

**Glen Echo Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**April 23, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE**

Karen Lafferty, Pachelbel, arr. Linda McKechnie  
“Seek Ye First with Canon in D”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come walk with us.

**All: We will join the journey.**

One: Let us talk together.

**All: We will listen and speak.**

One: Christ goes with us.

**All: Jesus guides our steps.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #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! Raise your spirits**

**From the caverns of despair.**

**Walk with gladness in the morning.**

**See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection,**

**Not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**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!**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

**FIRST READING**

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## **PRAYER HYMN #636 “Abide with Me” vv. 1-2**

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens, God, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Grieg, arr. Linda McKechnie

“Open Our Eyes, Lord/Morning”

### **SECOND READING**

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went

to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**SERMON** “With Eyes Opened”

Rev. Paul Witmer

**HYMN OF PREPARATION “Room at the Table”**

**(Chorus)**

**There is room for us all,**

**And no gift is too small.**

**There is room at the table for everyone.**

**There's enough if we share.**

**Come on, pull up a chair.**

**There is room at the table for everyone.**

**Invitation to Commune**

Deb

**Communion Sentences**

One: In the midst of confusion and doubt,

**All: Love walks beside us.**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

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

## **Communion Music**

“Room At the Table”

Carrie Newcomer

## **\*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**#636 “Abide with Me” vv. 3-5**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O God, abide with me.**

*(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)*

## **POSTLUDE**

“In Our Lives, Lord”

Bob Kilpatrick

## **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 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

June 4: The Reverend McKinna Daugherty

**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.

**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!

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 23-29, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
<b>Friday</b>	Good Fellowship Dinner @ Chucks	6:00 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rosemarie
<b>Elder:</b>	Deb
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Paul Witmer
<b>Videographer:</b>	Teresa
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Julie

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