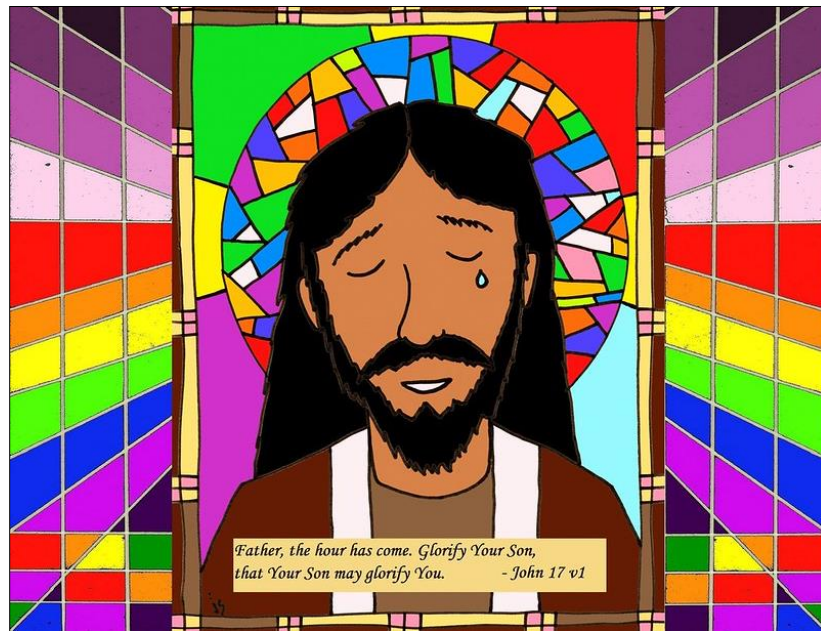


Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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



Opening Music

“Fugue on the Magnificat Third Tone”
Wade Meyers, organ

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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]*

We have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls ordinary people to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to adore God, the gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me

to receive and share the Word of life and hope.

Let us worship the God of glory together.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *[stand]*

“As the Deer”
“I Love You, Lord”

Glory to God, #626

Glory to God, #627

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Loving God, you have called us to unity in the body of Christ, but often we isolate ourselves from those who are different. You call us to deeper relationships, but we think we don't have time for that. You ask us to look, listen, and learn from others, but we believe we already know what we need.

Forgive us, God, and set us on the right path once more. As Christ has reconciled us to you, so let the Spirit of Christ enliven our fellowship with one another. Then we will look more like the disciples Christ has called us to be. Amen.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

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.

Musical Response *[seated]*

"Lead Me, Guide Me"
Please sing verse 1

Glory to God, #740

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people,^[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in

the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Sermon

The Great Divine Transfer

Rev. Norm Gordon

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)"
Please sing verses 1, 3, and 5

Glory to God, #301

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Chancel Choir

CRAIG COURTNEY

Offertory Hymn

"We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)"

Glory to God, # 710

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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*]

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Glory to God, #853

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

"When the Saints Go Marching In"
Wade Meyers, organ

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Participating in the service:

Rev. Norm Gordon, guest preacher
Abby and AJ Gordon, 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

Weekly
Virtual Meetings

Monday Morning Coffee – 10:30 am on Zoom

All welcome. Please join us for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time.
Never been before? We'll be glad to see you.

Hard Books with Good Friends – Wednesday afternoons, 3:00 pm on Zoom

Reading "Man's Search for Meaning," Viktor Frankel

Exodus Bible Study – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm on Google Meet

We're studying Exodus. If you'd like to join, the book is titled Discover Exodus.
The curriculum is from Faith Alive, 2 books (\$8.99ea +\$7.00 s/h).



Email office@gpchurch.org to request the links



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worshiping with us!

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May 21, 2023 Weekly Announcements

Speakers of languages other than English needed! – May 28, Pentecost Sunday – Can you recite John 3:16 in a language other than English and will you be in church on Pentecost Sunday? Contact Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence and let her know if you will participate at 9:30 or 11:00.

Want to give Sunday flowers? – You can give flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or just because. The cost is \$45, and you can take the flowers home after the 11:00 service. Email your choice of date to office@gpchurch.org and pay the \$45 through the app or by check, noting that it's for flowers. Thanks to everyone who adds to the beauty of worship in this way.

GPC Website Calendar – Did you know that the GPC Website now offers not only upcoming featured events, but full Calendar page listings? Thanks to the volunteer commitment of member Paul Whitehead, your church-related event, meeting, or activity information can be posted for all to see throughout the year. Just email your entry information to office@gpchurch.org.

Next Class of Elders and Deacons – The Nominating Committee is seeking names of candidates for positions as elders and deacons. Elders discern God's will for our church, attend monthly meetings, and chair committees. Deacons care for specific, assigned persons and/or organize and support one-on-one caring ministries, such as the Caring Card Table. Both can serve communion. Please contact Rev. Mary Austin, Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence, Ginny Allsopp, Carol V. Curtis, Malvin Duncan, or Elisa McClelland or email office@gpchurch.org with your suggestions.

Smile for the Camera! – GPC takes pictures at the church and may use them for social media or the newsletter. If you do NOT want your picture used, please let the church office or one of the pastors know.

Is preparing and serving good food your love language? If so, consider baking nut-free sweet treats for our Sunday Coffee Fellowship. Or if you binge-watch the Food Network, whip up a batch of savory appetizers for us to sample on Sunday mornings. Good food leads to conversation, which increases our fellowship, and multiplies our mutual life in Christ! Thank you in advance.

Today's Events

Creation Care Meeting – Join us today at 11:00 am in room 32/33 to review our accomplishments so far and to discuss plans for the summer and fall. We welcome you and the creation care ideas you would like us to consider.

Upcoming Events

Help Prepare 200 Bag Lunches! – On Sunday, June 11, following the 11:00 service, we will assemble bag lunches for So Others Might Eat (SOME) in Lindsay Hall. Want to help? We need volunteers to shop for/prepare food and organize the assembly of the lunches. To assist with any of these steps, contact Mary Beth Lawrence.

GPC's Vacation Bible School – June 26-30, from 9 am–12 pm, for children ages 4 years through entering 5th grade. Register at gpchurch.org/vbs.

