

GLENN MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



■ The Worship of God

AUGUST 6, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The bulletin artwork is “Getting on the School Bus” by Kim T. Richards.



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.

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

A new sound system for the Sanctuary is currently in the works! In the meantime, for optimal sound, sit a few rows back (rather than the first rows of pews) and not under the balcony.

CHILDCARE

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.

A Comfort Room & restroom is available downstairs at the back of the Sanctuary.

Additional restrooms available downstairs at the front of the Sanctuary.

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 CHURCH & RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Glenn Memorial UMC has been a proud affiliate of Reconciling Ministries Network since 2014, and welcomes and affirms all LGBTQ+ persons.



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■ Welcoming All to the Table

**You are invited to rise in either body or spirit.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander

As a preview of our closing hymn today, this (new-to-us) tune was created expressly to accompany the lively text that we find in the hymn. The hymn was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College and is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Jennifer Hansen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

ALL: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

One: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

ALL: A time to remember whose we are, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

One: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

ALL: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

One: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

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

■ We Hear God's Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ell Harrison

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

One: May God bless the reading of the Word.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

■ We Respond

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Brent Huckaby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ALL: Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing: The healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be, as Christ calls us. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Music in the Air

arr. Ryan Murphy

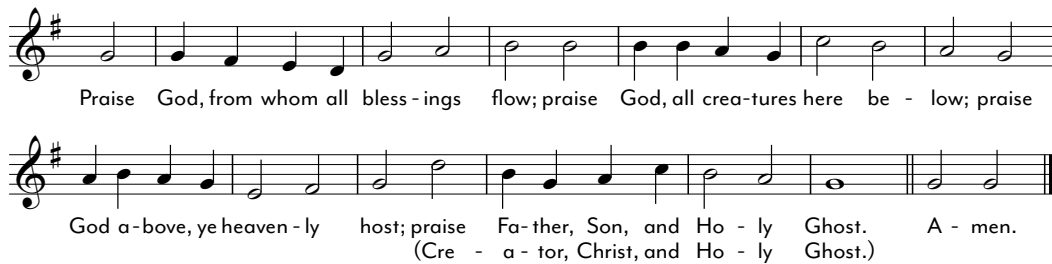
Over my head I hear music in the air, there must be a God somewhere. And when I'm alone, I hear music in the air. And when I'm afraid, I hear music in the air, And when it's dark, I hear music in the air. And when I'm weary, I hear music in the air.

-African American Spiritual

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Westmoreland

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: And so, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of all. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS



1. Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2. Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3. Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
4. Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



God has done mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Westmoreland

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "Joyful, Joyful"

Brenda Portman

■ Announcements & Special Events

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, August 6

3:00pm Splash Party in Amphitheater. *Details & volunteer here: www.tinyurl.com/GlennSplash23*

6:30pm Music & More at Waller's Coffee Shop (240 Dekalb Industrial Way, Decatur).

Details here: www.tinyurl.com/GlennAug6

A CONVERSATION WITH GARY MASON

August 9, 7pm, Ward Fellowship Hall

Join us for a conversation with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason, the founder of Rethinking Conflict: an organization with the goal of "building peace and reconciliation at the sharper, more fractured edges of society." Rev. Dr. Mason spent 28 years as a Methodist minister in Belfast and was involved in bringing peace to Northern Ireland. *More info: rethinkingconflict.com*

SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAYS

Sundays, August 13 & 20, 9:45am, Ward Fellowship Hall, all ages

Join us for hands-on projects & learning about these ministries:

August 13: Intown Cares for housing and food insecurity: making snack bags for Atlanta neighbors experiencing hunger (supplies provided - \$5/per person donation suggested)

August 20: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Team Libertad supporting migrants/refugees with a travel necessities donation drive: www.tinyurl.com/travelingmercy

YOUTH KICKOFF

Sunday, August 13, 6:15pm, Ward Fellowship Hall & Youth & Activities Building

The official start of the Glenn Youth season is next Sunday! Dinner starts at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall (feel free to get there earlier to help set up chairs and tables), followed by a brief information session for all youth and parents, then an information session just for parents while the youth hang out at the YAAB.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF LAMENT & GRIEF FOR VIOLENCE

Sunday, August 13, 5pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a service of worship and prayer as we make lament and grieve gun violence. As we gather, we will explore the roles we can take, and invite God into our grief and work. Following the service, resources and information about advocacy and gun safety will be available, along with the opportunity to connect with other folks already engaged, or wishing to engage, in efforts to reduce gun violence.

GIVE FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Have a special birthday, anniversary, or a memorable date coming up? *Sign-up to give flowers: bit.ly/flowers-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 June 30, 2023:

2023 Budget: \$1,814,532

Total Income Through June 30: \$943,197

Needed: \$871,335

Needed % : 48%

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or scan the QR code below.**



■ Next Sunday

Sunday 8.13 | Worship of God

8:30am Worship (Little Chapel)

9:45am Service Project: Intown Cares

11am Worship (Sanctuary)

5pm Service of Lament for Violence

6:30pm Youth Kickoff

■ 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.