Glen Echo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) February 11, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world changes around us,

All: God will not leave us.

One: When we long to speak but find no words,

All: God will not leave us.

One: As we live and as God lives,

All: We worship the One who will not leave us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #182 "Transform Us" vv.1-2

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones. We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done, Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

***INVOCATION**

*GLORY TO GOD #34 Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Pam

PRAYER HYMN #16 "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious measure Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; Hither by thy help I've come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

Lilv

Aaron Brunner

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)SPECIAL MUSIC"Trading My Sorrows"CHILDREN'S MOMENTMark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Aaron Brunner

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:

SERMON

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

One: The mighty one speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: God calls to the heavens and to the earth, "Gather to me my faithful ones."

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music "Mazurka" in G Minor Faber

*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION #167 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" vv. 1-2

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth, Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth: (Refrain)

Rosemarie

POSTLUDE BENEDICTION

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Judith Aaron Brunner

*Please stand, if you can.

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2023.

News in the Pews

Who to Contact: For general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Terri. For pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie. If you would like to speak with the pastor, please contact Aaron.

Ash Wednesday Service: We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 pm.

Shampoo for the Outreach Committee: Outreach is now collecting shampoo for the kids at juvenile detention. If the shampoo contains conditioner, that's fine, but it does need to be shampoo too. They are also looking for ChapStick – 33 of each item is needed.

Pants for Kids: The children at Oak Park Elementary are in need of pants.

Good Fellowship Dinner: We'll have our yearly Valentine's Day Dinner on Friday the 16th at 5:30 pm at Felix & Oscar's. Please car pool if you can. Invite a friend! All are welcome! There's a sign-up sheet in the hallway so that we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.

Donations for Joppa: Joppa is an organization that works with the homeless. They help them find shelter or provide them with the necessities of life. They are requesting blankets, winter boots and winter gloves and mittens. (new or slightly used - for adults) If you have any of these items, please bring them to church and stack them on one of the back pews. Mary Ann will deliver them to their store on Euclid. Their store is right across the street from the driver's license station.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 11–17, 2024

| Sunday | Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge | 10:15 AM After church |
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| Wednesday | Ash Wednesday Service | 7:00 PM |

Today's Serving Schedule

| Accompanist: | Judith Henry |
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| Deacon: | Justin |
| Elder: | Rosemarie |
| Interim Minister: | Aaron Brunner |
| Videographer: | Teresa |
| Worship Leader: | Pam |

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