

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
October 3, 2021**

Prelude	Patty Bellus
Welcome and Announcements	Jean
Opening Music	Patty Bellus

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

**All: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**All: In this community and throughout every land.**

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

**All: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**All: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Let the Whole Creation Cry"**

**Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!**

**"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!**

**Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!**

**Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!**

**Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!**

**Raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!**

**Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!**

**Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

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

**PRAYER HYMN "Kum Ba Yah"**

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)****SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 3:26-29

...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**SERMON****"World Communion Sunday"**

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PREPARATION "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion  
find;**

**His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**Invitation to Commune  
Communion Sentences**

Carol

One: Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity.

**All: Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at his table.**

**Prayer of Consecration**

(Please partake of the bread of life and the cup of salvation.)

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION**

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they’ll know we are Christian by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*Benediction Response “Halle-Halle-Halleluja” (twice)**

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.  
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.**

**POSTLUDE**

(Please look for a large plastic tub in which to place your offering.)

*\*Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so.*

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

**Reconciliation Offering:** This offering is being received at Glen Echo today, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Half of the funds that are collected remain in our Region.

**World Communion Sunday:** Today is World Communion Sunday! We are glad that you are with us as we participate with believers around the world and celebrate our commonality in Christ!

**Des Moines Area Hunger Hike:** Next Sunday is the 52nd Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. The traditional downtown riverwalk will start at 1:30 PM next to the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. If you would like to be involved in the walk, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you would like to financially support the walk, please give your checks to the Outreach Team who are collecting them today.

**Abby Hooper's Birthday Party:** We will celebrate Abby 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a chair and a picnic lunch. Cake and ice cream will be provided for dessert.

**Pledge Sundays:** October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have opportunities to pledge our support for God's work through Glen Echo in 2022. Please contact the church office if you did not receive a pledge card.

**2022 Budget:** Committee Chairs, please submit your 2022 budget requests to Terri by the end of October.

**Worship Leaders Needed:** Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can be a worship leader in October, November, or December.

**COVID Protocol Update:** The Board decided at the September 14th meeting to require everyone to wear masks during worship because of the increase of COVID-19 infections in Polk County (10%).

*Portions of the worship service were adapted from:*

1) Sweet, Leonard. “World Communion Sunday: Pastor’s Prayer.” *Preach the Story*. [www://preachthestory.com](http://www.preachthestory.com)

2) Gobledale, Ana and Tod. “Liturgy: Call to Worship.” *Global Ministries, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ*. [www.globalministries.org/resource/celebrate-2021-world-communion-sunday-resources](http://www.globalministries.org/resource/celebrate-2021-world-communion-sunday-resources)

3) Huegel, Elena. “Liturgy: A Blessing from Cuba.” *Global Ministries, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ*. [www.globalministries.org/a\\_blessing\\_from\\_cuba/](http://www.globalministries.org/a_blessing_from_cuba/)

4) “Invitation to the Table: World Communion Sunday.” *2010 World Communion Day – Worship Resource – PCUSA*. [www.claudiocarvalhaes.com](http://www.claudiocarvalhaes.com)

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 3-9, 2021**

<b>Today</b>	World Communion Sunday Edencrest	10:15 AM 3:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Patty Bellus
<b>Deacon:</b>	Agatha, Denny
<b>Elder:</b>	Carol
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
<b>Videographer:</b>	David
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Jean

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