

The Gayton Kirk

September 20, 2026

11 AM Service



"House on Earth" | Vecteezy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

RINGING THE HOUR

Marion Brown

PRELUDE

Deborah Lynch, piano

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

Come!
Come and worship,
you who woke early and you who slept late;
you who come often, and you who don't.
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,
and more than enough grace to go around.
Let's worship God together!

***HYMN # 36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Deborah Lynch, piano

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Marney Titmus

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Marion Brown

"Habitat for Humanity" by Art Paul Schlosser

Habitat for Humanity
What a great way to be friendly
Build a house or two
And give them away to me or you

Habitat for Humanity
Keeping people Healthy
You can live a lot longer
Because making houses makes you stronger

You can't tell me
There isn't anything keen in America
Look around see
There's people helping to free the Homeless in America

Habitat for Humanity
I hope you have your hammer ready
Nail a nail or two
And build a house for me or you

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Wambold

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sally Wambold

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Laborers in the Vineyard

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

***HYMN # 301**

“Let us Build a House”

Deborah Lynch, piano

CALL TO OFFERING

Betty Doll

We are invited to respond to God with our time, talents, and money.
Your offering can be placed in the offering plate long with prayers 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 or scan the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Deborah Lynch, piano

*DOXOLOGY # 606

Deborah Lynch, piano

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Betty Doll

**Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do
your work in the world. May our expectations of what is right and what is wise always be governed
by your unruly love. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

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.

Let us pray.

Oh holy God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of creation and for the gift of the new creation,
made known to us in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We are humbled by this gift of life, by the hope
and wonder this gift brings. And so in joy we join our voices to those of the saints who sing these words
forever:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated by the arrangement style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score consists of eight lines of music. The first two lines are identical: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.' The third line continues the melody with 'Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na!'. The fourth line repeats 'Ho-san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na!'. The fifth line continues with 'Ho-san - na! Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!'. The sixth line concludes with 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'. The seventh and eighth lines are empty staves.

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

Blessed is Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lived as we lived; who suffered and died; whom you raised from the dead that we might fear death and sin no more. Blessed is your Spirit, who comes among us now and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break will become for us the Bread of Life, and the cup we bless will become the Cup of Salvation. By your Spirit make us one with each other and with all who share in this feast you have prepared.

So with gratitude and praise we come to your table, ready to be filled, ready to be sent out, ready to be your people in the world.

Prayers of the People

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

*HYMN # 719

“Come Labor On”

Deborah Lynch, piano

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Dr. Rebekah Motley

POSTLUDE

(During the postlude, meditate and pray about your worship experience today)

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome all to worship today. If you are visiting and would like to know about the Gayton Kirk, please be in touch with the pastor or any member. Welcome!

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