

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
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Opening Music

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

The Savior who announced good news to Galilee brings good news to us.

God’s time is now. God’s reign is here.

God’s anointed calls us to repentance and trust.

Jesus, help us to turn away from the vain things of this life, and to turn toward your reign of justice, mercy, and faith.

The Lord who walked beside a sea and who turned fishermen into disciples also walks among us today.

God’s time is now. God’s reign is here. Jesus, help us to welcome you into our homes and to follow you into our streets.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Trusting in God’s rich promises of grace and unfailing love, let us make our honest and true confession.

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we are deaf to your call and sometimes we willfully turn away. We are distracted by the cares of this world and we do not hear you calling us into deeper life. Or we hear your call, but prefer our own comfort, our own company, our own way of life. We turn away from you and from the needs of others.

Forgive us, we humbly pray. Open our ears to hear. Open our eyes to see. Open our hearts to love. For the sake of Christ who walked among us. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

The God who creates loves.

The God who loves forgives.

The God who forgives renews.

Thanks be to God for steadfast love, forgiving grace, and the promise of renewal. The old life is gone, and the new has already begun!

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

Psalm 62:5–12

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

For you repay to all
according to their work.

Mark 1:14–20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[a] of God,^[b] ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[c] repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

Follow

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Music for Reflection

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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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 and Passing the Peace

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

Response: “And also with you.”

Commission & Benediction

Closing Music

“Lord, I Need You”

by Matt Maher
CCLI Song #5925687

Participating in the service:

Ms. A.J. Gordon, Worship Leader
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families, Children’s Message
Rev. Mary Austin, Pastor
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence, Associate Pastor