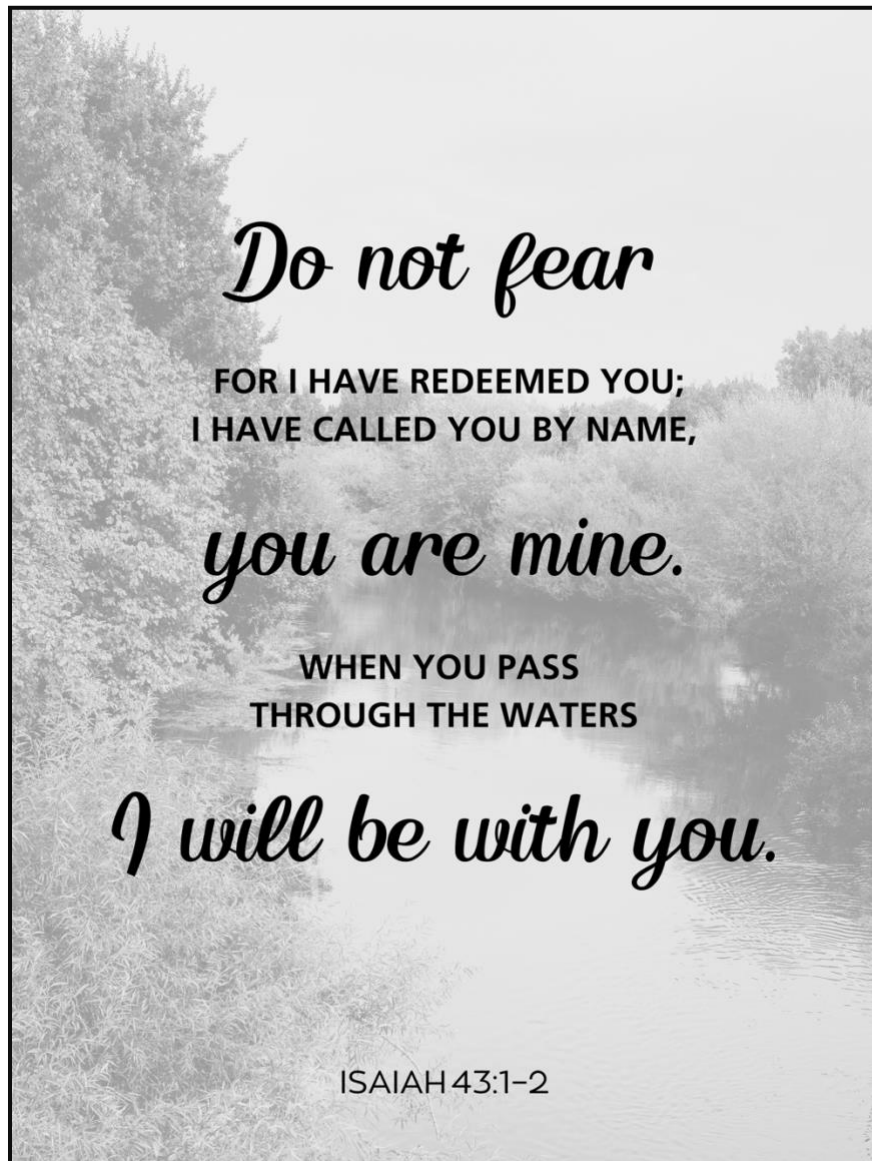


Welcome to Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

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Witness to the Resurrection

Daniel Pope Spencer

May 18, 2024

11:00 am

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church
610 South Frederick Avenue | Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877
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**A Service of Thanksgiving
In Memory of
Daniel Pope Spencer**

October 23, 1948 – March 15, 2024

May 18, 2024

11:00 am

Prelude

“Hymns of the Faith”

Welcome

Call to Worship [*responsive*] 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 13:13

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By God’s great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

but the greatest of these is love.

Trusting in God, confident in hope, overflowing with love, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Amazing Grace”
verses 1, 3, 4, 5

Glory to God, #649

Family Remembrance

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Isaiah 43:1–7

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴.... God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Grace Is Amazing

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer [*unison*]

**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.

Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Glory to God, #834

Prayer of Commendation [*unison*]

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Daniel.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,
a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Hymn [*stand*]

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Glory to God, #825

Benediction

Postlude

"Hymns of the Faith"

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*The congregation is asked to remain seated for the postlude.
Afterward, please join us in Lindsay Hall for refreshments and a chance to greet the family.*

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Participating in the Service:

Mr. William Stief, musician
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence