

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 24, 2021
Stewardship Consecration Sunday
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music

“Prelude in C major, BWV 846”

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Jesus is here among us. How will we welcome him?

We will sweep the floors and put flowers on the tables.

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We will set aside our distractions, sit and breathe deeply.

Together let us receive the good news that Jesus is here!

Let us laugh and sing, rest and listen;

our hearts are ready.

Let us delight in God’s presence. Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Take My Life” *verses 1, 2 and 3*

Glory to God, #697

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

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you,

to love and serve one another,

and to care for all your creatures.

Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,

we dismiss your commandments

and go our separate ways.

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem us, restore us, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**
[Silence for personal prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes / 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 the 11:00 service, youth will be released from class to find you.

Sung Response [seated]

"Spirit of the Living God"

Glory to God, #288

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6–11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

We Respond to God's Grace

Sung Response [*seated*]

"We Are an Offering"

Glory to God #710

Moment for Mission

Rev. Holly Ulmer

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Dedication of Commitments

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards;
grant us a deep awareness that all things come from you:
our health, our incomes, our jobs,
our talents and our generous impulses.

[Silence for prayers of thanksgiving]

The scriptures say: "Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor."

[Silence for prayers for those in need]

Send your Holy Spirit to help us
as we work against materialism, envy, and greed
in our world and in ourselves.

[Silence for prayers for our church and our world]

Teach us to give always part of what we are given.
You are the lover of our souls and call us to be transformed
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silence for prayers for our faithful living]

Accept our promises of faithfulness through our giving,
and receive them to serve you. Amen.

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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] “Take My Life” *verses 4, 5 and 6* Glory to God, #697

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music “Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 847” J.S. Bach

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Participating in the service:

Ms. Karma Beal, Worship Leader (9:30)
Ms. Allison Howlett, Worship Leader (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 Prayer of Confession is from spiritual writer John Birch.



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