

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord / Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
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Opening Music

“Seek Ye First”

Lucille Baur, voice. Wade Meyers, keyboard.

Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Created in God’s loving image,
we gather as the people of God.
Beloved by Christ, who loves us well
we gather as the beloved body of Christ.
Blessed by the Spirit of God,
we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Faithful God,
you call us to be saints,
but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;
you call us to be your servants,
but we worry that we lack the skills;
you put a new song of praise in our mouths,
but we stumble on unfamiliar words;
you show us the work to be tackled,
but we turn away defiant.
Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,
and remind us of the joy that awaits us
when we put our trust in you.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

You are God's beloved—forgiven, washed clean,
and ready to respond for God's truth.

You are chosen by God to love and serve one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

Music for Reflection

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Glory to God, #687

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scriptures

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Mark 1:4–11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Sermon

All the People

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Invitation to Generosity

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

There are different gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
But it is the same Lord who is served.
Each leader is given certain gifts by the Spirit
To use for the common good.
Together we are the Body of Christ
And individually, members of him.

Presentation of Candidates

The church ordains the following people as elders, and installs them to active service:

David Allsopp, Grace Atanga Fuh, Donna Dannels, Akiko Taketani,
Carol Vandrey Curtis

The church installs to active service those previously ordained as an elder:

Andy Imboden

The church ordains the following people as deacons, and installs them to active service:

Jocelyne Amewu, Donna Gregory, Marilyn Morrison

Constitutional Questions

- of candidates, by the Moderator
- of congregants, by the Session Clerk

Prayer of Ordination

Concluding Prayers [*together*]

God of grace, who calls us into service, both in the church and in the world: Grant us faith, unity, and joy to follow as your servants rightly lead. Together let us shine for Christ in all that we do. May we grow your church in every way – to the honor of Jesus’ name. Amen.

We Depart for Service

Announcements and Passing the Peace

Greeting: “The peace of Christ be with you.”

Response: “And also with you.”

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

“Lord, When I Came into this Life” Glory to God, #691

Participating in the service:

David Allsopp, Donna Gregory, Akiko Taketani, Worship Leaders
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mary Austin, Pastor