

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
April 16, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

(Please return to your seats to worship when the lights flash.)

PRELUDE

arr. Mary McDonald and Larry Shackley

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.

One: Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

All: In this place, we find hope and joy.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Let us worship the one who brings new life.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #233 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” vv. 1-2**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.

Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.

There the songs of saints and martyrs

Thunder like a mighty flood,

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans we are left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! Christ is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

PRAYER HYMN #661 “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

Walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love, kindness

And walk humbly with your God. (Repeat once)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Summons”

John Bell

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON “Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen” Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #414 “Eat This Bread”

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Invitation to Commune

Carol

Communion Sentences

One: Be not dismayed, for Christ is alive,

All: Bringing hope and joy to our lives this day. Alleluia!

Prayer of Consecration

(Please partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.)

Communion Music

“Seed, Scattered and Sown”

Dan Feiten

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#234 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and
praise.**

**His reign shall no end, and round his pieced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Graham Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Paul Witmer

**Please stand, if you can.*

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2022.

News in the Pews

Upcoming Schedule: The following Pulpit Supply ministers will lead worship services on the following days:

April 16, April 23: The Reverend Paul Witmer

April 30: Bob Markley

May 7, May 14: The Reverend Dr. L. Louise Bruce

May 28, June 11, June 18: The Reverend Dr. Tim Diebel

Who to Contact: If you have general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Kathleen. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie.

From the Search Committee: Please think about the kind of person you would like to see as interim/settled pastor at Glen Echo. Someone you are looking forward to seeing each weekend, and who will help us grow. Josh Patty is asking for us to compile a list, so he can select candidates that would fit our congregation and expedite the process of searching. Please stay for coffee and donuts after the service, and give your suggestions, or leave a list if you don't have time. The list will be compiled by the search committee (possible total contradictions ironed out) and then given to Josh Patty.

Good Fellowship Dinner: Our next Fellowship dinner will be at Chuck's on 6th Ave. at 6:00 on Friday, April 28th. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Easter Lilies: If you purchased an Easter lily, they are available for pick-up in the nursery.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
APRIL 16-22, 2023

Sunday

Worship
Coffee Fellowship in Lounge

10:15 AM
After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:

Judith Henry

Deacon:

Julie

Elder:

Carol

Minister:

The Reverend Paul Witmer

Videographer:

Teresa

Worship Leader:

Rosemarie

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