



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – September 19, 2021
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music “Sacred Prelude No.1, Baptism” by Grigor Arakelian

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

When I think of God’s presence in the world, I am grateful:
Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.
And when I think of God’s presence in my life, I am humbled:
Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.
And when I think of God’s presence in this community, I am glad:
Glad to be surrounded by faithful people worshipping our Holy God.
Thank you; thank you, God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*] “Come All You People” Glory to God #388

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

God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
So we confess to you and each other that
we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always tried to maintain the unity of the Spirit.
Forgive us, and by your grace, help us to grow in every way
into the One who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

The good news in Christ is that
when we face ourselves and God,
knowing what we need,
we are given grace to grow,
and courage to continue the journey.

We believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

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 you.

Sung Response [*seated*]

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Glory to God #727

Scripture

Psalm 19:1–4a, 7–10

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Ephesians 4:1–6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

Sermon

The Marathon of Church Life

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Glory to God #300

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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] “Give Thanks, O Christian People” Glory to God #644

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music “Ritter vom Steckenpferd, Op.15, No.9” by Robert Schumann

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Participating in the service:

Elder Terry Young, Max Young, Lainey Young, 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 all GPC members and friends to coffee and conversation, outside the South door, after each service.



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