

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 7, 2020**  
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**Greeting**

**Call to Worship** [*responsive*]

Who are we, O God, that you draw near when we call?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you care for us?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you crown us with honor?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, that you make us stewards  
of the earth?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Who are we, O God, to deserve your faith and trust?

**Your faithful people call your name.**

Let us worship God together.

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world.

We allow threats to our unity to enter the church,  
making it hard to see that we are your community.

We act as though we do not need each other.

We fail to love one another.

We do not know and bear one another's burdens.

We fail to build each other up.

Forgive us, and strengthen us,  
so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon** [*responsive*]

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Scripture Readings**      Psalm 8 (responsive)

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> **what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> **O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

<sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we

entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved."

<sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

**Sermon**

*Godsplaining*

Rev. Mary Austin

### **We Respond to God's Grace**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Music for Reflection**

**Invitation to the Communion Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

**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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present to us in this meal, and that presence comes through whatever elements we use. Please take the elements you have at home, and eat whatever kind of bread you have, and drink whatever cup you have prepared. The bread is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and the cup is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **We Depart for Service**

#### **\*Announcements**

#### **Passing the Peace**

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

Response: "And also with you."

#### **\*Commission & Benediction**