

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
April 2, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Pam

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE “Above All” Lenny LaBlanc, Paul Baloche, arr. Bill Wolaver

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Look! Jesus is coming, humble and riding a donkey.

All: Let us gather to welcome him.

One: Hosanna! Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #192 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

**All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel, Great David’s greater Son;
You ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed One!**

**The company of angels are praising you on high,
And, we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

FIRST READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PRAYER HYMN #572 "Take Time to Be Holy" vv. 1,4

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath his control;
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Martin Smith, arr. Carol Tornquist

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?”

SECOND READING

John 16:16-24

“A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.” Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying to us, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” They said, “What does he mean by this ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

SERMON “A Little While and a Little While” The Reverend Josh Patty

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#398 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.**

**There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.**

Invitation to Commune

Kathleen

Communion Sentences

One: On the back of a donkey, Jesus came to save us. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus came to heal us.

All: In the joy of laughing children and the shouts of loud hosannas, Jesus came to show us the way.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

William Kirkpatrick, arr. Larry Shackley
“Lead Me to Calvary”

*INVITATION

Kathleen

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #601 “I Am Thine, O Lord” vv. 1-2

**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
And it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to thee.**

(Refrain)

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.**

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)**

(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE “The Old Rugged Cross” George Bennard, arr. Craig Curry

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Josh Patty

**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 2 (Palm Sunday): The Reverend Josh Patty, Regional Minister

April 6 (Maundy Thursday): The Reverend Dr. L. Louise Bruce

April 9 (Easter), 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

Choir: Judith plans to have the Choir sing on Easter. Practice will be held at the church at 7:15 PM on April 5th.

From Elder Chair, Rosemarie: “On April 2nd, Josh (Patty) will fill the pulpit. He will also donate his time for a question and answer session following the service. Please make an effort to attend the session, and perhaps formulate questions to present at that time.”

Good Friday Prayer Vigil: On Good Friday, April 7th, participants are invited to pray from their homes. Sign up for a shift (or two) from 6 AM – midnight. See Dorothy, Worship Chair, if you have questions.

Videographer Wanted for Easter: We are looking for someone to record the service for Easter Sunday. Please speak with Dennis if you can help.

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!

Last Day to Order Easter Lilies: This is the last day to order lilies for the Easter service. Please see the order form in the next pages.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Once again, we are ordering Easter lilies. The cost of each flower is \$12.00. If you would like to order one or more lilies, please complete the enclosed form and return it with your payment to the church.

My name is _____.

I am ordering _____ Easter lily(s) in memory of/in honor of:
(number) (circle one)

(name or names of people being remembered/honored)

Please choose one:

My payment accompanies this form. _____

My payment has been added to my offering check. _____

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

APRIL 2-8, 2023

Sunday	Worship Rev. Josh Patty Q&A	10:15 AM After church
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:15 PM
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM
Friday	All-Day Prayer Vigil	

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Jean
Elder:	Kathleen
Minister:	The Reverend Josh Patty
Videographer:	Teresa
Worship Leader:	Pam

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