

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 25, 2020
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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

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

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

**You call us to one baptism,
and we choose our own way.**

**You promise us the abundance of all creation,
and in our greed, and in our envy,
the world goes without.**

**You promise us the waters of peace and justice,
and in our violence, and in our discord,
the world goes thirsty.**

**Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again, we pray,
by power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon – AJ Gordon

God creates in us clean hearts

and gives us a new and right spirit.
In the grace of Jesus Christ, we return to God forgiven.
In the life and spirit of Jesus, we are forgiven and set free.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

Music for Reflection

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

Numbers 7:1 – 9

On the day when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed and consecrated it with all its furnishings, and had anointed and consecrated the altar with all its utensils, ²the leaders of Israel, heads of their ancestral houses, the leaders of the tribes, who were over those who were enrolled, made offerings. ³They brought their offerings before the Lord, six covered wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox; they presented them before the tabernacle. ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses: ⁵Accept these from them, that they may be used in performing the service of the tent of meeting, and give them to the Levites, to each according to his service. ⁶So Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. ⁷Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the Gershonites, according to their service; ⁸and four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the Merarites, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But to the Kohathites he gave none, because they were charged with the care of the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulders.

Luke 17: 20 – 21

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

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

Sermon

Being Holy Present

Rev. Norm Gordon

We Respond to God's Grace

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Reading of Matthew 28:28-30 and Presentation by Elder Carolyn Hayes

Questions:

For parents, Timothy and Gloria Kum, and for Nelimah Tibah

For the congregation (*if able, please stand wherever you are.*)

1) Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Nelimah, Ekah, Kenamey, and Tsindy by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

2) Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

The Apostles' Creed *[together]*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism of Nelimah Tibah, Ekah Kum, Kenamey Kum, Tsindy Kum.

Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

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:

Rev. Norm Gordon, Guest Preacher

Ms. AJ Gordon, Worship Leader

Mrs. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

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