

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 18, 2020
Stewardship Sunday
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Greeting

Call to Worship [responsive] From Psalm 96

O sing to God a new song;

Sing to God, all the earth.

Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's marvelous works among all the peoples,

For great is God, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty, strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Let the field exalt, and everything in it;

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy!

Let us worship God our Creator with joy.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence,

But who name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us unburden our souls to God.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Merciful God, if we were to name
all the other gods we place before you,

we would be here a very long time.

We elevate politicians into saviors.

We misuse your name during the day,

and have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night.

We are so busy, we do not notice

how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God who is our Hope.

Help us to let go, so we may open
our emptiness, our hearts, our lives

to the healing and loving presence

of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives,
healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love;

forgiven, we are freed to forgive;

graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music for Reflection

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture

Psalm 96:1-4, 9-13

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.

⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.'

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹² let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the Lord; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Traveling Coins

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:

Elder Raymond Raven, Ms. Rebecca Raven, Ms. Elfreda Raven, Worship Leaders

Mr. Wade Meyers, Music Consultant / Organist

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from the writing of Thom Shuman.