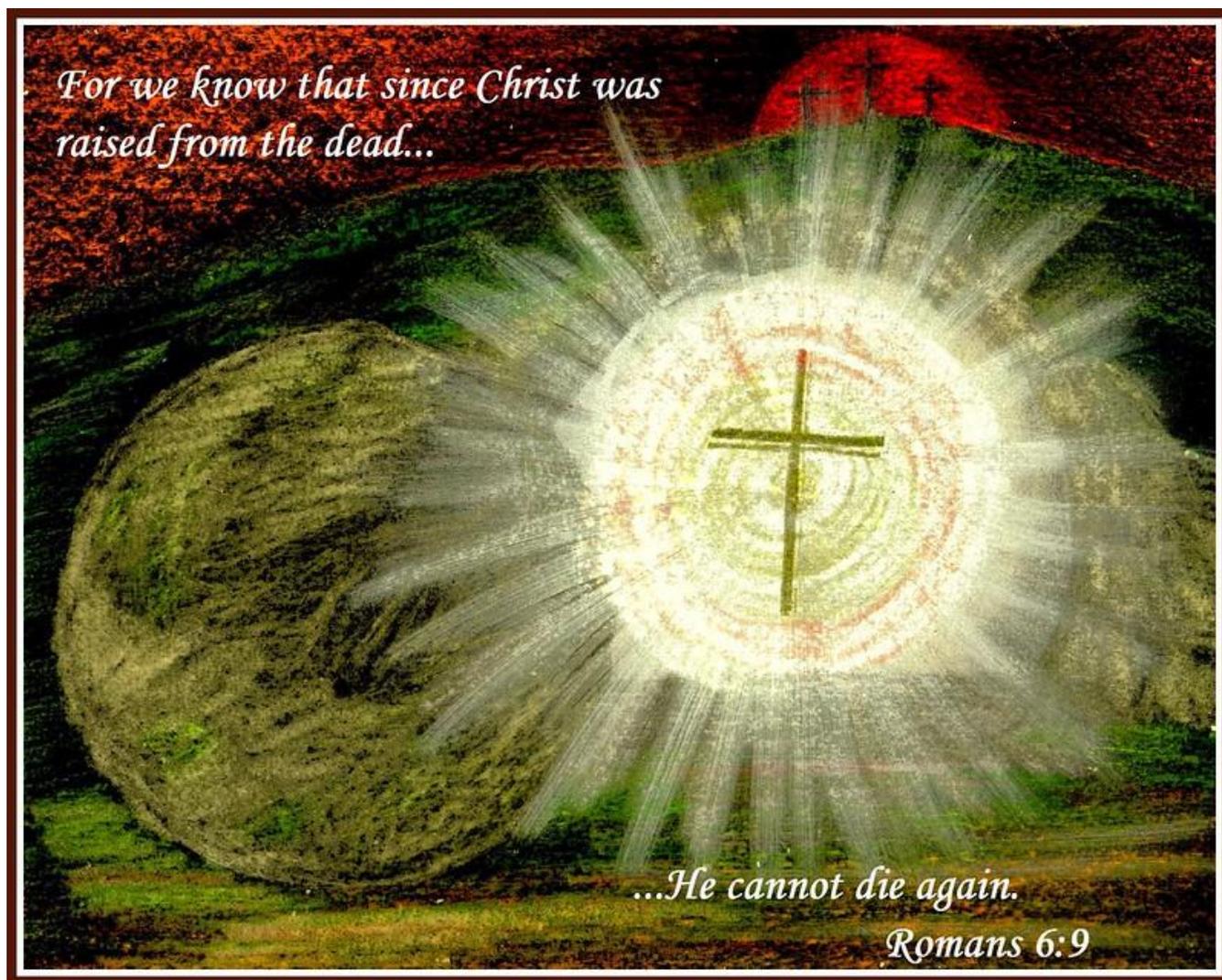


Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



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

Opening Scripture

John 19:38–20:1

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

Opening Music

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Wade Meyers, piano

Welcome

Welcome, all! Please register your attendance with the QR code on the inside of the front cover, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

Christ is risen! We see the glory of God.

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

But God’s love cannot be contained, even by death.

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Glory to God #232

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

When our faith stands at the grave,
Grieving for a stone that's rolled away,
forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding
though the truth is there to see,
forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further
than an empty tomb, forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, ‘I have seen the Lord!’
and grant us faith to believe!

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

The shadows of the tomb are gone. Angels proclaim God’s good news.
Death and evil have been defeated; love is on the move.

By the power of Jesus Christ, our rock and our Redeemer,
we share in God’s resurrection glory.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Sung Response [*stand*]

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Glory to God #248

Scripture

Luke 24:1–12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this,

suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Sermon

God’s Big Eraser

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

Glory to God #245

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

“Festival Sanctus”
The Chancel Choir

John Leavitt

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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*]

“Thine Is the Glory”

Glory to God #238

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

“Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5” Charles-Marie Widor
Mary Maldarelli, organ

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Participating in the service:

Ms. Ninna Nana, Ms. Jennifer Scavullo, Mr. Blaise Scavullo, and
Mr. Cooper Scavullo, Worship Leaders (11:00)
Ms. Kaylee Dobbins, Trumpeter
Mr. Steve Ward, Trombonist
Mr. Norman Cary, Tubist
Ms. Mary Maldarelli, Guest Organist
Ms. Carrie Larsen, Director of Youth and College Ministries
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and Rev. Mary Austin



**The Flowers In the Sanctuary were given to the glory of God,
and in Celebration, in Honor, or in Memory of
Past and Present Loved Ones**

Given in Celebration

Mary Austin – *in celebration of the GPC and GPP&K Staff – each one a joy to work with*

Karma Beal – *in celebration of my Grandchildren: Sammy, Chris, Jeremy, Ava, Nhu, and Nicole*

Cindy Cenname – *in celebration of GPC*

Barbara Clark – *in celebration of our family: Robert and Mary Clark, Earl W. Jones, Mary Champney*

Lloyd Currie – *in celebration of the April 11 birth of my great-granddaughter, Anna Marielle Philbin.*

Elba Hildebrant – *in celebration of all our friends and family for our Lord's presence in our lives*

Laura Johnson – *in celebration of my family, Don and Jennie, Becky and her family, and
Cindy and her family*

Yvonne D. Miller – *in celebration of my sister, Joyce Dianne Miller's 74th birthday on 4/22/22*

Whitlock Family – *in celebration of Easter! He is Risen!*

Given In Memory

Mary Austin & Carl Smith – *in memory of Emmett Smith, Sr. and Anna Marie Austin*

Crystal Blyler – *in memory of Grandparents Jay and Shirley Smith, and Kathryn and Arthur Blyler,
and great-grandmothers, Hopp and Caris*

Sherrie Cardea & Family – *in memory of Joe Harris, loving husband, father, grandfather, and
great-grandfather. What a blessing you were and continue to be to our family. We miss you*

Ann & Jim Davidson – *in memory of Samuel Beachy (grandson), Don and Helen Davidson (Jim's
parents)*

Art & Sue Eisenhour – *in memory of Michael and Fern*

Martha Garcia – *in memory of George William McRee*

Donna Gregory – *in memory of Roger Gregory*

Jane Hyndman – *in memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hyndman; sister, Martha Hyndman; brother, David Hyndman; cousin, Gertrude Laffin, and Aunt Sadie Simpson*

Garret Kelly – *in memory of John Welch*

Schola Muluh and Stacey Kum – *in memory of Joseph K. Sang's 10th anniversary*

Paul & Susan Linz – *in memory of Jack & Ginny Sonneborn, Henry and Rita Linz*

Martine Yondou – *in memory of her departed loved ones*

Phil & Evi Melberg – *in memory of Rev. and Mrs. William F. Melberg, Albert and Elizabeth Janosy, and Albert A. Janosy*

Margaret Ofori – *in memory of our father, Mr. Alexander Ofori*

Janey Roth – *in memory of her departed loved ones*

John & Dottie Slavcoff – *in memory of our sons, John, Jr. and Mark*

Charlotte and Mary Spencer – *in memory of Murray Spencer*

John Travis – *in memory of our parents*

Mary Wasik – *in memory of Bob Wasik*

Don & Nancy Wilson – *in memory of Captain Donald Roberts (brother of Nancy), and Irene Wilson (mother of Don)*