

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 21, 2020
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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

The created heavens and the earth reveal God's glory.

The Lord is good and worthy to be praised!

God brings order from chaos, by God's mighty hand.

The Lord is good and worthy to be praised!

God builds firm foundations from nothingness;

And builds hope from the uncertainty of the universe.

The Lord is good and worthy to be praised!

Let us praise God with all that we are.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

The scriptures tell us that the God who creates us – the God who loves us, the God who redeems us – searches us and knows us completely. Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it completely. Trusting that promise, let us make our prayer of confession to God.

Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Let us pray silently now.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

This Good News is for all who want to follow Jesus:

As Jesus healed the sick and reclaimed the lost,

He also extends his healing touch into our lives.

We are forgiven and set free.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

Music for Reflection

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings Acts 16: 6-15

6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; 8so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Sermon Validating the Faith of Lydia"

Rev. Norm Gordon

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 adapted from the writing of Theon Johnson III.