



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 20, 2021
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Live stream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil Desmond Tutu and John Bell

Greeting

Call to Worship *[responsive]*

God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

We praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here:

We praise you!

You give breath to all creatures and your 3pirit to your people:

We praise and thank you, O God!

So that the eyes of the blinded be opened, and the poor hear the good news,
the captives set free, the goodness of the world alive for all people,

Your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!

Then let us sing God a new song.

With joy let us honor our Maker.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Righteous God, we own more than we use,
proclaim more than we experience,
and request more than we need,
and so we come asking your forgiveness.
We seek your salvation,
and then act like we save ourselves.
We beg your forgiveness,
and then repeat our errors.
We experience your grace,
and then act defeated.
We rely on your power,
but only in hard times.
We have become confused and misguided.
Forgive our every defection.
Bring us to an unbroken commitment to you, we pray.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

Psalm 146

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
- ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

This is the witness to God’s word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

How to Follow Directions from God

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God’s Grace

Music for Reflection

The Mighty Oak

Composed and played by Ellen Gira

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Finding God in Our Journeys

Yaw Obeng

Prayers of the People

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**

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Participating in the service:

Daniel Anpoma and Ezekiel Anpoma, Worship Leaders (9:30)

David Fofuh and Daryl Fofuh, Worship Leaders (11:00)

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship is from the Iona Community.