

**Glen Echo Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**February 5, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Brian

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE**      “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”      arr. John Innes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God’s precepts.

**All: They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.**

One: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**All: They shine their light before others for all the world to see.**

One: They will never be moved.

**All: Let this be our worship.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #517**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vv. 1,3,4**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,**

**Joy of heaven, to earth come down,**

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;**

**Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,**

**Serve thee as thy hosts above,**

**Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORY TO GOD #34**

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

**FIRST READING**                      Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

**PRAYER HYMN #259 “Spirit of the Living God”**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      “Pure Love”                      Written by Judith

**SECOND READING**                      Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**SERMON**

“Saltiness”

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #518**

**“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” vv. 1,3,4**

**This is a day of new beginnings,  
Time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing,  
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
Step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**In faith we gather round the table  
To taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
Our God is making all things new.**

**Invitation to Commune  
Communion Sentences**

Carol

One: Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

**All: As we receive these gifts from Christ's table, may God's presence be renewed within us.**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

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

## **Communion Music**

Ken Medema

“Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

## **\*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION #561**

**“It Is Well with My Soul” vv. 1,4**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

### **Refrain:**

**It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

*(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)*

## **POSTLUDE**

“Amen”

arr. Jack Schrader

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**Special Board Meeting:** There will be a special board meeting on Tuesday at 7:00pm to discuss the direction of the church. If you are a member of the board and cannot make that time, please contact Rosemarie.

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**FEBRUARY 5 – 11, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
<b>Tuesday</b>	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Prayer	2:00 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Mary
<b>Elder:</b>	Carol
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
<b>Videographer:</b>	David
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Brian

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