

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
February 12, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, walk in the way that leads to life.

All: Let reconciliation in Christ be our goal and our guide.

One: Come, walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

All: We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #56 "For the Beauty of the Earth" vv. 1-3**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

FIRST READING

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

PRAYER HYMN #589 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” vv. 1-3

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.**

**In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.**

**In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.**

**In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and

behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

SERMON

“Growth in God”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION #284 “Gather Us In” vv. 1, 3

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Here we receive new life in the waters,
Here we receive the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

Invitation to Commune

Julie

Communion Sentences

One: One person plants, one person waters, and God gives the growth.
All: **As we receive this communion, we feed and water seeds of faith that are planted in us.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music “Be Still, My Soul”

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#611 “Rise Up, O Saints of God” vv. 1,4

**Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.**

**Lift high the cross of Christ;
Tread where Christ's feet have trod;
Come sisters, brothers in the faith,
Rise up, O saints of God.**

(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dawn

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.

Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1; Advent through Pentecost. Bracken Long, Kimberly, Editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013

News in the Pews

Valentine's Dinner: We will gather at Felix and Oscar's (4050 Merle Hay Road; Des Moines, IA 50310), Friday, February 17th, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to come to the Valentine's Dinner, regardless of relationship status. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This event will serve as February's Good Fellowship Supper.

Ash Wednesday Service: There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at Glen Echo at 7:00 PM, February 22nd. This abbreviated service will include music, prayer, and the distribution of ashes.

DMARC Food Pantry: Outreach would like to focus on collecting items for the DMARC Food Pantry for the next several months. They need meat (canned or packaged). This would include Spam, tuna, salmon, chicken, and any canned item that includes meat (such as chili, spaghetti with meat balls, beef & vegetable soup, etc.). Because of the turmoil going on with the food pantries, the churches need to step up and help provide food for our neighbors. Thanks for everyone's help.

Week of Compassion: The Week of Compassion Offering will be received February 19th and 26th. This offering provides emergency assistance to ministry partners in the United States and around the world. It also provides seed money for individuals so that they can develop cottage industries to improve the lives of their families.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 12 – 18, 2023

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
Thursday	Prayer	2:00 PM
Friday	Good Fellowship @ Felix & Oscar's	6:00 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Jean
Elder:	Julie
Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
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