

The Gayton Kirk

October 20, 2024

11 AM Service



“Jesus Washing Peter’s Feet” (no attribution)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Wambold

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

OPENING WORDS

Sally Wambold

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;
let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

**God raised mountains above the depths;
let us gather in wonder before them.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sally Wambold

No one can compare to you, O God.
Human language cannot fully describe you.
Still, you became human,
and with words we could understand
you called us to serve one another
and showed us love even to death.
Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith,
that we may all, in our own ways,
offer ourselves to one another. **Amen.**

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O Lord, you have taught us
that whoever wishes to become great
must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first
must be last and servant of all.**

Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,
seeking seats of glory.
We organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.
Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,
for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Let us stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Margaret Storti, piano

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Barbara Crump

A fixer (author unknown)

*A fixer has the illusion of being causal.
A server knows he or she is being used
in the service of something greater,
essentially unknown*

*We fix something specific.
We serve always the something:
wholeness and the mystery of life.*

*Fixing and helping are the work of the ego.
Serving is the work of the soul.*

*When you help, you see life as weak.
When you fix, you see life as broken.
When you serve, you see life as whole.*

*Fixing and helping may cure.
Serving heals.*

*When I help, I feel satisfaction.
When I serve, I feel gratitude.*

*Fixing is a form of judgment.
Serving is a form of connection.*

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mark 10: 35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Hebrews 5:1-10

5 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Weaver

HYMN # 625

“O Lord My God”

Margaret Storti, piano

CALL TO OFFERING

Marney Titmus

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

It is appropriate to respond to God with our time, talents, and money. Your offering can be placed in the offering plate along with prayer concerns written on the card attached to the bulletin (program) or through the chat feature online. Please use first names only.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Margaret Storti, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marney Titmus

To you, O God, we offer our lives—
our abundance, our poverty,
all that we have, all that we are—
a sign of our great thanksgiving
for the treasure of your grace.
Take and use us for good
in the world that you so love;
we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Weaver

*(Our communion bread is gluten free, and we use juice in lieu of wine.
Those at home are encouraged to set aside bread or bread substitute and
wine or wine substitute to join us for communion)*

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 and praise to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
You know the pain of the afflicted;
you hear the cries of the oppressed
and satisfy them with long life and salvation.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na! -

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! -

Ho-san - na! - Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! -

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Jesus drank the cup of suffering and sorrow;
for our sake, he received the baptism of death
and gave his life as a ransom for sin.

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Teach us to turn to Christ, our great high priest,
who knows our weakness and waywardness
and yet prays with loud cries for our salvation.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

*After we receive the bread and the cup,
let us hold the cup and drink together.*

COMMUNION HYMN # 209 “My Song is Love Unknown”
Margaret Storti, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN # 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” Margaret Storti, piano

POSTLUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rebecca Weaver

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Liturgists:

First Sundays: **Betty Doll**, Mike Doll, Cathi Thornton, Deb Kuhn

Second Sundays: **Susan Trulove**, Lilly Craddock, Beverly Evans, Norma Smith

Third Sundays: **Sally Wambold**, Barbara Crump, Lily Titmus, Marney Titmus

Fourth Sundays: **Linda Smiley**, Patti McCloskey, Janice Baldwin, Xavier Rivera, Juan Rivera

Fifth Sundays: **Betty Doll**, Lilly Craddock, Xavier Rivera, Sally Wambold

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THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

- 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)
- 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 OCTOBER 21

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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22

- 1:55 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)
- 7:00 PM - Zoom Book Group - Zoom (led by Cecelia Fitzgerald) - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (in the spirit of Taize) - in-person

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

- 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 25

- 9:30 AM - Art Show Take Down/Set-Up

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 - CENTSABILITY SUNDAY

- 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)
- 12:30 PM - Lunch and Learn - "Keeping Yourself Safe" - in-person (led by Cheryl O'Connell)
- 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