

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
October 24, 2021**

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome and Announcements

Rosemarie

Opening Music

Patty Bellus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We're here to bless God with every breath we take.

All: Open your eyes and see the goodness of God.

One: Blessed are all who reach out to the Lord.

All: We reach out to the Lord with songs of praise!

***HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.**

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive our fear and doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus;

Stars of morning, take your part;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.

Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Dawn

PRAYER HYMN

“In This Very Room”

**In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me;
And there's quite enough hope,
And quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us;
And there's quite enough hope,
And quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

SERMON

"Expressing Thanks to God"

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver”

**Lord, you love the cheerful giver,
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living, we may consecrate to thee.**

**Savior, thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy,
Earthly store and bread of heaven,
Love and peace without alloy;
Humbly now we bow before thee, and our all to thee resign;
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory are, O Lord, forever thine.**

**Invitation to Commune
Communion Sentences**

Rosemarie

One: Christ gave his life so that abundant life would be available to all.

**All: We come to Christ's table with repentance and
appreciation for his great gifts.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION**

“We Are Walking” v. 1

**We are walking in the light of God;
We are walking in the light of God.
We are walking in the light of God;
We are walking in the light of God.**

Refrain:

**We are walking, walking, we are walking, oooo,
We are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, walking, we are walking, oooo,
We are walking in the light of God.**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response “We Are Walking” v. 2**

**We are singing in the light of God;
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God;
We are singing in the light of God.**

Refrain:

**We are singing, singing, we are singing, oooo,
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, oooo,
We are singing in the light of God.**

POSTLUDE

(Please place your pledge cards and offerings in the basket on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.)

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

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

- 1) *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2; Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ.* Bracken Long, Kimberly, Editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015;
- 2) *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year.* Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

October 26 – Karen

30 – Dorothy

Pledge Sundays: Today and next week, we will have opportunities to pledge our support for God's work through Glen Echo in 2022. Please put your pledge cards and offerings in the wicker basket in the center aisle before or after the service. (Extra cards are on the Deacon's table.)

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

Food Pantry "Tree": During the month of November, we will collect items for the Food Pantry. Food donations can be placed on the round circular stand next to the pulpit.

Thanksgiving Day: We are exploring the possibility of holding a small Thanksgiving Pot-Luck at Glen Echo for church members who would otherwise spend the holiday by themselves. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would be interested in attending a gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving Day. We need at least five people to sign up if this event is going to be held. Social-distancing protocols would be observed.

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 (9%).

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 24-30, 2021**

Today	Worship	10:15 AM
Monday	Marge's Funeral at Westover	11:00 AM
Wednesday	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM
Next Sunday	Elders' Meeting	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Patty Bellus
Deacon:	Kathy
Elder:	Rosemarie
Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	Rosemarie

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