

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – August 2, 2020
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Greeting

Call to Worship *[responsive]*

There is a season for everything, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die.

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal.

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh.

A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

There is a season for everything, and a time for every matter under heaven.

God made everything beautiful in itself and its time.

Now is the time to worship and give praise to the God who lives to love and make all things new. Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Jesus said that true worshippers of God were those who come before God in spirit and in truth. Before the living God, let us make our honest and true confession, not out of fear of punishment, but from a deep desire to love God with our whole hearts.

Prayer of Confession *[responsive]*

Merciful God, we confess that without you, we are not whole. Forgive our foolish ways and our ignorance of others' needs. Our lives are fragmented without you.

In these quiet moments, restore us to our right minds; forgive our sin; and make us whole again in your love. Fill us with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon *[responsive]*

The God who knows you through and through, whose own body and blood were given for your freedom, has good news for you. Your sin died with Christ on the cross, and you have been raised to new life in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are now called to live for the praise and glory of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3-9

³While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,^[a] as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii,^[b] and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news^[c] is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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

Sermon

Things Get Broken: Time

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

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

Loving God, you have filled us with your life, embraced us with your love, and nourished us with your grace. Now send us out into your world to share these gifts with all, according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:
Elder Trevor Agard
Miss Samantha Agard
Mr. Wade Meyers, Music Consultant / Organist
Rev. Mary Austin
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence