

Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
March 20, 2022

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

OPENING MUSIC (sing along) “Good Enough”

Patty Bellus

Often, we feel we can never really measure up, we’re not enough.

We can’t be ev’rything ev’ryone expects of us,

We think we’ve failed.

Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,

God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We might feel we are climbing an “endless staircase” of achievement,

All: For success in caregiving, work, or social pressure.

One: Let us take the time to stop climbing ladders and staircases,

All: To tend our souls slowly and lovingly, and embrace our holy, “good enough,” lives.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #61 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

(Refrain)

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: in love God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.**

(Refrain)

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.**

(Refrain)

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone.**

(Refrain)

***INVOCATION**

***“GLORIA PATRI”**

**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. Amen.**

TENDING THE GARDEN (Interactive Moment)

Pastor Dawn

PRAYER HYMN #352 “Spirit Song”

**O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

(Refrain)

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. (Refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

SERMON

“A Different Kind of Medicine”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION #339

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (vv. 1, 2)

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Invitation to Commune

Kathleen

Communion Sentences

Elder: God loves us regardless of how much we obtain or achieve.

All: **The gifts of this table are evidence of God’s limitless love.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION #339**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (v. 3)

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response #339**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (v. 4)

**Just as I am, thy love unknown,
Hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

POSTLUDE

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

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

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.
- 3) Bowler, Kate and Richie, Jessica. *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection.* New York: Convergent Books/Penguin Random House, 2022.
- 4) McFee, Marcia. “Good Enough.” *Worship Design Studio*;
www.worship-design-studio.mn.co/courses/6445708/about.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

COVID-19 Protocol Updates: After the CDC's recent updates regarding COVID-19 protocols, Glen Echo's Board is making the following changes to the safety protocols at the church:

1. Masks are recommended, though optional, inside the church.
2. Folks are once again welcome to mingle and greet other worshipers between the "Announcements" and the "Opening Music." Please be respectful of those who prefer to maintain social distances and remain in their pews.

Coffee Fellowship: After the service, all are welcome to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Salvation Army Casseroles: After today's service, Glen Echo and River Valley Disciples will make casseroles for the Salvation Army in the Fellowship Hall.

Loads of Love: "Loads of Love" is a ministry where churches visit laundromats and offer quarters to patrons to cover the costs of washing clothes. Glen Echo folks have been invited to join River Valley Disciples in this ministry. We are collecting quarters for the next washday that will occur at the start of April. Please add your .25 to the jar in the entryway.

Easter Music: Choir members and friends, please speak with Patty if you are interested in presenting a choral piece on Easter.

Worship Leaders: Worship Leaders are needed for April 3 & April 24.

Jill: Jill grew up at Glen Echo, and she recently lost her home and possessions in a house fire. If you would like to help Jill financially, please make out a check to Glen Echo, and indicate on the memo line that the money is for her.

Prayer Vigil: The Good Friday Prayer Vigil is April 15th, from 6 AM – midnight. Please sign up to pray for a one hour shift. Folks are welcome to pray at Glen Echo or at home.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
MARCH 20-26, 2022

Today	Worship Coffee Fellowship Salvation Army Casseroles	10:15 AM After church After church
Tuesday	Maundy Thursday planning w/ RVD	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Good Enough Book Study (GECC) Good Enough Book Study (Online)	10:00 AM 7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM
Friday	Deacon Callers	10:00 AM
Next Sunday	Elders' Meeting	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

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

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