

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
October 31, 2021**

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome and Announcements

Kathleen

Opening Music

Patty Bellus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise the God of love.

All: We rejoice in this abundant love.

One: Praise the God of hope.

All: We sing praises for this life-giving hope.

One: Praise the God of new beginnings.

All: We give thanks for this chance at new life.

***HYMN OF PRAISE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Dawn

PRAYER HYMN

“Spirit Song”

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**O let him have the things that hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**(Refrain) Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
Give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:1-10

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

SERMON

“First Fruits”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Take My Life”

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

Invitation to Commune Communion Sentences

Carol

One: God, the greatest giver, gave us eternal life through Christ Jesus.

All: **As we receive these gifts, we commit ourselves to
remember God’s teachings. We will honor the Holy One
with our hearts and our first fruits.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION “He Is Lord”**

**He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response “He Is Lord”**

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He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
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That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

POSTLUDE

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

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

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.

**Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 7th, at 2 AM.
Please set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on
Saturday night and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!**

NEWS IN THE PEWS

Pledge Sundays: Today, we have an opportunity 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.)

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.

Coats: Patty Bellus is giving away the coats that are hanging on the coat rack in the entryway. Please take enough for yourself and anyone else who may be in need.

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 Protocols: Please wear masks when you are in the building.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Today	Worship Elders' Meeting	10:15 AM After church
Wednesday	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM
Next Sunday	Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Service Edencrest	2:00 AM 10:15 AM 3:00 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Patty Bellus
Deacon:	Julie
Elder:	Carol
Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	Kathleen

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