

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 14, 2020
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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

In quiet and in darkness,
In peace and in confusion,
Jesus Christ makes his home and meets his friends.
He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.
In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither male nor female,
for all are one in Jesus Christ.
He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.
In him there is neither black nor white,
neither rich nor poor,
for all are one in Jesus Christ.
He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.
Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

God promises always to love and forgive us — even when don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives. Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

God, our fears and prejudices run deep.
We confess that we only see our own point of view.
We rarely leave our comfort zones.
We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace.
We blame those who are suffering and in need,
instead of standing by them.
We deny the power of your gospel to unite us.
Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear.
Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people,

and use us to enact the new life given in Christ

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon *[responsive]*

This Good News is for all the world:
Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again
So that we would be freed from sin and death.
We are forgiven and set free.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture Readings Psalm 22:1-11

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- ⁸ 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
- ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Acts 9:10-20

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

Sermon

Rev. Mary Austin

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**

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