

**Glen Echo Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**November 12, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Kathleen

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” arr. Larry Shackley

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come today to worship God.

**All: We come with thanks and praise.**

One: Let us humble ourselves before God’s holy presence.

**All: May God teach us the ways of life as we pray.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #699 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” vv. 1-2**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!**

**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;**

**The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!**

**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**\*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.**

**FIRST READING**

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left

until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **PRAYER HYMN #113 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

#### **Refrain:**

**Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on the knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
(Refrain)**

**Jesus loves me! still today, walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.  
(Refrain)**

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

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Lily

"I'll Be Your Candle On the Water"

#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Aaron Brunner

#### **SECOND READING**

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to

the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**SERMON**

**"Are We Ready For the Lord?"**

**Aaron Brunner**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**#321 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" vv. 1-2**

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,  
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

**Invitation to Commune**

**Kathleen**

**Communion Sentences**

**One: Have you made your choice? Are you prepared for the journey?**

**All: We will walk with God. We will choose hope over  
despair.**

**Prayer of Consecration**

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

**Communion Music**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**arr. Jim Brickman**

**Remembrance**

**Kathleen**

**\*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**#609 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” vv. 1-3**

**Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing;  
Unto God my praise I bring.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.**

*(Please be seated for the Postlude.)*

**POSTLUDE  
BENEDICTION**

**“The Star-Spangled Banner”**

**Lily  
Aaron Brunner**

*\*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*

**Who to Contact:** For general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Kathleen. For pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie. If you would like to speak with the pastor, please contact Aaron. You can also call the church (515-274-9124).

**Thanksgiving Meal:** Glen Echo will be hosting a meal at 5:00 pm on Thanksgiving for those that don't have a place to go. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway, and mark if you are bringing a dish for the table.

**A Note From the Outreach Committee:** Outreach wants to start collecting personal care items for the kids at juvenile detention. We will give the gift bags to them on New Year's Eve. We're now looking for toothpaste. Jumbo containers won't fit in the kid's lockers, but regular and travel-sized tubes are welcome. We're also looking for toothbrushes and activity books, such as word search and sudoku books.

**In Need of Pants:** The kids at Julie's grade school need pants for the coming year. All kinds - girls and boys, sizes 4 to 5 or 5 to 6. Sweat pants, leggings and underpants. Accidents happen!

**Pledge Sunday:** On Sunday, November 12th and 19th, we all have the opportunity to let God know how grateful we are for the gifts we are able to give to the church. Please complete and submit your pledge form on one of the Pledge Sundays. Please consider increasing your pledge this year as our costs continue to rise. There are extra forms at the registration table if you forgot yours.

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 12-18, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge Deacon Callers	10:15 AM After church After church
<b>Tuesday</b>	Committee Meetings Board Meeting	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Dorothy
<b>Elder:</b>	Kathleen
<b>Interim Minister:</b>	Aaron Brunner
<b>Videographer:</b>	Teresa
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Kathleen

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