

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Join us on YouTube!**

**A Service of Healing and Hope**

**Opening Music**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Glory to God #819

**Greeting**

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

Give praise to God the Mighty One!

**By God’s great mercy**

**we have been born anew to a living hope**

**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

**They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

**they shall run and not be weary,**

**they shall walk and not be faint.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Our Lament**

**Psalm of Lament**

**Psalm 42:1–5a**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>4</sup>These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and led them in procession to the house of God,

with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

## **Places of Lament**

### **Prayer of Lament** [*together*]

**Holy and ever-living God, we mourn the sin of the world and the brokenness within us. Our hearts break for those who suffer, in body, mind and spirit. We pray for victims of violence and illness. We remember families who grieve. We long for your comfort and peace. Have mercy on us, O God, and hear our prayer. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

## **Our Hope**

### **Psalm of Hope**

#### **Psalm 42:5–11**

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup>and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup>Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup>By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup>I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”

<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

### **Hymn of Reflection**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Glory to God #775

### **Matthew 11:2–6**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah<sup>[a]</sup> was doing, he sent word by his<sup>[b]</sup> disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers<sup>[c]</sup> are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

### **Children’s Message**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** [*responsive*]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present to us in this meal, and that presence comes through whatever elements we use. Please take the elements you have at home, and eat whatever kind of bread you have, and drink whatever cup you have prepared. The bread is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and the cup is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.*

**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.

**Our Service**

**Invitation to Generosity and Anointed for Service**

**Announcements and Passing the Peace**

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"I Stand Amazed"  
Choral Anthem by Wade Meyers

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**Worship Leaders**

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