

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 5, 2020
Join us on You Tube!

Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Believing that God made and loves the world,
we gather.

That it may be reshaped to fulfil God's purposes,
we pray.

To seek a wisdom deeper than our own thinking,
we listen.

To honor God who gave us life,
we worship.

Let us give praise to God.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

It is in our prayer of confession that we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Lord Jesus Christ,

it is too easy for us to worship other things.

other activities, other relationships, other gods.

We cannot serve two masters,

and yet we divert our time, our energy,

our money, and our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,

when our hearts are led astray

when we serve other gods and worship them.

Strengthen us to take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

The power of resurrection is at work in us and with us!

The Spirit of Christ leads us
onto paths of victory,
over sorrow and death, disbelief and fear.
Receive God's grace, for the forgiveness of God
is too marvelous for words.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are new people,
forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God!**

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings Psalm 146:1-10

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith for ever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign for ever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

1 Corinthians 11:20-32

²⁰When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. ²¹For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²²What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

Sermon **Things Get Broken: Community**

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**

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the writing of Chip Hardwick.

Participating in the service:
Junior Abissi and Doreen Turczyn-Toles, Worship Leaders
Wade Myers, Music Consultant / Organist

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Rev. Mary Austin