

# Glen Echo Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

January 8, 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**

Traditional French Carol/arr. Mark Hayes  
“Masters In This Hall”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

One: Arise, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: All are welcomed to the brightness of God’s dawn.**

One: With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**All: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #172 “We Three Kings” vv. 1-5**

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**Refrain (after 1 & 5 only):**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold him arise, Christ and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (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**                      Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### **PRAYER HYMN #556 "Trust and Obey" vv. 1-2**

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.**

#### **Refrain:**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.  
Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he will richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)**

# **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Huron Carol/arr Judith

“Twas In the Moon Of Wintertime”

## **SECOND READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **SERMON**

“Awe in All”

Pastor Dawn

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**#384 “Here, at Thy Table, Lord” vv.1-2**

**Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,  
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;  
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin.  
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.**

**Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;  
Fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;  
That we may find in thee pardon and peace;  
And from all bondage win a full release.**

**Invitation to Commune  
Communion Sentences**

Deb

**One:** God is our guide, helping all who seek divine direction.

**All:** Let us follow the magi’s example, who looked for the  
Holy One and were led to Christ.

**Prayer of Consecration**

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

**Communion Music**

“Calm As the Night”

Carl Bohm

**\*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**#452 “Here I Am, Lord” vv. 1-3**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**(Refrain)**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)**

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

**POSTLUDE**

English Carol/arr Mark Hayes and Judith  
"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In"

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dawn

# *News in the Pews*

**Glen Echo 2023 Calendars and “The Christian Echo”:** Copies of these items can be found on the narrow table in the entryway.

**January 8<sup>th</sup> Elders’ Meeting:** The Elders will meet after church today.

**January 10<sup>th</sup> Planning & Board Meeting:** This Tuesday night, January 10, 2023, committees will meet at 7:00 and the Board will meet at 7:30. (Committee Chairs, please email your reports to the office.)

**De-decorating Party:** All are invited to help take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday morning, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We’ll gather at the church at 10:00 AM, and refreshments will be served. (If you are unable to help on Saturday, you are welcome to come to the church earlier in the week to de-decorate.)

**January 27<sup>th</sup> Good Fellowship Supper:** Save the date! The next Good Fellowship Supper will be Friday night, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at Pizza Ranch (4954 86th Street; Urbandale, IA 50322). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to come.

*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

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 8-14, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge Elders' Meeting	10:15 AM After church After church
<b>Tuesday</b>	Committees & Board Meeting	7:00/7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Prayer	2:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	De-Decorating Party	10:00 AM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Rosemarie
<b>Elder:</b>	Deb
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
<b>Videographer:</b>	David
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Julie

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