

***GLADE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST***

August 28, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Members, Friends, and Visitors!

“To experience and share the love of Jesus Christ”



Glade

United Church of Christ

WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD
Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal
August 28, 2022

Glade Matters

Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family

Prelude “*Agnus Dei*”

Georges Bizet
(Tim Kueberth, Baritone)

*Opening Hymn “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*”

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Call to Worship from Psalm 112

L: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord and who delight in the commandments of the Lord.

P: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

L: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P: It is well with those who deal generously and who conduct their affairs with justice.

L: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

P: Their righteousness endures forever, and they are honored.

Opening Prayer

Praise the Lord!

We come to this time of worship to praise your holy name, merciful God, and to delight in your teachings. May you search our hearts and find us righteous. May we be a light to others, showing mercy and justice according to your will for us. Amen.

Scripture: Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Special Music “*Peace In The Valley*”

Thomas A. Dorsey
Tim Kueberth, Baritone

Message “*As Though*”

Rev. Amy Dows

*Hymn “*We Would Be Building*”

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Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer

The Prayer Jesus taught Us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

Invitation to the Offering

In response to all that God has given us, let us give generously to the work of the church as though we believed that God's realm could be created here and now.

Offertory "*Amazing Grace*"

Gilbert Martin

A time of meditation and reflection on the many gifts we have received from God and the gifts of our time, talents, and resources that we offer in return. Your offering can be placed in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

*Doxology

The Liturgy of Farewell

Litany of Farewell

L: The church is dynamic and always changing. Children are born and grow up, people get married, and loved ones come to the end of their lives. New people come into the community and church, and others move away or leave. As a family, we have gathered in times of worship, in study, and in fellowship.

P: But God's presence and love are certain and never waver.

L: For everything there is a season, and a time for all kinds of matters: a time to weep and a time to dance; a time to mourn and a time to laugh; and a time for pastors and congregations to forge relationships and a time for them to move in new directions.

P: As we face such a time, we know that God's presence and love are certain and never waver.

Recognition of Time Shared

Steve Matthias: It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage of endings and beginnings. Today we share a time of farewell with Pastor Amy.

Rev. Dows: I am grateful for the time we have spent together and for the work we have done. For the ways in which I have fallen short of expectations, I ask forgiveness. And, for the ways God has used me to make life more gentle and kind, I give thanks. It has been a privilege to have served as your pastor for this season.

Congregation: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and ask for your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. We, likewise, pray that we have been a blessing to you. Together, we have learned and been stretched, and though you leave us, our mission and ministry will continue.

Vows of Release

Steve Matthias: Do you, the members and friends of Glade United Church of Christ, release Pastor Amy from the duties of being your settled minister?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Steve Matthias: Do you offer your encouragement for her future service to God?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Steve Matthias: Do you, Reverend Dows, release this local church from turning to you for pastoral care?

Rev. Dows: I do, with the help of God.

Steve Matthias: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the congregation's new relationship with others who are yet to come and serve alongside this church?

Rev. Dows: I do, with the help of God.

Steve Matthias: On behalf of the Catoctin Association, the Central Atlantic Conference, and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer and pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Response from Consistory Leadership

Bonnie Ogg

Prayer

L: Gentle Spirit and Loving God,

P: We place our hope and trust in you. The time we have been together in your name saw laughter and tears, as well as hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these memories, but also move us in new directions until we are completely one with you and with each other. Amen.

Release Blessing

Steve Matthias: Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God,

Take the gifts we offer and guide us in using them as though we were the ones in need, as though we were the ones seeking your love, as though we were the ones longing to see you at work in the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “*When Peace, Like a River*”

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*Benediction

Postlude “*Polonaise*” (*Op. 40 No. 1*)

Frédéric Chopin

*Please stand as able in body or spirit

Worship Participants

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Amy Dows
Music Director:	Dr. William Powell, III
Lay Reader:	Shannon Jordre



The flowers on the altar are presented by Leo and Becky Duncan in gratitude for Pastor Amy's time of ministry here at Glade.

A special “Thank You” & “Welcome Back” to Tim Kueberth for sharing his gift of music to God’s glory in our worship service this morning.



Please join us after Worship today for a farewell luncheon to honor Pastor Amy.

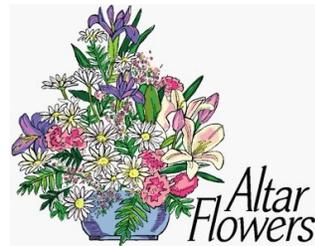
Join us Sunday, September 11th For our Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park

Please plan to join us at 10:30 a.m. at Walkersville Community Park for worship and a picnic lunch to follow. Glade will provide the hot dogs, rolls, paper products and eating utensils. Please bring a dish and your favorite drink to share. We Hope to See You There!



Just a reminder that we can now accept donations & offerings through the church website at www.gldechurh.org. You can donate via Paypal or Credit Card. You will have the option to choose where your donation is applied as well as make the payment a recurring monthly donation.

The sign up sheet for providing altar flowers for a Sunday in 2022 is on bulletin board. Please consider signing up to provide them for a Sunday or two in the new year. You may place them in honor or memory of someone who is special to you. Consider selecting a Sunday that coincides with their birthday or another special day. You may wish to give a donation to the altar flower fund instead. Make the check out to “Glade UCC” and on the memo line, write “Altar Flower Fund.”



PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Kevin Dorsey, ALS
- * Charles Snow, health issues
- * Betty Baggett, health issues
- * Jan Dinterman, broken arm & covid
- * Marlene Turner, Lorijean Turner's aunt, health issues
- * Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues
- * Roxie Underwood, Frances Cecil's sister, brain surgery
- * Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's, father-in-Law, health issues
- * Jim Bowers, Patsy Wiles-Bowers husband, knee replacement
- * Carolyn friend of Becky Duncan, health issues
- * Jim Ball, health issues
- * David O'Planick, health issues
- * Kathy Bonney, health issues
- * Jim Baseley, health issues
- * Nancy Sweet

September Counters

Lisa Jordre & Bob Watson



Sun., August 28	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Farewell Luncheon, SH
	3:30 p.m.	LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery
Tue., August 30	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Event (Parking Lot)
Fri., September 2	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun., September 4	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery

Pastor Amy

God bless you for the time you gave, the work you did, and the care you offered.

REMEMBERING YOUR WORK OF FAITH AND LABOR OF LOVE.

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