

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 17, 2021**  
**Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.**

**Opening Music**      “Sonata in E-flat major, K. 282, I. Adagio”      W. A. Mozart

**Welcome**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Blessed are those who serve others,  
**they will be called the people of God.**  
Blessed are those who share the wealth,  
**they will be called the people of God.**  
Blessed are those who open doors,  
**we will be called the people of God.**  
Blessed are those who break down walls,  
**we will be called the people of God.**  
Blessed are those who show Christ’s love,  
**we are all the people of God.**  
Let us worship God with faithful attention.

*[Now, please turn to your neighbor and say, “Welcome to God’s house!”]*

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** [*stand*]      “Shall We Gather at the River” *verses 1, 3, 4*      Glory to God #375

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

Holy God, nothing is hidden from your eyes,  
your light shines  
into the gloom of this world  
and into the shadows of our hearts.  
You see our thoughts,  
our motives, words and actions,  
and we confess  
that we must cause you sadness  
in our response

**to all that you have given us.  
Forgive us, we pray  
and by your grace and mercy  
bring us to that place  
where your light might shine from us  
and reveal nothing but your eternal love. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

### **Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God for this gift. Amen.**

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

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### **Children's Message**

Mary Austin / Natalie Jorges-Castellanos

*Children and youth leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. At 11:00, youth will be released from class to find you.*

### **Sung Response** *[stand]*

*"Be Thou My Vision" verses 1 and 2*

Glory to God #450

### **Scripture**

**Matthew 25:31–39**

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

## Matthew 25:40–46

<sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

**Sermon**

**Everyone is Clueless**

Rev. Mary Austin

## We Respond to God’s Grace

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**Sung Response** [*seated*]

“We Are an Offering”

Glory to God #710

**Moment for Mission**

Denise Schleckser

**Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** [*together*]

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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## Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]     “Be Thou My Vision” *verses 3 and 4*     Glory to God #450

## Passing the Peace

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

## Closing Blessing

**Closing Music**     “Sonata in E-flat major, K. 282, III. Allegro”     W. A. Mozart

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## Participating in the service:

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

Elder Vivian Chefor, Worship Leader (11:00)

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship is adapted from the Follow Me Curriculum.

The Prayer of Confession is from spiritual writer John Birch.



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