



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

Opening Music

“Concerto in G Major, BWV 592, I. Allegro”
Mary Maldarelli, Guest Organist

by J.S. Bach

Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Praise the God of creation:
who made us to be connected.
Praise the Christ of love:
who calls us his friends.
Praise the Spirit of peace:
who enables us to live in unity.
Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Prayer

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

Almighty God,
we ask for your righteous judgment against others,
but do not see the sin in our own lives.
We worship you with our lips,
and dishonor you with our actions.
We pray for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we do not practice compassion
and generosity toward others.

**Our religion is a source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.
Forgive us, we pray, and set us on the right path.**
[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

2 Kings 5:1–10

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

2 King 5:11–19

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the

Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.' ¹⁶But he said, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!' He urged him to accept, but he refused. ¹⁷Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt-offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. ¹⁸But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count.' ¹⁹He said to him, 'Go in peace.'

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

Sermon

Just Do It

Elder Kris Obom Maldarelli

Music for Reflection

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

Glory to God #406

We Respond to God's Grace

Finding God in Our Journeys

Elisa and Rob McClelland

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

"Ubi Caritas et Amor"

by Gerald Near

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

"The Summons"

Glory to God #726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



Participating in the service:

Elder Kris Obom Maldarelli, Guest Preacher
Dr. Mary Maldarelli, Guest Organist
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.