

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – February 20, 2022

## Scout Sunday

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



### Opening Music

Meditation on the Hymn Tune “St. Thomas”

### Welcome

*Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.*

### Introduction to Scout Sunday

#### Call to Worship *[responsive]*

In quiet and in darkness,

In peace and in confusion,

Jesus Christ makes his home and meets his friends.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile,

neither male nor female,

for all are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

In him there is neither black nor white,

neither rich nor poor,

for all are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

Let us worship God with hope and joy.

### Opening Prayer

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Glory to God #385

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon** [*responsive*]

Friends, hear this good news:  
the love of God is beyond measure,  
and you are included in that love.

**We are forgiven  
and set free to love and serve.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**We Listen to God’s Word**

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**Children’s Message**

Carolyn Hayes

**Sung Response**

“Come All You People”

Glory to God #388

*Children and youth stay in worship today.*

**Scripture**

**Deuteronomy 24:17–22**

<sup>17</sup> You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. <sup>18</sup>Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

<sup>19</sup> When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. <sup>20</sup>When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

<sup>21</sup> When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>22</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

**Acts 6:1–7**

<sup>6</sup>Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily

distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup>while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' <sup>5</sup>What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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

**Sermon**                      **The Early Church Gets a Suggestion Box**                      Rev. Mary Austin

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

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**Hymn**                      "We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)"                      Glory to God #710

**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*]                      "Jesus We Are Here"                      Glory to God #392

**Passing the Peace**

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

## **Closing Blessing**

### **Closing Music**

“Transcendental Etude No. 1 in C Major”

Franz Liszt

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### **Participating in the service:**

Members and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 64 and Girl Scout Troop 4897

Justin Ricker (Lions Den), Derrick Ricker (Bear Den) – Welcome

Paul Pollard (Committee Chair) – Introduction to Scout Sunday

Aaron Clark, Daniel Thorne-Keziah, Joseph Gleichmann (Tiger/Wolf Den) – Call to Worship

Everett Clark (Webelos) – Old Testament scripture

Bethany Fuss, Jen Fuss (Girl Scout Troop 4897) – Prayer

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.

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary were given in thanksgiving for Phil and Evi Melberg's 56th anniversary.*

### **About Scouting**

Both Girl and Boy Scouts try their best to live by each organization's promise to serve God, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Each February and March, around the time of the BSA's and Girl Scout's birthdays, February 8 and March 12, respectively, Scouts are asked to pause and pay extra attention to the line in the promise, "to serve God." Through the celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, Scouts take a moment to reflect on their faith. Cub Scout Pack uses Scout Sunday as a celebration to offer a great opportunity to give back in a public way.

We wear the full field uniform to worship services. It could also mean participating in the service by distributing programs, greeting guests, or leading a song or prayer.

The Scouting program at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Sea Scout Skippers and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership. Cub Scout Pack 64 would like to invite you and your family to be a part of their program. Contact Barbara Clark through the church office, if you're interested.