

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**May 14, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE** “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From the north and south, from the east and west,

**All: All are welcome here.**

One: With hands raised high or hearts quietly pondering,

**All: We come to worship God.**

One: Bringing our love, opening our minds,

**All: We draw near to each other, and near to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**#18 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” vv. 1-3**

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
Delight in God whose praise you tell,  
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**Know that there is one God, indeed,  
Who fashions us without our aid,  
Who claims us, gives us all we need,  
Whose tender care will never fade.**

**Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
With joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always,  
As people whom the Spirit calls.**

**\*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**

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**PRAYER HYMN #261 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      "Joy"                      Bach, arr. George Winston

**SECOND READING**                      John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**SERMON**                      "The Color of Love"                      Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #32 "Sing Hallelujah"**

**Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.  
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

**Invitation to Commune**

Kathleen

**Communion Sentences**

**One:** God is the creator of all, not just those who claim to be the people of God. God calls and welcomes all of humanity into community.

**All:** **We, who claim our love for Christ, are invited to extend extravagant welcome in both word and action to all of God's children everywhere.**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

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

## **Communion Music**

“We Are Called”

David Haas

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

**#457 “Colorful Creator” vv. 1,2,4**

**Colorful Creator, God of mystery,  
Thank you for the artist teaching us to see  
Glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,  
Visions of the holy in each human face.**

**Harmony of ages, God of list'ning ear,  
Thank you for composer tuning us to hear  
Echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,  
Sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.**

**God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,  
May we be creators by the Spirit stirred,  
Open to your presence in our joy and strife,  
Vessels of the holy coursing through our life.**

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

**POSTLUDE** “Let All Things Now Living”

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce

*\*Please stand, if you can.*

*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.*

# *News in the Pews*

**Upcoming Schedule:** The following Pulpit Supply ministers will lead worship services on the following days:

May 14: The Reverend Dr. L. Louise Bruce

May 28, June 11, June 18: The Reverend Dr. Tim Diebel

June 4: The Reverend McKinna Daugherty

**Who to Contact:** If you have general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Kathleen. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie.

**Music Recital:** Judith and her students will be having a music recital tonight at 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy their hard work and talent!

**Good Fellowship:** The Good Fellowship dinner in May will be on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be meeting at the Drake Diner at 6:00 PM.

**Upcoming Vacation:** Josh, our Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation this Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have items to be put in the bulletin, it will be printed early this week.

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

MAY 14 – 20, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
<b>Wednesday</b>	Office closed until Monday	

### Today's Serving Schedule

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Mary
<b>Elder:</b>	Kathleen
<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce
<b>Videographer:</b>	Teresa
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Julie

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