

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
January 28, 2024**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

All: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.

One: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

All: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#545 “He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought” vv.1-2

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,

Nor ever murmur nor repine;

Content, whatever lot I see,

Since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI #35**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

PRAYER HYMN #517 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vv.1-2

**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.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

Dennis and Judith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Aaron Brunner

SECOND READING

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

“Fighting Our Demons”

Aaron Brunner

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#324 “Your Words to Me Are Life and Health” v.1-2

**Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul;
Enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal!**

**Your words to me are light and truth; from day to day they show
Their wisdom, passing earthly lore, as in their truth I grow.**

Invitation to Commune

Julie

Communion Sentences

One: Let all who draw breath shout for joy.

All: Let them sing praises to the living God.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus),
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

**POSTLUDE
BENEDICTION**

Excerpt From “Sonata in C”

Beethoven
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.

Valentine's Day 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
JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Sunday

Worship
Coffee Fellowship in Lounge

10:15 AM
After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	John
Elder:	Julie
Interim Minister:	Aaron Brunner
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Worship Leader:	Julie

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