

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Prelude	Patty Bellus
Welcome and Announcements	Julie
Greeting One Another in Christian Love	
Opening Music	Patty Bellus

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today, God creates Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

**All: God offers us freedom from the fear of isolation and anguish at endings.**

One: Through Christ, we are invited to community and creativity for birthing new life – unexpected life, unending love.

**All: Glory to God! Amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #216 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**All creation join to say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

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

**TENDING THE GARDEN (Interactive Moment) Puppet Prophets**

## **PRAYER HYMN #218 “Thine is the Glory”**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**(Refrain)**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.  
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

## **SCRIPTURE**

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**SERMON**

"The Good Gardener"

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #222**

**"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**

**Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love  
unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

**Invitation to Commune  
Communion Sentences**

Kathleen

Elder: Christ is alive, and death does not have the last word.

**All: We receive these gifts of Christ with joy & thanksgiving.**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

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

### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION #226 “He Lives!”**

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever men may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.**

#### **(Refrain)**

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*Benediction Response #226 “He Lives!”**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing will come at last. (Refrain)**

## **POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so.*

*Portions of the worship service were adapted from:*

- 1) The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2021.
- 2) Bowler, Kate and Richie, Jessica. Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection. New York: Convergent Books/Penguin Random House, 2022.
- 3) McFee, Marcia. “Good Enough.” Worship Design Studio; [www.worship-design-studio.mn.co/courses/6445708/about](http://www.worship-design-studio.mn.co/courses/6445708/about).

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

**Easter Egg Hunt:** After the service, there will be an easter egg hunt. If the weather is nice, it will be outside on the front lawn. If it is raining, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Easter Lilies:** Easter lilies can be taken home today. If you would like a lily and did not order one, please speak with Pastor Dawn.

**COVID-19 Protocols:** Masks are recommended, though optional, inside the church. Please be respectful of those who prefer to maintain social distances and remain in their pews during our time of greeting.

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

**APRIL 17-23, 2022**

<b>Today</b>	Easter Sunday Service Easter Egg Hunt	10:15 AM After church
<b>Tuesday</b>	Personnel Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Contemplative Prayer GECC/RVD Core Group Meeting	2:00 PM 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Deacon Callers	10:00 AM

### Today's Serving Schedule

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Patty Bellus
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rosemarie
<b>Elder:</b>	Kathleen
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
<b>Puppet Prophets:</b>	Julie, Abby, Patty
<b>Videographer:</b>	David
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Julie

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