

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

May 7, 2023

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE “I Will Enter His Gates/This Is the Day” arr. Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Once we were not a people.

All: Now we are God’s people.

One: Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

All: Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #72 “To God Be the Glory” v. 1**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

***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

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

PRAYER HYMN #72 “To God Be the Glory” v. 2

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SERMON

"Believe in Him"

Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce

HYMN OF PREPARATION #422

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" vv. 1-2

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**(Refrain) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)**

Invitation to Commune

Rosemarie

Communion Sentences

One: Jesus' great love for us is demonstrated through the gifts on this table. Our Savior humbled himself and walked the path of obedience – all the way to death on the cross.

All: We receive Jesus' gifts with humility and gratitude, and we acknowledge the costliness of his sacrifice.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music "Sing Alleluia To the Lord"

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#72 "To God Be the Glory" v. 3

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in D Minor /Allegretto"

Mozart

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None this week

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

May 7, 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 on May 14th (Mother's Day) 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 26th. We'll be meeting at the Drake Diner at 6:00 PM.

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

Directory Update: Lawrence & Jeanine have moved to Ramsey Village.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
MAY 7 – 13, 2023

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge Deacon Callers in Sanctuary	10:15 AM After church After church
Tuesday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Dennis
Elder:	Rosemarie
Minister:	Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce
Videographer:	Teresa
Worship Leader:	Rosemarie

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