

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
February 13, 2022**

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Julie

Opening Music (Sing Along) **"I Love You, Lord"**

Patty Bellus

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. (Repeat)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

All: Hungry or tired, come to be restored.

One: Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

All: Bring your tired, your poor.

One: Share your hopes, your dreams.

All: Embrace your doubts, your fears.

One: Come as you are.

All: All are welcome here.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive our fear and doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

PRAYER HYMN “In This Very Room”

**In this very room, there’s quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room, there’s quite enough joy for one like me;
And there’s quite enough hope, and quite enough pow’r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.**

**In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us;
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-16 (Common English Bible)

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.

SERMON

"God's Lovefest"

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION "I Love to Tell the Story"

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**(Refrain) I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.
(Refrain)**

**Invitation to Commune
Communion Sentences**

Julie

One: God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God, and God remains in them.

**All: When we come to this table, we affirm God's love for us,
our love for God, and our love for each other.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION**

"Jesus Loves Me!" v.1

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

(Refrain)

**Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response "Jesus Loves Me!" v.3**

**Jesus loves me! still today, walking with me on the way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.**

(Refrain)

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so.*

(Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.)

NEWS IN THE PEWS

***Valentine's Celebration:** We are celebrating God's love for us today! Look for some nice surprises during worship!

***Lent:** With the approval of the Worship Committee, we will use Revised Common Lectionary materials from the Worship Design Studio for Lent. These materials are based upon Duke Professor Kate Bowler's book, *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith*.

There will be opportunities for in-person and online midweek book studies during Lent. The cost of each book is \$15.00. The online meeting will occur on Wednesday nights (instead of Encouraging Echoes). The (masked) in-person study will be a daytime gathering on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for folks to indicate their preferences of when they would like to meet.

If you would like to attend an in-person study and transportation is an issue, please contact Pastor Dawn and arrangements will be made.

***Ash Wednesday:** We will have an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM on March 2nd. Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for Lent.

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

- 1) *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1; Advent through Pentecost*. Bracken Long, Kimberly, Editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012;
- 2) *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year*. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2021.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 13-19, 2022

Today	Worship	10:15 AM
Wednesday	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer RVD & GECC Core Group meeting	2:00 PM 7:00 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Patty Bellus
Deacon:	TBA
Elder:	Julie
Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	Julie

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