

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
November 19, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Joseph Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise God, the giver of life.

All: Praise God, who blesses our world.

One: Praise God, who heals our wounds.

All: Praise God, who cares for our needs.

One: Praise God, the giver and maker of all.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #517 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

***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 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

PRAYER HYMN #558 "Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Bring Our Thanks" Williams and Schram

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Aaron Brunner

SECOND READING Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have

received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON "What Do We Do with Our Salvation?" Aaron Brunner

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#422 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

**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)**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)**

Invitation to Commune

Pam

Communion Sentences

One: Overflow with beauty and joy like the pastures and hills of a verdant spring.

All: Shout and sing praise like the meadows and valleys of an abundant harvest.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

Isaac Watts/arr. Joseph Martin

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#530 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.**

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE

Henry Smith/Pachelbel, arr. Keveren

“Give Thanks/ Canon in D”

BENEDICTION

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.

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.

Shampoo for the Outreach Committee: Outreach is now collecting shampoo for the kids at juvenile detention. If the shampoo contains conditioner, that's fine, but it does need to be shampoo too. They are also looking for ChapStick – 33 of each item is needed.

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: Today, 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 if you haven't yet. 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 19-25, 2023

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
Thursday	Thanksgiving - Office closed	
Friday	Office Closed	

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Julie
Elder:	Pam
Interim Minister:	Aaron Brunner
Videographer:	Teresa
Worship Leader:	Rosemarie

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