

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
April 9, 2023**

Gathering Music

The Baptism of Lily

Vows and Confession of Faith
Baptism

Rev. Paul Witmer

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE

arr. Joel Raney and Craig Curry

“Lord Of the Dance/Were You There/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is alive,

All: Moving among the living.

One: Christ is risen,

All: Inviting us to rise in fullness of life.

One: Christ is calling,

All: Proclaiming life and hope for all.

***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!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? 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!**

**Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

PRAYER HYMN

#365 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
Newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people,
Raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy dove and heart's delight.**

**Ev'ry day we need your nurture;
By your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps,
Free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!**

BAPTISMAL WELCOME

**#369 Welcome After Baptism
Presentation of Certificate**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Crown Him"

arr. Jane Holstein

SECOND READING

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

"I Have Seen"

The Reverend Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#638 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.**

**From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**Invitation to Commune
Communion Sentences**

Rosemarie

One: Turn your eyes to the heavens. Turn your gaze to hope and life.
**All: For in hope and life, we find Jesus, the Risen Christ
who shines in our midst with the light of heaven
above.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

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)**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)**
(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE “Hallelujah Chorus”

G. F. Handel, arr. Jim Lucas

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 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

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 Brian: “On April 1st, Julie, Jeff, Don, Teresa, Dennis, Kathleen, Pam, Jim, Darlene, Judith and Rosemarie gathered to clean the church. I would like to thank everyone that gathered that day, as well as anyone that completed cleaning tasks at other times, for helping to make our worship space clean and fresh.”

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 9-15, 2023

Sunday

Worship
Coffee Fellowship in Lounge

10:15 AM
After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Jean
Elder:	Rosemarie
Minister:	The Reverend Paul Witmer
Videographer:	TBA
Worship Leader:	Julie

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