

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – August 28, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

“Change My Heart, Oh God”

Eddie Espinosa

Praise Band

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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*]

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*]

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”

Glory to God, #69

Call to Confession [*together*]

Heavenly God,
you gifted this world
and made us stewards of it,
gave us family from many lands
put your word upon our hearts.
But we have thought only of ourselves
and the blessings of our lives,
forgetting that your grace
and love are for the benefit of all.

**Forgive our selfishness,
enlarge our vision,
and enable us to be
your faithful servants.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Mystery Box!

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Sung Response *[seated]*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Glory to God, #465

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *[responsive]*

Psalm 103

(Inclusive Language Translation)

Bless YHWH, my soul! All that is in me, bless God's holy Name!

Bless YHWH, my soul, and remember all God's kindnesses!

the One who forgives all your sins is the One who heals all your diseases;

the One who ransoms your life from the Pit

is the One who crowns you with love and tenderness.

the One who fills your years with prosperity

also gives you an eagle's youthful energy.

How you love justice, YHWH! You are always on the side of the oppressed.

You revealed your intentions to Moses, your deeds to Israel.

You are tender and compassionate, YHWH— slow to anger, and always loving;

your indignation doesn't endure forever,

and your anger lasts only for a short time.

You never treat us as our sins deserve;

you don't repay us in kind for the injustices we do.

For as high as heaven is above the earth,

so great is the love for those who revere you.

As far away as the east is from the west,

that's how far you remove our sins from us!
As tenderly as parents treat their children,
that's how tenderly you treat your worshipers, YHWH!
**For you know what we are made of—
you remember that we're nothing but dust.
We last no longer than grass, live no longer than a wildflower;
one gust of wind and we're gone, never to be seen again.**
Yet your love lasts from age to age for those who revere you, YHWH,
as does your goodness to our children's children,
and to those who keep your covenant and remember to obey your precepts.
**You have established your throne in the heavens,
and your reign extends over everything.**

Bless YHWH, you angels, you powers who do God's bidding,
attentive to every word of command!
bless YHWH, you heavenly host, you faithful ones who enforce God's will!
bless YHWH, all creation, to the far reaches of God's reign!
Bless YHWH, my soul!

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

Sermon

Get A Tattoo*

Rev. Mary Austin

*Read the fine print first.

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Glory to God, #39

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Ancient Words"

Lynn DeShazo

Praise Band

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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]

"For Everyone Born"

Glory to God, #769

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

"Everlasting God"

Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

Praise Band

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Participating in the service:

Mr. Charles Duncan, Worship Leader (9:30)

Mr. Daniel Anpoma, Mr. Ezekiel Anpoma, Ms. Fortune Nchang-Lum,
Worship Leaders (11:00)

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Martha Garcia "in memory of Bill McRee."

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