



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 4, 2021
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music “Transcendental Étude No.1, Preludio,” by Franz Liszt

Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

People of God, let us worship the living God today!

**We remember that out of nothing
God created the heavens and earth.**

We remember that God raised Jesus
from the powerlessness of death,
to the power of his right hand.

**We remember that not even the gates of hell
can stand against God’s purposes.**

Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Opening Prayer

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

God of all comfort: we confess before you
the evil of our hearts;

we know that we are too inclined
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,
toward ambition and pride.

O God, in your loving-kindness,
in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin,
and turn us toward you again.

Use us for your purposes,
and not our own.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Scripture

Exodus 2:1–15a

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,* 'because', she said, 'I drew him out* of the water.'

¹¹One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labour. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk. ¹²He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting; and he said to the one who was in the wrong, 'Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?' ¹⁴He answered, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?' Then Moses was afraid and thought, 'Surely the thing is known.' ¹⁵When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses.

Exodus 2:15b–25

But Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian, and sat down by a well. ¹⁶The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock. ¹⁸When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, 'How is it that you have come back so soon today?' ¹⁹They said, 'An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock.' ²⁰He said to his daughters, 'Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to break bread.' ²¹Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage. ²²She bore a son, and he named him Gershom; for he said, 'I have been an alien* residing in a foreign land.'

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	Saturation Point	Rev. Mary Austin
Music for Reflection	“We Are an Offering”	Glory to God #710

We Respond to God’s Grace

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music	“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”	Glory to God #505
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Invitation to the Communion Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

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.**

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.

[If you’re worshiping in person, we will continue communion outside just after the close of the service. Join us outside to receive the elements.]

Prayer after Communion

We Depart for Service

Announcements and Passing the Peace

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

Commission & Benediction

Closing Music

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
The congregation is invited to sing, with mask on!

Glory to God #1

Participating in the service:

Doug and Sandy Green, Worship Leaders
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

Communion today:

After church, you are invited to receive communion. If you're worshipping in person, please depart from the service, and communion will continue outside.

The times this month are slightly different: Ballenger Creek Park in Frederick, Picnic Shelter #1 (noon to 1:00), GPC South parking lot (noon to 12:30).

At GPC, the Cub Scouts will be collecting non-perishable food for people who are hungry.