

# The Gayton Kirk

May 3, 2026

11 AM Service



"Starry Skies" by Vincent van Gogh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.  
**Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**  
Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.  
**Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**  
Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.  
**Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**  
We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.  
**Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

HYMN # 314

"Longing for Light"

Margaret Storti, piano

## CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Betty Doll

**God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.**

Lord, hear now the confessions that silence draws from our hearts...

## IMAGINATIVE WORD

Cathi Thornton

### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

John 14: 1-14, 27

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

HYMN # 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Margaret Storti, piano

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Cathi Thornton

*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.*

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**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Margaret Storti, piano

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Cathi Thornton

**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 to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You have been making room: room in a garden, room in a covenant, room in the hearts of prophets who cried out for justice. You are the God who frees the prisoner, feeds the hungry, and protects the stranger. When the world felt lost and far from home, you sent Jesus, the one who shows us the way. He walked among the destitute and the doubting. He welcomed those whom others turned away. He taught us that to know him was to know you, and that to follow him was to find our way to you.

And so we remember. We remember Christ's life poured out in love. We remember his way of justice and truth. We remember that even death could not contain your faithfulness. Therefore, with all the saints who have gone before us, with all who gather at tables near and far, we join our voices in praise:

# 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!

*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 # 76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Margaret Storti, piano

HYMN # 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Margaret Storti, piano

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

POSTLUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

## WORSHIP NOTES

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