

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent**

**PRELUDE**

“Be Thou My Vision”; arr. Dale Wood

Patty Bellus

**WELCOME**

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PRAISE #33 "How Great Thou Art" (vv. 1-2)**

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
(Refrain)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** We come, trusting in God’s mercy and love, longing to know and to learn more about God’s ways.

**All:** **We come to be guided in the ways of God’s truth – longing to experience the joy of God’s salvation.**

**One:** We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey, longing to respond to God’s steadfast love.

**All:** **Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes and teach us to follow the humble way of Jesus.**

**GLORIA**

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

**INVOCATION**

**PRAYER HYMN #180 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (vv. 1, 3)**

**Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins  
And close by you to stay.**

**And thro' these days of penitence,  
And thro' your Passiontide,  
Forevermore, in life and death,  
O Christ, with us abide.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:12-15

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**SERMON**

"Discernment in the Desert"

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #425 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (vv. 1-2)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees);  
Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).**

**Refrain:**

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees);  
Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees). (Refrain)**

**Invitation to Commune  
Communion Sentences**

Rosemarie Kelling

**One:** Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, and we will spend forty days in this season of Lent.

**All:** **As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we reflect upon the meaning and cost of following Christ.**

**Prayer of Consecration & Eating Communion**

# HYMN OF DEDICATION #434 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (vv. 1 & 3)

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain:**

**Till we meet (till we meet) till we meet (till we meet)  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet (till we meet)  
Till we meet (till we meet) till we meet (till we meet)  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dawn

## **POSTLUDE**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"; arr. David Lowe

Patty Bellus

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