

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

JUNE 25, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.



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

Your gifts directly support the ministries of Glenn. Scan the QR code or visit www.glennumc.org/give to donate securely online.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Camille LaGree's baptism
by her loving Geeyah, Sue Weldon.



■ Welcoming All to the Table

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

PRELUDE

Selections by The Druid Hills Billys

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Today's music is led by the Druid Hills Billys. We are thankful for their presence with us!

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

ALL: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

ALL: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #418

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

JACOB'S LADDER

We are climbing Jacob's ladder; (x3)
people of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher; (x3)
people of the cross.

If you love him, why not serve him? (x3)
people of the cross.

We are climbing higher, higher; (x3)
people of the cross.

ALL: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Camille, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

A blessing from Camille's grandfather, The Reverend Dr. R. Kevin LaGree:

"...baptism does not confer on us a status that marks us off from everybody else. To be able to say, 'I'm baptized' is not to claim an extra dignity, let alone a sort of privilege that keeps you separate from and superior to the rest of the human race, but to claim a new level of solidarity with other people. It is to accept that to be a Christian is to be affected – you might even say contaminated – by the mess of humanity. This is very paradoxical. Baptism is a ceremony in which we are washed, cleansed and re-created. It is also a ceremony in which we are pushed into the middle of a human situation that may hurt us, and that will not leave us untouched or unsullied. And the gathering of baptized people is therefore not a convocation of those who are privileged, elite and separate, but of those who have accepted what it means to be in the heart of a needy, contaminated, messy world."

– Rowan Williams, *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* (2014)

*BAPTISMAL HYMN UMH #191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

(Refrain)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

■ We Hear God's Word

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Deb McFarland

Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Everybody Will Be Happy Over There

Text by E. M. Bartlett

SERMON

Jacob's Ladder

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

We Respond

*HYMN UMH #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: 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.

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

Gospel Plow

TRADITIONAL

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
(Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Gracious God, use these gifts and our lives to fill the world with the hope of the risen Christ. May our offerings be a sign of our joy and a witness to your love. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*Refrain*)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

POSTLUDE

I'm Workin' On a Road To Gloryland

Lester Flatt

■ Announcements & Special Events

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES: “FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO”: EXPLORING CLASSIC (OR OBSCURE) BIBLE STORIES & HOW THE SCRIPTURES STILL SPEAK TO US TODAY

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>**

Upcoming topics:

July 2 – Dr. Elizabeth Bounds – Matthew 20: The Vineyard Parable & Economic Justice

July 9 – Dr. Susan Hulen – New Testament

GLENN MEMORIAL & TRINITY UMC: OUR FIFTY-YEAR PARTNERSHIP – *TODAY!*

June 25 | Sign up to serve: bit.ly/trinity-glenn-partners-2023

Help us serve lunch at Trinity Table Ministries today! For questions, contact Diane Bryant dianebrain@gmail.com (404-680-7849).

SINGLE MOMS’ SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, June 28, 8pm on Zoom

No matter your circumstance or stage of parenting, join us for confidential care and support. Led by Shameyrae Miller of CHRIS180 Counseling Services. Monthly days/times TBA. Zoom & in-person. Contact Rev. Susan Pinson for Zoom link.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GLENN MEMBERS | VIDEO SERIES

Get to know other Glenn members! Watch our Glenn member spotlight videos at:

bit.ly/glenn-member-videos-2023

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY – *TOUR OF CREEKWATER FARM*

Thursday, June 29, 11:00am, meet at YAAB at 10am, Creekwater Farm (2812 Centerville-Rosebud Rd, Snellville)

All ages are invited to a hands-on, fun outing where a tour guide will escort us through the farm at an easy-going pace. We’ll see alpacas, bunnies, goats & kids!, sheep, pot belly pigs, guineas and geese up close and personal, and get to feed them too! \$12/person – free for under age 2. Bring your own picnic lunch. RSVP with Rev. Susan Pinson and let us know if you’d like to ride the church bus (meet at Youth and Activities Building at 10am).

FAMILY MINISTRIES: PLAYGROUP @ THE POOL

Thursday, July 6, 3-6pm | At the home of Carole Adams & Sherry Aden

For details & RSVP, visit: bit.ly/playgroup-pool-glenn-2023



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

Financial Report as of May 31, 2023:

2023 Budgeted Income: \$1,814,532

Total Income Through May 31: \$864,262

Needed: \$950,270

Needed % : 52%

**To give a gift, visit www.glennumc.org/give
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■ Next Sunday

Sunday 7.2 | Fifth Sunday after 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 and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send one newsletter every Friday, and occasional updates.