

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – February 27, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



## Opening Music

“Fugue in G Major”

Johann Pachelbel

## 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.*

## Call to Worship *[responsive]*

See how good it is when God’s family lives together in unity!

**Our bonds with one another are a precious gift.**

Together we learn to worship the living God.

**Our bonds with one another are a precious gift.**

Together we follow Jesus.

**Our bonds with one another are a precious gift.**

Together we support each other in the Holy Spirit.

**Our bonds with one another are a precious gift.**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts together in Christian love.

Together, let us worship God.

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn *[stand]*

“Shall We Gather at the River” *verses 1, 3, 4*

Glory to God #375

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Gracious God, in every age you have raised up children, women, and men to be your faithful people. Now your call comes to us. We confess that sometimes we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

Forgive us, we humbly pray. Give us courage to serve you with joy and gladness to serve you with others, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

### Assurance of Pardon *[responsive]*

Friends online and friends in the sanctuary; friends in Maryland and friends all over the world, hear this good news: God's love is vast and reaches to all of us. Let go the sin for which you repent and leave it at the foot of the cross. It is forgiven. It is gone. **Thanks be to God! We are forgiven and now we are given new life.**

## We Listen to God's Word

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### Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

### Sung Response *[seated]*

Glory to God #300

*"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" verses 1, 2, 3*

*Children and youth stay in worship today. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. At 11:00, youth will be released from class to find you.*

### Scripture

**Acts 15:36–41**

<sup>36</sup> After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the believers<sup>[a]</sup> in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied

them in the work. <sup>39</sup>The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup>But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers<sup>[b]</sup> commending him to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup>He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

### Hebrews 12:1-2

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,<sup>[a]</sup> and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of<sup>[b]</sup> the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**Sermon**

**Breaking Up Is Hard to Do**

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

## We Respond to God's Grace

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**Hymn**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Glory to God #339

**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*]                      “Soon and Very Soon”                      Glory to God #384

## Passing the Peace

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

## Closing Blessing

**Closing Music**                      “Lift Up Your Hearts”                      Franz Liszt

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## Participating in the service:

Tom Chen, Worship Leader, 9:30

Brendan Leintu, Liam Leintu, Elder Emmanuel Mbaiti, 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

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence



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