

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music “Spirit of the Living God”

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*]

Praise the God of creation:

who made us to be connected.

Praise the Christ of love:

who calls us his friends.

Praise the Spirit of peace:

who enables us to live in unity.

Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Prayer

Hymn	(9:30) [<i>stand</i>]	“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”	Glory to God #291
	(11:00) [<i>stand</i>]	“Here I Am to Worship”	Tim Hughes
		Adult Praise Band	

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

Lord of new life, you took time away
from the demands you faced.

You went apart to be with God.

We fear the quiet, and fill the time with the quick fix of a screen.

Help us to unplug, to love quiet,

to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,

to gaze upon a leaf in sunlight,

delight in a child’s laughter, and feel the warmth of a hand in ours.

Help us to pause, to be silent,

and to be receptive to all you give us. Amen

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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

Sermon

Jesus Sets Down His iPhone

Rev. Mary Austin

Statement of Faith [*together*]

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Music for Reflection “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Stuart Townsend
(9:30) Wade Meyers, piano
(11:00) Adult Praise Band
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We Respond to God’s Grace

Minute for Mission Keith Rush

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music [*seated*] “Let Us Break Bread Together” Glory to God #525

Invitation to the Communion Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving [*responsive*]

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...

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

For those worshipping at home:

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.

For those worshipping in the sanctuary:

Please come forward by the inside aisles and return by the outside aisles. If you would like to be served in your seat, wave at the servers and they will happily come to you. The elements at GPC are always gluten free.

Prayer after Communion

We Depart for Service

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

(9:30) "Fugue in G major" Johann Pachelbel

(11:00) "God Be With You"
Adult Praise Band

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Participating in the service:

Mr. Kofi Kumi, Worship Leader (9:30)

The Clark Family, Ms. Daniella Womeku, Ms. Claudia Garcia, Mr. Daryl Fofuh,
Ms. Lauren Imboden, and Mr. Djelani Bassong, 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

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

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Denise Schleckser "in celebration of Mom's birthday, and Mom and Dad's anniversary this week."



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