



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – October 10, 2021
Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

Instrumental

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Remembering God's abundant welcome of us in creation,

Friend or stranger, enter and welcome.

Together, let us worship God. Now, please turn to your neighbor and say,
"Welcome to God's house!"

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

"Gather Us In" *verses 1 and 4*

Glory to God #401

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

God of all creation, you made us to know you, love you, and serve you;
and to live in harmony with others and all of creation.

But we wander from your way; we are in conflict with others;
we are not good stewards of the earth you have entrusted to us.

God, we are sorry. And we ask your help.

Thank you for giving us Jesus to show us how to live in your love. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that anyone in Christ is a new creation!

The old life is passing away. The new life is already here.

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us live as new creatures.

Know that you are forgiven; and be at peace.

We believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are given a new life. Thanks be to God!

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth remain in worship today.

Sung Response

"We Are an Offering"

Glory to God #710

Scripture

Genesis 1:1–2; 26–31

¹ In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters....

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind^[c] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind^[e] in his image, in the image of God he created them;^[f] male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Mark 9:33–37

³³ Then Jesus and the disciples came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

God’s Word creates new things. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

As God Welcomes You

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

“Lord, Prepare Me”

Glory to God #701

Mission Video

Epworth UMC

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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] “We All Are One in Mission” Glory to God #733

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music Instrumental

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Participating in the service:

Logan Sumrow and Eliza Sumrow; Lauren Imboden (Worship Leaders, 9:30)
Cooper Scavullo, Claudia Garcia, Stephen 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 Austin and Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted 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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