

Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
November 5, 2023

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE

“Thy Word”

Amy Grant / Julie

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Called to service in Christ’s name, let us worship together and listen to God’s word.

All: We gather to worship God and bring comfort to those who hunger and thirst.

One: Step confidently into the river of faith.

All: We gather to help one another cross the River Jordan.

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God.

All: We come to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #85 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bid the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,**

**And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

***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

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

PRAYER HYMN #545 "He Leadeth Me" vv. 1-2

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC "El Shaddai" Amy Grant / Julie

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Aaron Brunner

SECOND READING Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

SERMON "Do We Practice What We Preach?" Aaron Brunner

HYMN OF PREPARATION #425 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
(Refrain)**

**Invitation to Commune
Communion Sentences**

Rosemarie

One: The greatest must be the servants of all.

**All: So it is in God's upside down world—a world where
the first shall be last and the last shall be first.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#537 "My Hope is Built" vv. 1-2

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)**

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

**POSTLUDE
BENEDICTION**

Excerpt from "Turkish March"

Mozart
Aaron Brunner

**Please stand, if you can.*

News in the Pews

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. If you'd like to talk to the minister, please call Aaron.

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!

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.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge Deacon Callers	10:15 AM After church After church
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

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

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