



**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – September 12, 2021**  
**Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.**

**Opening Music**                      Improvisation on “Gather Us In”

**Welcome**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Jesus says to us, “Come and see!”

**What is there to see?**

Jesus has so much to show us about God’s love.

**Where are we going?**

Jesus is leading to God.

*[turn to one another]* **I’m going! You come too!**

Let us worship God with joy, as we follow Jesus.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** *[stand]*                      “Gather Us In,” *verse one*                      Glory to God #401

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

Almighty God, you love us, and we have not loved you.

You call, and we do not listen.

We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,

**we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

### **Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, we are followers of Jesus,  
yet we stumble and fall along the way.

The good news is that Jesus does not condemn us,  
and lifts us up to continue the journey.

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. Amen.**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

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### **Children's Message**

Carolyn Hayes

### **Sung Response**

"Change My Heart, Oh God"

Glory to God #695

*Children and youth leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. Youth will be released from class to find their families.*

### **Scripture**

#### **John 1:35–42**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup>He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### **John 1:43–51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also

the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

**Sermon**

**Figgy Wisdom**

Rev. Mary Austin

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

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**Hymn/Music for Reflection**

"Here I Am, Lord"

Glory to God #69

**Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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

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**Sending Song** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again,” *verse one* Glory to God #542

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

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

### **Closing Blessing**

**Closing Music** “Fugue on the Magnificat Eighth Tone, No.13” by Johann Pachelbel

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

Dr. Kris Obom Maldarelli, Worship Leader (9:30)  
Mr. Trevor Agard, Ms. Ashley Agard, Ms. Samantha Agard, 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 Follow Me curriculum

The Congregational Life Committee invites GPC members and friends to a social time after each service, outside the South door by the ramp, with light refreshments. All welcome.

Music Ministry News: The Canterbury Ringers and Chancel Choir begin rehearsing this week! The handbells will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting September 15th and the choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 16th. If you are interested in singing or ringing, please contact our Director of Music and Worship Arts, Wade Meyers.



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