

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Please silence electronic devices.

THE WORD

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Kilcash Air traditional Irish
Jennifer Benford, harp arr. Janet Lanier

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85) (8:30) Bonnie Algee (11:00) Rodney Strop

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

People: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to His people.

Leader: Surely the Lord's salvation is at hand, that His glory may dwell among us.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky

People: Righteousness will go before our Lord, and will make a path for His steps.

*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(all sing verses 1, 2, and 4; verse 3 women only)

CORONATION

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we chafe under limits. Our knowledge is limited, and we act with self-righteousness. Our love is limited, and we treat others with disdain. Our power is limited, and we use what have in harmful ways. Our health is limited, and we lash out in frustration. Please forgive the sin that emerges from our limited lives. Help us to rely on you as our strength and hope. With grace, we will look to you for what we need to know, for how to love lavishly, for how to act humbly, and for our healing.

(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*SHARING OF GRACE *(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love
Women of the Church

Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Judges 6:11-18
Pew Bible page 194 Adventure Bible page 273

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29-12:4
Pew Bible page 978 Adventure Bible page 1349

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pillars of Faith: A Thick Cloud of Witnesses

Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

2019 Ghana Mission Team: Ty Hardin, Molly Miller, Erin Bowden, Beth Brock, and Pastor Susie Wiggins

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from *Elijah*)
Women's Ensemble

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Althea Crouse

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Within
Women's Ensemble

Derric Johnson
arr. Crouse

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(all sing verses 1 and 3; verse 2 women only)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA
Women of the Church

*POSTLUDE *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne, BuxWV 137* Dietrich Buxtehude

WORSHIP ARTS NOTES

The Gift of Love (I Corinthians 13)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev'ry deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from *Elijah*; Psalm 55:22)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee; He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

Within (Gail Romaine)

In a babe's first breath of life, in an old man's dying sigh, in youth, age, birth, and death, I see His hand. In a stranger's outheld hand, in an old friend's open heart, far away or close to home, I see His hand. Ever present ev'rywhere, what a joy to know He cares, and to rest within His hand! In the gentle rains of spring, in the changing leaves of fall, summer's sun and winter's white, I see His hand. In the blue skies stretched above, in the green of hills below, silent stars and babbling brooks, I see His hand. Ever present ev'rywhere... In the quiet of the night, in the quickening pace of day, in solitude, in crowds, I see His hand. In the warning words of war, in the promise of His peace, in a love that conquers fear, I see His hand. Ever present ev'rywhere... In a humble manger crib, in the shadow of a cross, in a victory over death His nail-scarred hands hold a promise to return and to comfort 'til He comes. Until then, I'll simply rest within His hand.

On the cover. "Pillars of Germantown Presbyterian Church." Images of our history installation in the hallway outside the newly dedicated Warren Hall, featuring portrait of Rev. Richard Evans and the original columns from the front of Evans Chapel.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by an anonymous donor in celebration of Bobby Lanier's 90th birthday



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