

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Greeting – Mary A.

Call to Worship [*responsive*] -- Lucy Nzelle and Oscar

God has set this day before us,

A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,

A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

So that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer -- Lucy N.

Call to Confession – Lucy N.

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not live as we are meant to do. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

Prayer of Confession [*together*] – Mary A.

Gracious God, source of all life,

Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible,

Not our healing or the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*] – Mary A.
God is security, a place of safety in hard times.
God is our refuge, and our way forward.
By grace, we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:42-47 – Lucy and Oscar

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 3:1-10 – Lucy Smith

³One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Leader: This is the Witness to God's Word. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Leaping and Praising

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Invitation to Generosity – Lucy Nzelle

Prayers of the People -- MBL

The Lord's Prayer -- MBL

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.

We Depart for Service

***Announcements -- MBL**

Passing the Peace -- MBL

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

***Commission & Benediction -- MBL**

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