

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 15, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Brian Doerkson

Adult Praise Band

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Welcome

Welcome to all! Please sign in 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]*

Jesus says: ask and you will receive, seek and you will find,
Knock and the door will be opened.

We believe; help our unbelief.

Jesus says: Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden.

And I will give you rest.

We believe; help our unbelief.

Jesus says: heal, the sick.

Feed the hungry.

Free the oppressed.

Watch and pray.

We believe; help our unbelief.

Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *[stand]*

“Come All You People”

Glory to God, #388

Call to Confession

Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ ³ So Jesus told them this parable: ⁴‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.”

⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Prayers of Confession

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon Luke 15:8-10

Jesus says: ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’ Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes / Natalie Jorges-Castellanos

Children and youth leave for class. 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.

Sung Response [seated]

Give Thanks

Glory to God, #647

Scripture

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ”

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:25-32

²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

Sermon

But What About Meeeeeeeeeeee?

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [stand]

"Shout to the Lord"
Adult Praise Band

Darlene Zschech

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Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer [*together*]

