

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 19, 2020
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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Return to the Lord your God,
for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord your God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord your God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.
Worship the Lord your God.
Together, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Recognizing our need for true peace, both with others and within ourselves, let us examine our lives and confess the ways we separate ourselves from God, and go our own way instead of God's way.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness,
our sinfulness,
our fears and our despair,
and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace that only you can bring.
Forgive us, we pray, so we might begin again
by your grace, Amen.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news:

There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set us free from the law of sin and of death.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

Music for Reflection

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture Readings Psalm 103:1-12

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- ⁶ The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Sermon

Things Get Broken: Religion

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**

Participating in the service:

Ms. Rebecca Raven and Ms. Grace Raven

Mr. John Slavcoff

Mr. Wade Meyers, Music Consultant / Organist

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the writing of spiritual writer John Birch.