

The Gayton Kirk

May 24, 2026

11 AM Service



"Ghost Dance" by Oscar Howe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tessa Schuman

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Lisa Fusco, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tessa Schuman

All together in one place;
they heard the rush of a violent wind;
it filled the entire house.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;
they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

HYMN # 475

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Lisa Fusco, piano

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Marion Brown

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ’s body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom. Amen.

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

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Marion Brown

Snow Geese by Mary Oliver

Oh, to love what is lovely, and will not last!
What a task
to ask
of anything, or anyone,
yet it is ours,
and not by the century or the year, but by the hours.
One fall day I heard
above me, and above the sting of the wind, a sound
I did not know, and my look shot upward; it was
a flock of snow geese, winging it
faster than the ones we usually see,
and, being the color of snow, catching the sun
so they were, in part at least, golden. I
held my breath
as we do
sometimes
to stop time
when something wonderful
has touched us
as with a match,
which is lit, and bright,
but does not hurt

in the common way,
but delightfully,
as if delight
were the most serious thing
you ever felt.
The geese
flew on,
I have never seen them again.
Maybe I will, someday, somewhere.
Maybe I won't.
It doesn't matter.
What matters
is that, when I saw them,
I saw them
as through the veil, secretly, joyfully, clearly.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READING

Ellen Welthy

Acts 2: 1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tessa Schuman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Tessa Schuman

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN # 697

"Take My Life"

Lisa Fusco, piano

CALL TO OFFERING

Janice Baldwin

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

Lisa Fusco, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Janice Baldwin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We lift up to God the joys and concerns of our hearts together. During pauses, offer the names or situations that you are praying for, aloud or in silence. After each pause, I will say, 'Lord in your mercy' and you are invited to respond with "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray:

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
Lord, you are the Great Healer. Let us pray for the suffering, so that we might be instruments of their comfort and consolation.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As your scriptures tell us, we offer ..."supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim 2:1-4)
Let us pray for our leaders, and the leaders of the world, that they may pave the path of truth and peace.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer."

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)
Lord, on this Memorial Day, we give thanks for those we have lost, and we pray for those in grief.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that..."the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)
Spirit we ask you to intercede for us, speaking the desires of our hearts and the needs of this community.
Let us pray for the church.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

¹²"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
Lord we trust in Jesus, our only Savior, and we pray as he taught us, saying:

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.

HYMN # 722

“Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak”

Lisa Fusco, piano

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Tessa Schuman

POSTLUDE

Lisa Fusco, piano

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