

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – January 16, 2022
Welcome, Rockville Presbyterian Church!
Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music

“Gavotte”
Sandra Ragusa, flute

by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please register your attendance with the link in the online chat box, or at gpchurch.org.

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

We come this day, Precious God,
as people in need of your steadfast love:

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

Let us worship God with hope.

Opening Prayer

shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Exodus 14:21–31

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Sermon

I Thought This Was A Party

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn/Music for Reflection

"Here I Am, Lord"

Glory to God #69

Affirmation of Faith *drawn from the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

I refuse to believe that we are
unable to influence the events around us.
I refuse to believe we are
bound by racism, war, and injustice.
I believe those around me are my siblings.
I believe in dignity every day
and that our brokenness can be healed.
I believe we can overcome oppression and violence,
without resorting to it.
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.
I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and 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*] "Lead Me, Guide Me" Glory to God #740

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music "I Stand Amazed" Wade Meyers
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Virtual Choir

Participating in the service:

Elder Bernice Brown, Rockville Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader (11:00)
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and Rev. Mary Austin

The Affirmation of Faith was compiled by Abigail Reichard, and adapted slightly for use.



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