

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

In the beginning, before time,
before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust,
and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it,
not understanding the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

Let us worship God with thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

The Bible says, “Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.” Let us draw near to God as prayerful people who seek God’s mercy, trusting that God will answer our prayers of repentance with words of surpassing grace. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Holy God, Lord of all:

Forgive us, we pray,

For not singing when we are joyful;

For not shouting your goodness to the world;

For not trusting the love that surrounds us;

For not enacting your justice;

For not believing the Good News is meant for all.

Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us,

Through Christ our Savior.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

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

Sermon

Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyterian,
National Capital Presbytery

We Respond to God's Grace

Invitation to Generosity

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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**

Passing the Peace

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

Response: "And also with you."

***Commission & Benediction**

The Call to Worship is from the Iona Community. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the writing of Beth Merrill Neel.