

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music

Sacred Prelude No.2, "Great Mystery"
"Oh, Oh, Oh, How Good is the Lord"

Grigor Arakelian (9:30)
Christian Women Fellowship (11:00)

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Jesus calls us, saying, Come follow me!

We have good news to share!

To everyone he said, "Follow me, and I will show you the way to God."

We have good news to share!

Let your light shine. Be reconciled.

Do not fear. Let the little ones come to me. Forgive one another.

Love one another as I have loved you.

We have good news to share!

Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

"God Is Here Today (Dios está aquí)"

Glory to God, #411

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Today, God, we confess our fumbleings and failures
in accomplishing unity,
as we remind ourselves of this calling.

Give us eyes, we pray, to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of people everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept
and celebrate our differences.

**Give us a heart big enough
to love your people everywhere.**

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon (9:30)

Assurance of Pardon in Song (11:00) “Shout it Loud, Sing for Joy”

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We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today, since it’s a communion Sunday.

Sung Response “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *verse one* Glory to God #475

Scripture

Matthew 28:16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Luke 19:1–10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ ⁹Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’

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

Sermon

He Came To Seek and Save the Lost

Elder Brobbey Gyening

We Respond to God's Grace

Mission Speaker (9:30)

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music [*seated*]

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Glory to God #525 (9:30)

"I Will Sing unto the Lord a Joyful Song"

Christian Women Fellowship (11:00)

Invitation to the Communion Table

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. If you're worshiping at home, please take the elements you have, and eat and drink. 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, the elements will be served after the closing blessing, for safety.]

Prayer after Communion

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Glory to God, #526

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music “A prole do bebê, No.7, O Polichinello” Heitor Villa-Lobos

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Participating in the service:

Elder Brobbey Gyening, Guest Preacher
Dr. Kris Obom Maldarelli, Worship Leader (9:30 and 11:00)
Daryl Fufuh, David Fofuh, Aaron Tchouambou, Abigail Tchouambou,
Blaise Scavullo, Katie Musick, 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 adapted from the Follow Me curriculum.
The Prayer of Confessions is from *The Africana Worship Book*.

About our Guest Preacher:

Elder Brobbey Gyening was born and raised in Ghana (West Africa) and currently lives in Smyrna, Delaware. He is married to Vivian Gyening, and between them, they have eight children, ages ranging from 32 to 15. They also have three grandchildren. Brobbey is the clerk of Session at Olivet Presbyterian Church within New Castle Presbytery. He is an Inquirer in the PC(USA) process of ordination to the ministry, and a second year student at Dubuque University pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree. He is also a registered nurse, currently working at Christiana Care Hospital, Newark Delaware.



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