

The Gayton Kirk

October 5, 2025

11 AM Service



“Movement, The Mountain” by David C. Driskell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

“Danza”
Susato/Arr. McChesney

Handbell Ensemble
Deborah Sparks Mueller, Guest Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

Beloved of God, we are invited to present our whole selves body, mind, and spirit—as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God.

This is our spiritual worship.

We come, turning our lives and our will over to the care of God as we understand God.

We are ready to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

HYMN # 683

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Margaret Storti, piano

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Betty Doll

Merciful God,

You call us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to You.

Yet we confess that we hold parts of ourselves back.

You invite us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds,
but we cling to old patterns of thought and habit.

You long for us to discern what is good and acceptable and perfect, but we conform ourselves too easily to the ways of this world.

Forgive us, O God. By Your Spirit, renew our minds, reclaim our hearts, and make us wholly Yours.

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Cathi Thornton

We Wear the Mask (by Paul Laurence Dunbar)

We wear the mask that grins and lies,
It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes,—
This debt we pay to human guile;
With torn and bleeding hearts we smile,
And mouth with myriad subtleties.

Why should the world be over-wise,
In counting all our tears and sighs?
Nay, let them only see us, while
 We wear the mask.

We smile, but, O great Christ, our cries
To thee from tortured souls arise.
We sing, but oh the clay is vile
Beneath our feet, and long the mile;
But let the world dream otherwise,
 We wear the mask!

Lamentations 3: 40

⁴⁰ Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord.

Matthew 7: 1-5

¹ “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

Romans 12: 1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

12 Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

SERMON

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

HYMN # 684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Margaret Storti, piano

CALL TO OFFERING

Deb Kuhn

We are invited 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.

Financial offerings can also be made by mail to P.O. Box 29635, Henrico, VA 23242
or donate by PayPal on The Kirk’s website www.thegaytonkirk.org website or scan the QR code.



OFFERTORY

“Ring Joyfully”
Geschke

Handbell Ensemble

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deb Kuhn

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks, O God,
for you call us to present our bodies as living sacrifices,
holy and acceptable to you.

You do not leave us conformed to this world,
but transform us by the renewing of our minds,
so that we may discern your good, acceptable, and perfect will.

In Christ Jesus, you turned toward us in mercy and grace.
Christ gave himself fully, holding nothing back.
By his life, death, and resurrection
we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

Therefore, with all creation, with all who walk the steps of faith, and with all who have gone before us,
we lift our voices in unending praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

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

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

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!

Pastor continues in prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice. We are invited to drink the cup together after all are served.

COMMUNION HYMN # 519

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

Margaret Storti, piano

HYMN # 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Margaret Storti, piano

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

POSTLUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

WORSHIP NOTES

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