



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – August 1, 2021
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Glory to God #744

Greeting

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

To pharisees minding their business,
And fishermen mending their nets:

Jesus says: follow me!

To the money-handlers, the lawyers,
The intellectuals, the power-brokers:

Jesus says: follow me!

To the carers and the cleaners,

The married, the single,

The young and the old,

Country-folk and city-dwellers:

Jesus says: follow me!

Then and now, together and apart,

Willing or doubting, ready or not,

Jesus says: follow me!

Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods:
money, power, greed, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back to you.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[*Silence for personal confessions*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Scripture

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Sermon

On the Road Again

Rev. Mary Austin

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

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 worshipping 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

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

Response: "And also with you."

Commission & Benediction

Closing Music

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Glory to God #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.



Participating in the service:

Mr. Eugene Choi and Mr. Johan Choi, Worship Leaders (9:30)

Ms. Alvine Pouemi, Worship Leader (11:00)

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and Rev. Mary Austin

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