

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
October 11, 2020**

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Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Wave to Your Neighbors & Flash Your Headlights in Greeting
Introit

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

All: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

One: What joy we have in God's presence!

All: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

One: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Day" (sing two times)

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

INVOCATION

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PRAYER HYMN**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)**SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON

“Gentleness and Peace”

Rev. Dawn Ingram

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Near to the Heart of God”

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.**

Invitation to Commune

Communion Sentences

One: When we come to the table, we can rest and focus on the One who brings gentleness and peace.

All: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Prayer of Consecration

(Please eat and drink the communion food that you brought from home.)

HYMN OF DEDICATION “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Honk if you love Jesus!

POSTLUDE

(Please look for the large plastic tubs in which to place your offering.)

(Portions of today’s worship service were adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*; Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor; and *Ministry Matters*: <https://www.ministrymatters.com>)



Our very own Erin rides over the High Trestle Trail Bridge as she participates in the 52nd Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. Go, Erin!

NEWS IN THE PEWS

*It's not too late to contribute to the 52nd Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. Please write a check to the church and note "Hunger Hike" on the memo line.

*Sunday, October 18th, and Sunday, October 25th, are Stewardship Sundays. We will have opportunities to pledge to support the 2021 ministries of our faithful God through Glen Echo Christian Church. Please complete the pledge card that you received in the mail or *The Christian Echo* and place it in an offering tub during one of the Stewardship Sundays. You are also welcome to mail the completed pledge card to the church or to Diane by the end of the month.

*From Joan: "Outreach is unable to party with the kids at Meyer Hall on New Year's Eve, but we want to give each person a gift bag of personal care items. We need to make 33 bags and we still need more items. We collected quite a few items at Drive-In Church during the month of August, but we still need more. Items needed are lip balm, boy's deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. All brushes need to be individually wrapped. The boxes for collection will be out as you exit the parking lot – just like last time. Thanks to everyone for your support."

*We continue to monitor the rates of new coronavirus infections in Iowa and Polk County. Because the numbers continue to rise, we will have Drive-In Church through the end of October. Beginning November 1st, worship services will be offered online through Glen Echo's YouTube channel and delivered to parishioners' homes on DVDs. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive DVDs each week.

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