

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE. THE GAYTON KIRK. NOVEMBER 24. 2024

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WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

IMAGINATIVE WORD

The Gift, by Mary Oliver

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.
Earth and heaven both are still watching
though time is draining from the clock
and your walk, that was confident and quick,
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let
the heart still play its true part.
Love still as once you loved, deeply
and without patience. Let God and the world
know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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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<https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2022/11/22/the-gift-by-mary-oliver>

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 - CENTSABILITY SUNDAY

- 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 NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26

- 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 NOVEMBER 27

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY (Office is closed)

- 12:00 PM - Thanksgiving Dinner

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

- 12:00 PM - Celebration of the Life of Jamie Pugh

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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)
- 12:15 PM - Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers - 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