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WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

IMAGINATIVE WORD

A Poem by Marian Wright Edelman

We pray for the children
Who sneak popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.
And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.
We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.
And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move and have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance.
For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody
kind enough to offer it.

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

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BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (led by Sandra O'Neill)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

- 10:00 AM - What If. . .? Class - in-person (led by Ross Riddell and Janet James)
- 11:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - in-person (Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle)
- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge - in-person (Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

- 9:45 AM - Class: Life After Doom - in-person (led by Bland Weaver)
- 12:00 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club - in-person
- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (in the spirit of Taize) - in-person
- 1:00 PM - Creative Fellowship Art Class (led by Robin Ricketts)
- 7:00 PM - River City Community Players Rehearsal

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (led by Steve Sawyer)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (led by Robin Ricketts)
- 5:30 PM - Handbells

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4

- 6:45 PM - Celtic Harp Circle Rehearsal

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

- 10:30 AM - Ria Springer Memorial- visitation with light refreshments
- 11:30 AM - Ria Springer Memorial Service

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 9:45 AM - "Silencing White Noise" class - in-person (led by Barbara Crump)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 3:30 PM - Artist's Reception: Margo Titmus and Sandra O'Neill - in-person
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (host, Marilyn Johns)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person