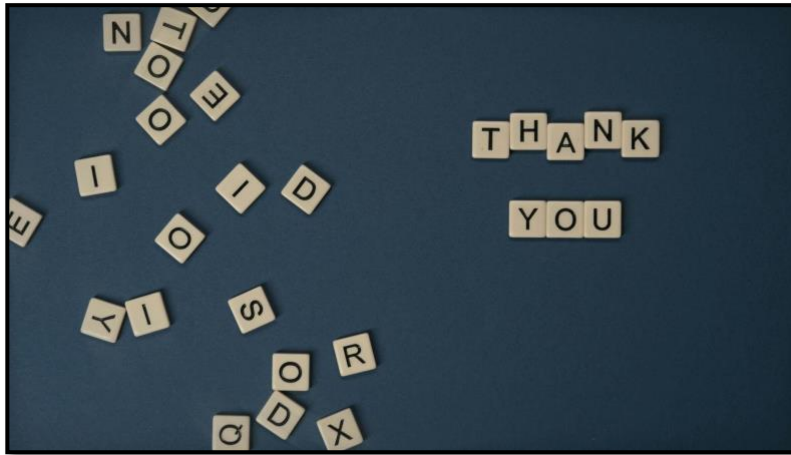


# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – June 9, 2024

## Third 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

(9:30) "All is Well"

MICHAEL SMITH

(11:00) "I Will Sing Unto the Lord (A Joyful Song)"

STANLEY KAOSI AND

Christian Women Fellowship

THE GRACE BAND

### Call to Worship *[responsive]*

The God of our ancestors heard our cries and saw our oppression when we were captives in Egypt.

**God brought us out with a mighty hand, and brought us through the wilderness with many signs and wonders.**

The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place, says,

**"When my people call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation."**

Trusting in our God, let us welcome the Holy into our hearts.

### Opening Prayer

### Hymn *[stand]*

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Glory to God, #611

### Call to Confession

Comfortable with the way things are, we can lose sight of the way God intends the world to be. As we consider how God might be calling us to leave complacent captivity and risk the freedom of wilderness, let us offer our confessions and seek the courage that God offers through the release of forgiveness.

## **Prayer of Confession** [*responsive*]

God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you.

**When we choose our ease and comfort**

**over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world,**

**remind us to return to you,**

**to settle for nothing less than the abundant generosity you intend for all.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

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

Carolyn Hayes

*At the 11:00 service, children and youth are invited to leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. Youth will be released from class to find you.*

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

"Thank You, Lord"

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture**

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down towards your holy temple**

**and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

**for you have exalted your name and your word**

**above everything.**

*Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord.*

*I just want to thank you, Lord.*

On the day I called, you answered me,

you increased my strength of soul.

**All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,**

**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly;**

**perceiving the haughty from far away.**

*Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord.*

*I just want to thank you, Lord.*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
**you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.**

You fulfill your purpose for me;  
**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.  
Do not abandon the work of your hands.**

*Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.*

*Been so good, been so good, been so good.  
I just want to thank you, Lord.*

**Sermon**

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

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**Hymn** [*stand*]

"Know That God Is Good"

Glory to God, #659

**Minute for Ministry**

Mary and Rich Kempf

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

(9:30) "Grace"

ARR. HAYES

Chancel Choir

(11:00) "He Knows it All"

SAMUEL M. TABI

Christian Women Fellowship

**Sung Response** [*stand*]

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Glory to God, #643

*verse 3*

**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

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## Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]

“To God Be the Glory”

Glory to God, #634

## Closing Blessing

**Closing Music** [*seated*]

(9:30) “Joyful, Joyful”

BEETHOVEN ARR. PURIFOY

(11:00) “Praise, Praise, the Lord, Oh Glory Hallelujah”

Christian Women Fellowship

## Passing the Peace

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

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### **Participating in the service:**

Katherine Williams, Director of Music

Rev. Deb Vaughn, Worship Leader (9:30)

Elder Scholastica Muluh, Worship Leader (11:00)

Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

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*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Roger Burkhart, in memory of Nancy Burkhart.*

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Thank you for  
worshiping with us!

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## Summer Fellowship Luncheon Today



Summer Fellowship Luncheon is today, following the 11:00 am service! Each family is asked to bring a favorite nut-free main dish, salad, or side dish to share. The Planning Committee will provide a dessert of fresh fruits, no dessert donations are needed. Let's support our Little Food Pantry with donations of small containers of peanut butter, canned fruit, and/or oatmeal! Don't miss the fun!

## Orchestra Concert Tonight!

The Montgomery Philharmonic will hold the last concert of its season in our Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. They will perform *Symphony No. 7 in A major, Opus 92* (Beethoven), *The Rhyme of Taigu* (Zhou), *Piece for Illia* (Sakamoto), and *Serenade for Orchestra* (Still). Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.



**Congregational Meeting** – The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for June 16, following the 11:00 am service, to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present the following persons: Francie Whitlock, Akiko Taketani, Yaw Obeng, Serge Kamba, Natalie Jorges-Castellanos, Stuart Hayes, Laurie Gira, Grace Atanga Fuh, Jerry Brown. We encourage as many official members of the congregation as possible to be present, either online or in the sanctuary.

**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).

## HELP FILL OUR KIDS' CREW FOR VBS



Registration is open now to get on board for "Sail On,"  
GPC's Vacation Bible School!  
July 15–19, 9:00 am to Noon

This year's theme is learning how to "sail" with the Holy Spirit.



For more information or to register visit [gpchurch.org/vbs](http://gpchurch.org/vbs) or scan the QR code.

Please let anyone know who has kids 4 years old through 5th grade.

## GPC Announcements

**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).

**Last Week of School, Celebrate with a Donation to the Food Pantry!** – Food items are great, but you can also stock the pantry with other items. Consider toothbrushes and travel-size toiletries or wrapped eating utensils. You may already have these items from hotels, the dentist, or carry-out restaurants. These little things really mean a lot! Our suggested food donation is **Oatmeal** (regular and instant). Have a great summer and thank you for your donations!



*Sign Up for Table Fellowship*  
(PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS DINNERS FOR EIGHT / D48)

**Table Fellowship takes place inside or outside, involves singles and couples with or without children, and does not require everyone to host.**

As eight adults sign up, groups are created. After you participate in one group, you can sign up to be included in another group.

Contact Clara Pratt at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) to be added to a group.

**Good News! GPC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mainstream is a Must Read!** – If you didn't get yours by mail or email, you can also find it on the GPC website, app, and in the flyer rack in the Narthex. Catch up on CAT Scan survey results from Pastor LeAnn, what's happening with our kids and youth, the Japanese Christian Church, tips from Creation Care, personal memories of GPC's past, and plenty more!

**Creation Care June Message** – Repair, Recycle, Reuse: Opportunities to care for the needy are all around us. Durable Medical Equipment (DME), such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, etc., in good working condition can be donated at the Shady Grove Transfer Station. In addition, to donate DME or receive DME at no cost through various centers around Maryland, you can contact the Maryland Department of Aging about its statewide Durable Medical Equipment Re-Use program at <https://aging.maryland.gov/pages/DME.aspx> or call 240-380-8000.

*"...Blessed are the merciful..."* -Matthew 5:7

*"...my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."* -Philippians 4:19