

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
September 20, 2020**

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

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Rev. Dawn Ingram

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**We praise God's name forever and ever!**

**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!**

**All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!**

**Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!**

**Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!**

**Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!**

**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.**

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

**PRAYER HYMN****"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**SERMON**

“Misplaced Anger”

Rev. Dawn Ingram

**HYMN OF PREPARATION “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread,  
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Invitation to Commune

**Communion Sentences**

One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

**All: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people!**

**Prayer of Consecration**

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

## **HYMN OF DEDICATION “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere  
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## **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.)

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

\*Committee Chairs, please email your 2021 Budget requests to Terri Lockard by October 4<sup>th</sup>, which is the first Sunday in October.

\*Today we are celebrating the spirit of the Beavertdale Parade! Some folks have come to church in cars decorated with the theme, "Hope Floats." If you would like to drive around the block afterward, please form a line facing the Beaver Avenue entrance to the parking lot approximately 10 minutes after the worship service ends. This will provide an opportunity for folks who do not wish to participate in the parade to leave the parking lot safely.

\*The Region's All Congregational Gathering, which occurs every fall, will be held online this year. We will have opportunities to worship together and meet our new Regional Minister. Please register for the Gathering through this link:  
<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/2020-all-congregational-gathering>

\*The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike is somewhat different. Walk, bike, or hike sometime during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and if you'd like, join a Facebook Live event on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 1:30 PM. If you would like to contribute to the Hunger Hike through Glen Echo, please make out your check to the church, and write "Hunger Hike" on the memo line.

\*Talk 10-10 has been rescheduled this month. We will gather outside on Friday morning, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM.

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