

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"How Great Is Our God"

Cello Solo: Ryan Stover

Susan Martinez
arr. Galliford

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist – Karen Gallagher

Leader: In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe; in ordinary days of work and play:

All: In every moment, God is with us.

Leader: Whether we are stuck in doubt's rut, or standing on faith's peak:

All: In every place, God is with us.

Leader: In those who teach us and those who trouble us; in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us,

All: In every person, God is with us. Let us worship God.

HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;

3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be - fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.

Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,

Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.

Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Please pray with the pastor.)

Holy God, in these stressful times we forget that you can calm the storms of chaos and spread the rainbow of promise. You have saved us to be ambassadors of your grace and reconciliation, but we have believed that might makes right and been fearful of strangers. We forget that Jesus welcomed the stranger and shared your resources with all who were in need. Quiet our minds that we may see you more clearly and acknowledge you at work in our lives and in the world. Transform our fears and fill us with the hope of Christ so that the faith we live may point others toward you. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Let us join in the singing of:

"Come, and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466
Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus came to seek the lost and bring weary ones rest. Believe the good news that we are forgiven and called to live new lives in him.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PNC UPDATE

MUSICAL SOLO

Suite No. 3 (Allemande)
Cello Solo – Ryan Stover

J.S. Bach

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-12

Karen Gallagher

Do Not Judge Another

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. **2** Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. **3** Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. **4** Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord¹ is able to make them stand. **5** Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. **6** Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. **7** We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **8** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. **11** For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to¹⁰ God." **12** So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Judy Wellington

Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" **22** Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25** and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. **26** So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' **27** And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' **29** Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' **30** But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. **31** When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' **34** And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. **35** So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This ends the second reading of scripture. Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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RESPONSE

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(You are encouraged to go to the church's website <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html> for giving options. We encourage you to continue supporting GPC's ministry if you are able and thank you for giving what you can.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The pastor will pray and then invite you to join in praying the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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

"When We Are Living"

vs. 1-3

When We Are Living 822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find
 1 Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,
 2 En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar
 3 En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,
 4 En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,
 y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
 en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
 gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,
 Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
 Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,

we be-long to God; we be-long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

BLESSING**Rev. Judy Wellington**

Whether welcoming the stranger, risking all we have, or facing the cross, whether wrestling with God's call, or freeing ourselves from the past, God is our constant companion along the way.

CHARGE**Liturgist – Karen Gallagher**

Welcome the weak, do not judge one another, and do not argue over differences of opinion. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Live as those who know the grace and love of Christ Jesus in their hearts.

This ends our worship. Let our service begin.

POSTLUDE*"Joyful, Joyful"*Beethoven/Line
Susan Martinez

Thank you to our Worship Team, Gaill Blackburn, Britney Blackburn, Susan Martinez, Ray Zubler and Jennifer Nagy.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Karen Gallagher

Cellist: Ryan Stover

GPC Announcements**USHER TRAINING**

There will be a training for ushers on Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 AM. Please contact Judy Sullivan (jwsullivan2001@yahoo.com, 602-577-6602) if you're able to attend. Thank you!

HELP WANTED!!!!

Our live-streamed worship services have helped us all stay connected over the past few months. Making these virtual services a reality is dependent on the hard work of a small handful of dedicated volunteers. We are hoping to recruit some additional volunteers, to ease the burden on those who work so tirelessly each week. We need people to help the tech team with production, and to work with the music team to help lead hymns and to provide special music. If you are able to help with any aspect of putting together worship services, please contact Judy Sullivan (jwsullivan2001@yahoo.com, or 602-577-6602). Thank you!!!



This Week's Zoom Meetings

Sunday, September 13

- 8:00 am Children's Sunday School on Facebook
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am - "Love, Learn, Share, Pray" Time
- 11:30 am – Adult Sunday School Bible Class

We'll be discussing the book, *The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations: Understanding the History, Beliefs, and Differences*, by Ron Rhodes.

Monday, September 14

- 7:00 pm – Deacons Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

- 6:30 pm – Session Meeting

Friday, September 18

- 7:00 pm - GPC Connection Hour

**Please note: IF PEOPLE HAVE NOT LOGGED ON BY
7:10 PM THE HOST WILL END THE MEETING!**

Saturday, September 19

- 10:00 am – Usher Training



Happy Birthday to:

- September 13 – Aria Martin
- September 15 – Jeani Mitchell
- September 19 – Don Howlett



Happy Anniversary to:

- September 13 – Art & Gloria Nelson



Great News - Announcing GPC AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP!

Sundays right after Church on Zoom

*There's no need to worry you don't need a computer or smart phone as you can easily dial in from your home phone!
(Connection details to be sent in a separate email)*

Let's start catching up with everyone!

10:15am (or when livestream ends)

11:00am "Love, Learn, Share, Pray"

11:30am Sunday School Bible Class

Didn't see the livestream? You can always watch later!

GPC = God's People Connecting!

Additional Zoom opportunity during the week =

Fridays @ 7:00pm - Connection Hour

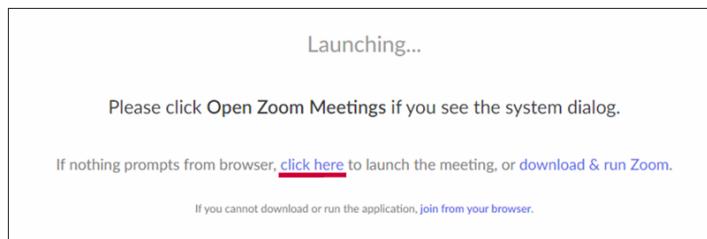
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All meetings now use the SAME Zoom link below!

To join a Zoom Meeting via Computer, Tablet or Smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdII2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>

Sometimes Zoom hangs at this screen - if so, click on the blue "click here" link (see below)



(If it is your first time, you will be asked to download/install/upgrade the software which just takes a few minutes)

As soon as you log on, please "Join Audio" or "Unmute" yourself and "Start" your video

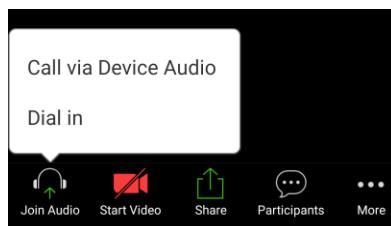
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(You will need to move your mouse down to see this and click on each button)

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Click on “Call via Device Audio” and then click on the “Start Video” button



If anyone has trouble getting on, below are the meeting details -

Meeting ID: 480 892 6753

Meeting Password: 235235

Participant ID: #

To Join a Zoom Meeting by Home Phone or Non-smartphone -

Dial 602-753-0140

Then when prompted input -

Meeting ID: 4808926753#

Participant ID: # (it's just the "#" sign)

Meeting Password: 235235#

(Please note that with this method you will not be able to see participants and they will not be able to see you, but you can all hear each other)

If you lose/forget the login link you can always find it on our hidden webpage here

<http://azgpc.org/zoom-meetings>

Any issues logging on feel free to call/text Gaill Blackburn at 602-920-5021