

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 24, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



## Opening Music

“Adagio, K. 356” W.A. Mozart, arr. E.P. Biggs  
Lynn Monkres, 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]*

Called by Christ,

**we gather as one.**

Blessed by God’s wisdom,

**we gather to learn.**

Amazed by God’s love,

**we gather to worship.**

With joyful hearts and open spirits, let us worship God together.

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn *[stand]*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Glory to God, #1

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession *[together]*

God of all comfort: we confess before you  
the evil of our hearts;

we know that we are too inclined  
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,  
toward ambition and pride.  
O God, in your loving-kindness,  
in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin,  
and turn us toward you again.  
Use us for your purposes, and not our own. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **We Listen to God's Word**

---

#### **Children's Message**

Mystery Box!

*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*]

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

Glory to God, #451

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

## Revelation 4:1–11

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne!<sup>3</sup> And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.<sup>4</sup> Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads.<sup>5</sup> Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; <sup>6</sup>and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle.<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.’

<sup>9</sup>And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.’

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

**Sermon**

**Just My Imagination**

Rev. Whitney Fauntleroy

## We Respond to God’s Grace

---

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Glory to God, #268

## Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People and 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*]                      "Lord, Make Us More Holy"                      Glory to God, #313

### Passing the Peace

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

### Closing Blessing

**Closing Music**                      "The Emperor's Fanfare"                      A. Soler, arr. E.P. Biggs  
Lynn Monkres, organ

†

### Participating in the service:

Rev. Whitney Fautleroy, Minister to Young Adults  
Ms. Carrie Larsen, Director of Youth and College Ministries, Worship Leader, 9:30  
Elder Pat Keziah, Worship Leader, 11:00  
Dr. Lynn Monkres, Guest Organist  
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families  
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

The Call to Worship is adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Elba Hildebrant in memory of Elba Pascual.*

gpchurch.org/  
guestbook

