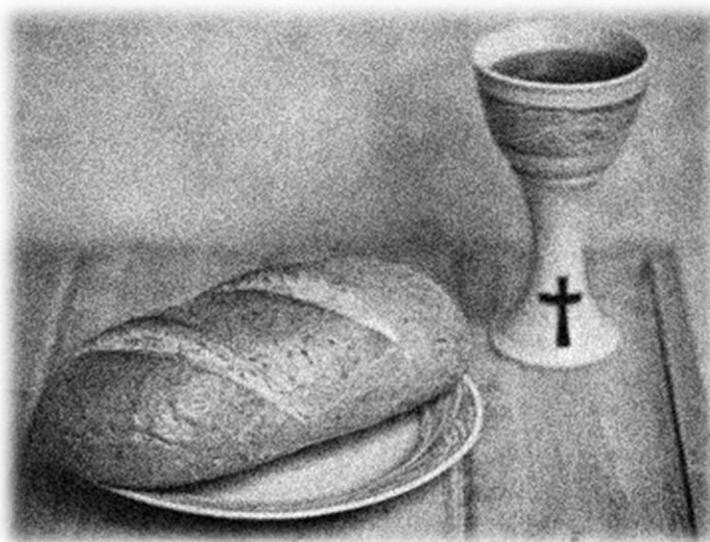


# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – November 7, 2021

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



**Opening Music**

“Andante sostenuto”

C. Heinrich Rinck

**Welcome**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Jesus says: ask and you will receive, seek and you will find,  
Knock and the door will be opened.

**We believe; help our unbelief.**

Jesus says: Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden.  
And I will give you rest.

**We believe; help our unbelief.**

Jesus says: heal, the sick.

Feed the hungry.

Free the oppressed.

Watch and pray.

**We believe; help our unbelief.**

Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“Change My Heart, O God”

Glory to God, #695

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession in Song** [*seated*]

Glory to God, #423

“Create in Me A Clean Heart” *verse 1*

[*Please sing twice*]

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon**

**We Listen to God’s Word**

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**Children’s Message (9:30)**

**Dedication of Haiden Vanuel Yang (11:00)**

*Children and youth stay in worship today.*

**Scripture**

**Luke 3:1–6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

**Luke 3:7–14**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is

able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

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

**Sermon**

**Brooding Vipers**

Rev. Mary Austin

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

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### **Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Communion Music** [*seated*] "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Glory to God, #834

### **Invitation to the Communion Table and 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** [*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.**

## 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. Please take the elements you have at home, and eat whatever kind of bread you have, and drink whatever cup you have prepared. 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 worshipping in person, the elements will be served after the closing blessing, for safety.]*

## Prayer after Communion

## We Depart for Service

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### Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]                      “Arise, Your Light is Come”                      Glory to God, #744

### Passing the Peace

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

### Closing Blessing

**Closing Music**                      “Prelude No. 3 in E-flat minor”                      George Gershwin

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### Participating in the service:

Rev. Jacob Rodawla, Worship Leader (9:30)  
Mr. Daniel Anpoma, Mr. Ezekiel Anpoma, Ms. 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  
Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship is adapted from the worship resources of the Iona Community.



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