

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: GPC WOMEN'S RETREAT NOVEMBER 1-2

PRELUDE (8:30) *Chant* Kevin Norris  
(11:00) *Ukuthula* South African hymn  
Chapel Singers, Alex Colaizzi, mezzo-soprano

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 113) Sherrie Horner (8:30) Patti Bradford (11:00)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**People: Bless the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**People: The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy and Compassionate God;**

**in a world that is rushing and busy, we hastily reject people in need;  
in a world where cruelty is common, we lash out without thinking;  
in a world where power is often abused, we seek leverage over others.**

**Holy and Compassionate God,**

**have mercy on us, we pray,  
and help us to be more like Christ: who made time for the needy, who spoke healing  
words, and who showered others with mercy.**

*(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.**

## **DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*SHARING OF GRACE Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Jerold Teachey, baritone

Jill Jackson-Miller, Sy Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 11:1-8

Pew Bible page 517 Adventure Bible page 709

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-15

Pew Bible page 851 Adventure Bible page 1148

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Disciples...are Shrewd Stewards

Dr. Will Jones

## **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

\*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.**

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 (8:30)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Jerold Teachey, baritone

Jill Jackson-Miller, Sy Miller

(11:00)

*To Love Our God*  
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

## DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN 388

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude in E minor, BWV 533*

J.S. Bach

### WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

*Ukuthula*

trad. South African, Zulu

(Presented in recognition of September 21<sup>st</sup> as the International Day of Peace)

Peace - in this world of darkness, Hallelujah, the blood of Jesus brings Peace.

Redemption - in this world of darkness, Hallelujah, the blood of Jesus brings Redemption.

Praise - in this world of darkness, Hallelujah, the blood of Jesus brings Praise.

Comfort - in this world of darkness, Hallelujah, the blood of Jesus brings Comfort.

*To Love Our God* (adapted from Ecclesiastes 1 & 12)

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go? Blowing north then south, how does it know? The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full. How can these things be? Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained. We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain. To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call. Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole for this purpose we were made to love our God. The reason we live is to love our God.

*On the cover:* Evelyn De Morgan, 1855-1919. *The Worship of Mammon.*

**Welcome to worship** at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to become a member, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or [Ltansil@bellsouth.net](mailto:Ltansil@bellsouth.net).

**Child care** for infants and children through age four is provided during Sunday morning services. The nursery is located on the lower level under the Activity Center in the preschool hallway.

**Extended care** for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

**If you are having difficulty hearing the service or reading the bulletin**, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex.

**GPC's pastors** can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.



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