone. You  
mand: We note their years of pow - er, the bor - ders of their land. Yet,  
told; Some - times we don't be - lieve you and say your ways are old. Some -  
known; One day this world of sin - ners will bow be - fore your throne. One

reign o'er earth and hea - ven; your Spi - rit guides our way. Your  
Lord, you are not bound - ed by things like time and space; Your  
times we feel so lone - ly and live in doubt and fear - But  
day, God's whole cre - a - tion will sing and praise your name; On

prayers up - hold your peo - ple; you lead your church each day.  
reign is nev - er - end - ing, you rule in ev - ery place.  
your as - cen - sion means, Lord, you're pres - ent with us here.  
earth as now in heav - en, we'll cel - e - brate your reign.

A LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

*Joseph Patrick Burke*  
*Thomas Warthen Meeks*  
*Luke Alexander O'Neill*  
*Richard Joseph Ard Waller*

**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.

**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

**God is Gone Up**

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, and hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

*-Edward Taylor*

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

**ALL: God of all generations, we rejoice in this day of decision for these confirmands, in this hour of worship shared, and in this moment of generosity. With our confirmands today we affirm again our trust in the grace of Jesus Christ. And with our tithes and offerings, we renew our commitment to your mission. Receive these gifts and bless them, we pray, that your will for your world might be realized. Amen.**

## ■ We Go Forth

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #154 vv. 1-2, 4-6

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

CORONATION

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

### Acclamations Carolingiennes, from *Suite Médiévale*

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

The final movement in Langlais' *Suite Médiévale* (written 1950), this triumphant music continually references the Gregorian chant, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (or in English: Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). You will hear this chant first in the pedals, and then in the hands and feet throughout the piece. Langlais also attempts to imitate the sound of a rigorous peal of bells, toward the conclusion of the piece. Langlais was completely blind but still a fantastic organist and holder of the titular post at Sainte-Clotilde, Paris. He calls for Full Organ at the very end of the piece; be prepared for a resounding and victorious conclusion!

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## ■ Announcements & Special Events

### SCOUTS' PLANT SALE

**Today, Sunday, May 21, 12pm–2pm**

Troop 18 is hosting their 1st Annual Plant sale! Several of the scouts spent Earth Day demonstrating their green thumbs by planting lots and lots of vegetable seeds from Squash, Cucumber, Tomato, and more. Now they have a full plant nursery ready to sell! Visit the plant sale today after worship, from 12pm to 2pm, outside the Glenn Church Sanctuary.

### FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!

**Sunday, June 11 – Thursday, June 15, 5-6:30pm**

Join us for Family Vacation Bible school for toddlers through rising 5th graders WITH their grown-ups! Rising 6th graders and older youth are invited to be volunteer helpers and be a part of Youth Intown Mission week during the afternoons.

Details & sign up at: [bit.ly/glenn-family-vacation-bible-school-2023](https://bit.ly/glenn-family-vacation-bible-school-2023)

**VBS isn't just for kids!** Dine Out for a Cause at City Barbeque for the VBS Mission fundraiser on Monday, June 11th. Then, join us for Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study on June 24th at 6:45pm in Fellowship Hall to learn about the VBS stories!

### SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

**Sundays in June & July, 9:45am-10:45am, Ward Fellowship Hall**

During the summer, our adult Sunday School classes take a break and combine for the Summer Lecture Series. The series features inspiring conversations from Emory University's Candler School of Theology faculty and other guest speakers.

Coffee provided. Sign up to bring treats at <https://bit.ly/2023-glenn-summer-series-treats>

June 4 – The Rev. Dr. Joel LeMon – The Exodus

June 11 – Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio – Rediscovering the 10 Commandments (part 1)

June 18 – Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio – Rediscovering the 10 Commandments (part 2)

June 25 – Dr. Joel Kemp – Lecture: Prophetic Imagination and Divine Hope

*For the full schedule, check out [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennumc.org/upcoming-events).*



**To register for upcoming events or to learn how you can become more involved at Glenn, please visit [glennumc.org/upcoming-events](https://glennumc.org/upcoming-events) or contact any of our staff.**

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## ■ Giving

Bishop Robin Dease has chosen UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) as the 2023 North Georgia Annual Conference Special Offering. In 2023, tornadoes have caused significant damage across North Georgia. When multiple tornados struck in January, UMCOR approved a solidarity grant in less than 24 hours, allowing the Conference to respond immediately. To learn more, visit: [bit.ly/annual-conference-offering2023](https://bit.ly/annual-conference-offering2023). **To give a gift, visit [www.glennumc.org/give](http://www.glennumc.org/give) or scan the QR code below.**



**Annual Conference  
2023 Special Offering  
UMCOR**

The North Georgia Conference  
of the United Methodist Church



## ■ Next Sunday

**Sunday 5.28 | Pentecost**

8:30am    Worship (Little Chapel)

11am      Worship (Sanctuary)

*The Gathering will resume after the summer.*

## ■ Stay Updated

**Want to stay updated on the Glenn Community?**

Visit [www.glennumc.org](http://www.glennumc.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates.