

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – November 22, 2020**  
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**Opening Music**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”  
The Canterbury Ringers

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship** [*responsive*]

In a world that cries out, “Fear me!”  
We will listen to Jesus’ words,  
“Don’t be afraid!”

In a world that wants us to hate the other...  
We will live Jesus’ call to,  
“Love God.  
Love your neighbor, as you love yourself.”

In a world that radicalizes...  
We, too, will be radical.  
Radical with our hospitality.  
Radical with our hope.  
Radical with our love.

Then come to this place,  
ready to be who we are called to be.  
Let us gather together  
and worship God.

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

God of grace and glory, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world  
and fail to be governed by grace and justice.

**In your mercy, forgive us.  
Help us to bow before Christ once again and rise to serve him in the world.  
May the lives we live be worthy of the life he gave us. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

**Assurance of Pardon** *[responsive]*

Christ reigns in power to rule this world in love. As we live more fully into God's realm, our lives are changed. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.  
**God has made us new people. We are transformed by mercy and grace, and now we live for the praise of God's glory.**

**Music for Reflection**

"King of the World"  
Becca Herron Mayo, voice

by Natalie Grant and Mizell

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Children's Message**

Carolyn Hayes

**Scripture**

Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,<sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

**Sermon**

**Ending in Gratitude**

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

### **We Respond to God’s Grace**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** [*together*]

**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."

#### **Closing Blessing**

#### **Closing Music**

"Mosso Moderato"  
Wade Meyers, organ

by Walczynski

#### **Participating in the service:**

Elder Malvin Duncan, Worship Leader  
Mrs. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families  
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence  
*The Call to Worship was written by Richard Bott.*