

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 1, 2022

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

Opening Music

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Argentine Santo

Wade Meyers, organ

Welcome

Welcome to all! 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*]

To pharisees minding their business,
And fishermen mending their nets:

Jesus says: follow me!

To the money-handlers, the lawyers,
The intellectuals, the power-brokers:

Jesus says: follow me!

To the carers and the cleaners,
The married, the single,

The young and the old,

Country-folk and city-dwellers:

Jesus says: follow me!

Then and now, together and apart,
Willing or doubting, ready or not,

Jesus says: follow me!

Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Glory to God, #1

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

Loving God, we confess that we do not share
in the joy of the resurrection

and are caught in the worries of the world.

We do not live in the spirit of new life

and remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us when we find it more comfortable

**to worry and complain
than to risk resurrection joy.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon in Song

*“Though I May Speak”
Verses 1 and 3*

Glory to God, #693

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Scripture

Psalm 65:5–13

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

⁶ By your[a] strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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

Sermon

Can Every Road Lead to Joy?

Rev. Norm Gordon

We Respond to God's Grace

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music [*seated*]

"Be Thou My Vision"
Verses 1 and 2

Glory to God, #450

Invitation to the Communion Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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...

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 worshiping 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. This is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.

