

Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
February 4, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE “Gather Us In”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.

One: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

All: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

One: They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

All: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #588 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” vv.1-2**

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

PRAYER HYMN

#6 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" vv.1-2

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
And every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!**

**Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band; to God all praise and glory!**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Aaron Brunner

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in

bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

"Ministry of the Gospel"

Aaron Brunner

HYMN OF PREPARATION #566 "Be Still, My Soul" v.1-2

**Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.**

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know
The voice that calmed them in this world below.**

Invitation to Commune

Pam

Communion Sentences

One: God showers the earth with rain, and offers blessings to those who walk in the paths of righteousness.

All: Sing praises to the Lord, and rest secure in God's blessings.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

Excerpt from "Pavane"

Ravel

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#494 "They'll Know We are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

(Refrain)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

(Refrain)

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE

"I'll Fly Away"

BENEDICTION

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.

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 p.m. 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 4-10, 2024

Sunday

Worship
Coffee Fellowship in Lounge
Deacon Callers

10:15 AM
After church
After church

Today's Serving Schedule

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

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