

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – September 6, 2020
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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

We worship

Because God is God, and we are not.

We praise

Because God is the Maker of heaven and earth.

We glorify

Because God is the Lord and Giver of life.

We rejoice

Because God is at work in us and in the world.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us, that God has compassion and mercy in abundance. Confident in the love of God, let us make our honest confession.

Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From selfishness and vain desires,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behavior, quarreling, and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

Turn us away from all that does not honor you. Keep us on the path of righteousness and the Way of Jesus, in whom we pray. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*] (*from Romans 8*)

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 death.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8–14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sermon

Love Does No Wrong

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

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 Vivian Chefor

Mr. Wade Myers

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin