



**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 27, 2021**  
**Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.**

**Opening Music**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Glory to God, #727

**Greeting**

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

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

**Come, let us adore our God.**

Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**Come, let us adore our God.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

**Come, let us adore our God.**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship God with joy.

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

O God, forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispering sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.

**Forgive us the sins that we know,  
and the sins that we know not,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

**Assurance of Pardon** *[responsive]*

Friends, hear this Good News:  
the love of God is beyond measure,  
and you are included in that love.  
**We are forgiven and set free to love and serve.**  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Children's Message**

Carolyn Hayes

**Scripture**

**Genesis 24:1–4, 10–21**

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup>Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh <sup>3</sup>and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, <sup>4</sup>but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.' ...

<sup>10</sup> Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup>He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup>And he said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham... <sup>13</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup>Let the girl to whom I shall say, "Please offer your jar that I may drink", and who shall say, "Drink, and I will water your camels" —let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.'

<sup>15</sup> Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder. <sup>16</sup>The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. <sup>17</sup>Then the servant ran to meet her and said, 'Please let me sip a little water from your jar.' <sup>18</sup>'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. <sup>19</sup>When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' <sup>20</sup>So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup>The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.

## Genesis 24, selected verses

<sup>28</sup> Then the girl ran and told her mother's household about these things. <sup>29</sup>Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. <sup>30</sup>As soon as he had seen the nose-ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, 'Thus the man spoke to me', he went to the man; and there he was, standing by the camels at the spring.

<sup>34</sup> So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has... <sup>42</sup> 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!

<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered, 'The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. <sup>51</sup>Look, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken.'

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.

<sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;

may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes.'

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**How to Find True Love**

Rev. Mary Austin

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

### **Music for Reflection**

"Here I Am, Lord"  
Donna Dannels, voice.  
Wade Meyers, voice and piano.

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### **Finding God in Our Journeys**

Carrie Larsen

### **Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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.

## **We Depart for Service**

### **Announcements and Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.      **And also with you.**

### **Commission & Benediction**

### **Closing Music**

"I Stand Amazed"  
GPC Virtual Choir

Wade Meyers and C.H. Gabriel

### **Participating in the service:**

Ms. Roisin O'Hare, Worship Leader (9:30)  
Ms. Schola Muluh, Worship Leader (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

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