



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 6, 2021

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music “Gavotte” by J.S. Bach. Sandra Ragusa, flute.

Greeting

Call to Worship [*choral*] “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling” verse 1.
Produced by Wade Meyers

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are often wrong, but you are always right. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us; and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy,

God seeks me out.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ I am forgiven and given everything I need to live for God. Thanks be to God!

Music for Reflection “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling” verse 3.
Produced by Wade Meyers

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

Genesis 3:8–15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

John 1:10–14

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,^[a] and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,^[b] full of grace and truth.

All of this is from God, who has given us the message of reconciliation. **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Reflection

“At the Name of Jesus”
Produced by Wade Meyers

We Respond to God’s Grace

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

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 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.

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.

Prayer after Communion [*unison*]

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our work a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Depart for Service

Announcements and Passing the Peace

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

Response: "And also with you."

Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Sung by Lucille Baur, Laura Baxter, Donna Dannels, Claudio Ferreira, and Becky Herron Mayo. Guitar and bass played by Claudio Ferreira. Produced by Wade Meyers.

Participating in the service:

Elder Vivian Chefor, Worship Leader (9:30)
Elder Malvin Duncan, Worship Leader (11:00)
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Austin and Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

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