

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 7, 2024

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



### Welcome

*Welcome to all! Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.*

### Opening Music

“Adagio from Sonata in G Minor”  
Johan Choi, double bass

MARCELLO

### Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Let us sing praise to the God of all creation.

**Let us sing praise to the Spirit who gives life to all.**

Let us sing praise to Jesus, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**That everything and everyone in all of creation might be reunited with God through Christ.**

### Opening Prayer

### Hymn [*stand*]

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Glory to God, #65

### Call to Confession

Challenges in life can cause us to doubt God’s love. But God’s love is shown for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Therefore, with confidence in God’s love, let us confess our brokenness and receive new life.

### Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

Holy One, we confess that we too often doubt that you have already overcome the power of sin and death.

We are more in touch with the pains of our weakness than with the power of your love.

**In fear, we worship idols of our making.**

**In despair, we collapse in hopelessness.**

**In rage, we strive to dominate others.**

Creator God, forgive us, and grant us peace.

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

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## **Children's Message (11:00)**

Carolyn Hayes

*Children and youth remain in worship.*

## **Musical Response** *[seated]*

"Jesus, We Are Here"  
*verses 1-4*

Glory to God, #392

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture**

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

## **Sermon**

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

## We Respond to God's Grace

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**Hymn** [*stand*] "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Glory to God, #306

### Invitation to Generosity

**Offertory** "Largo from Sonata in E Minor" MARCELLO  
Johan Choi, double bass

**Sung Response** [*stand*] "We Gather Together" Glory to God, #336  
*verse 2*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Invitation to the Communion Table

#### 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...

#### 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.**

#### The Breaking of the Bread

*For those worshipping 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. The bread is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and the cup is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.*

*For those worshipping in the sanctuary: Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you would like to be served in your seat, wave at the servers and they will happily come to you.*

*The elements at GPC are always gluten free.*

#### Prayer after Communion

# We Depart for Service

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## Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]

“This is My Song”

Glory to God, #340

## Closing Blessing

**Closing Music** [*seated*]

“Largo from Sonata in E Minor”

MARCELLO

Johan Choi, double bass

## Passing the Peace

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

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### Participating in the service:

Micah Tsoi, Pianist

Elder Doreen Turczyn-Toles, Worship Leader (9:30)

Children of the Church, Worship Leader (11:00)

Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Marjorie Leach, in memory of Walter Leach.*

Thank you for  
worshiping with us!

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## July 7, 2024 Announcements & Events



**Sunday, July 21, at 11:00 am**

**You are cordially invited to join the CWF & CMF of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church for the Inauguration of CMF and Dedication of New Members into CWF & CMF.**

**RSVP: 240-899-5291 (CMF) 410-500-6085 (CWF)**

**VBS is for adults, too!** – This year's summer VBS for children is completely full but Carolyn Hayes does not want to leave the adults behind. She is offering a 5-week class on Sunday mornings. The theme is "Sail On," and the adults will follow the themes of the children's program. Join Carolyn on Sundays at 9:30 am, July 7–August 4, in rooms 31-32, and be encouraged to sail with the Spirit.

**Special Guest Speaker** – Community Engagement Ministry invites you to hear what God is doing around the world! Hear from GPC member and Elder, Arfan Sandhu, who recently returned from an inspiring trip to one of our GPC-supported missionaries. "The beauty of the landscapes, the warmth of the people, and the impactful work we were able to do left a lasting impression on me." Arfan has lots more to share on Wednesday, July 17, at 7 pm. The Zoom link will be in the weekly eblast.



### *Great Job on Table Fellowship!*

**Five table fellowship groups have been organized so far.  
Now there's an opportunity for a 6th group!**

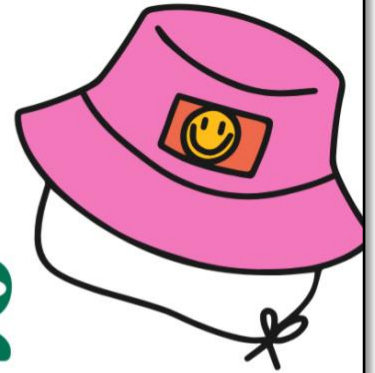
One of our members has volunteered to host a Table Fellowship luncheon for individuals in the next month or so. For this unique opportunity, you would contribute an item to the menu, but you would not need to host or to travel at night. If the weather cooperates, this luncheon may be outside.

If interested, please contact Clara Pratt at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org).

**The Sunday Morning Group** – Sundays at 8:15 am in Room 33 and on Zoom. Join the group as they study Richard J. Foster's Celebration of Discipline. For the Zoom link please email Steve Olin at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org).



# YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR



## JULY

July 7, following the 11:00 am Worship Service | Kayaking  
Bring a lunch and towel. Kayaking from 1-2:00 pm, the cost is \$20.

July 8–12 | MIX Middle School Camp

July 14 | Sunday Youth Time, dismissed from 11 am worship.

July 17, 6–7:30 pm | Wednesday Night Youth Group

July 21 | Sunday Youth Time, dismissed from 11 am worship.

July 22–27 | MOVE High School Camp

July 31, 6:00 pm | Ice Cream Gathering at Carmen's in Rockville,  
1115 Nelson St., bring \$4 for ice cream

## AUGUST

Aug. 7, 6–7:30 pm | Wednesday Night Youth Group

Aug. 11 | Sunday Youth Time, dismissed from 11:00 am worship.

Aug. 14, 6:00 pm | Parent & Youth Potluck

Aug. 15, 6:30 pm | Ice Cream Night at Jimmie Cone

Aug. 22, 6:45–9:00 pm | Annual Gutterbowl Event

## UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Sept. 4 | Parent Dinner & Meeting, 6:00 pm

Sept. 8 | Youth Breakfast

**A Little Help Makes a Lot of Difference** – Our Little Free Food Pantry is helping to answer the critical needs of our food-insecure neighbors. We're so grateful for your commitment to keeping the pantry stocked, whether through food donations or monetary contributions. You can give online or via check designating the Pantry. With financial donations, Pantry volunteers can shop for specific needs as soon as they arise. This week's suggested food donation is **Pasta**.

**We are Here for Your Prayer Requests** – GPC has dedicated volunteers to pray with you over blessings or concerns. For this outreach, they will use the church directory to contact you by phone, text, or email. If you need to update your contact information, please email the office at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org). All requests are confidential unless you agree otherwise. You can find more information at [gpchurch.org/prayer-network](http://gpchurch.org/prayer-network).