



Easter, Resurrection Sunday

April 12, 2020

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Germantown, TN 38138

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*All who are able are invited to stand.
Easter: The Resurrection of our Lord

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Schweitzer/Benford

John Hagan and Tom Mortenson, trombones Alex Benford, organ
(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Ralph L. Grosvenor

Sandra Franks, Karen Schowalter-Cooper, and Jerold Teachey
John Hagan and Tom Mortenson, trombones Alex Benford, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this morning, we shout with joy because Christ is risen!

People: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Where, O Death, is your sting? Where is your power, O grave?

People: Christ has triumphed over the grave! Death has been swallowed up by God's victory!

Leader: Let us worship God, the Lord and Giver of Life.

People: Let us sing our praises to the living God, who is alive on this Easter day!

*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

The musical score is for Hymn 123, 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ accompaniment. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of four systems of music, each with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the second system and back to G major in the fourth system. Each system includes a list of four verses and a 'Al - le - lu - ia!' refrain. The organ part is played on the right hand of the organ.

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
2. Un- to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le - lu - ia!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

You are Lord over all life and death. You are sovereign over all powers in creation. You are greater than sin and pain. We confess our need for resurrection hope. We are too often swallowed up by sin. We often grieve as if we have no hope. We often act in ways that are destructive. On this Easter day, send the light of your love to wash over us and to transform us. Your love brought Jesus back from death. May that same love live in us, bring us forgiveness, and renew our lives – today and always. *(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.**

THE WORD

*SHARING OF GRACE *(Please think of those who usually sit near you, and as you remember them, say a prayer for their health and well-being. Please call them later today to check in and see how they are doing.)*

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

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

SOLO

I Know that my Redeemer Liveth
Karen Schowalter-Cooper, mezzo-soprano

G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. (Job 19: 25-26)
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (I Corinthians 15: 20)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

Pew Bible page 882 Adventure Bible page 1193

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:1-3

Pew Bible page 978 Adventure Bible page 1349

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Running toward the Empty Tomb

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.

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

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

James Kirkby

Virtual Chancel Choir

John Hagan and Tom Mortenson, trombones

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - quers

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)
Where Thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting.
To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;
End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide
John Hagan and Tom Mortenson, trombones

Alex Benford, organ

Schweitzer/Benford

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to our musicians today:

Sandra Franks, soprano Karen Schowalter-Cooper, mezzo-soprano Jerold Teachey, baritone
John Hagan and Tom Mortenson, trombones (both exceptional doctoral candidates at the University of Memphis)

Bulletin art: *The Women at the Tomb*, artist unknown, circa 1025-1050, Mainz, Germany. Tempera colors and gold on parchment.

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 join, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or 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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of April 12, 2020

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Morgan Arthur; Becky & Vern Barton; Abby Chandler, Anna, Will; Steffie & Rob Draughon, Abigail, Amelia; Ernie Goad; Jean & Robert Hicks; Jo Ann Owens; Susan & Ken Pasley, Kendall; Janet Roll.

For April, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg TN
Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown TN
Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown TN
First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER

Easter lily drive-through pick-up! Yep. On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 12 from 2pm-4pm you may drive through the porte cochere on the Arthur Road side of the church and pick up an Easter lily to take home with you or deliver to a relative you're still able to visit. If you can't drive by to pick one up, but you still want a lily, contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org, and we will arrange to have one delivered. Thank you, Flower Committee, for this great idea!

Easter flower cross: GPC's Easter flower cross will be on the Arthur Road side of the church as it is every year if your family wants to come take a picture some time on Easter day.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming special needs events. If you would like to be on the Special Needs Ministry email list, please contact Director Monica Kirby at special_needs@germantownpres.org.

CHILDREN

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Director Anna White at children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

All youth Sunday school classes will meet on GoToMeeting at 9:30am. Jr High and Sr High Youth Group will not meet this afternoon. Happy Easter. If you need more info or access codes, email Pastor Amanda at amandam@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

Our Ghana missions team asks that you pray for good health and safety for our friends in the Upper Presbytery as well as the country of Ghana. Our committee remains in contact with the Upper Presbytery, as they too are being impacted by Covid19. They are behind us in numbers of confirmed cases; however, as we have all witnessed, these numbers will climb.

The Upper Presbytery sends their prayers and well wishes to all members of our GPC church family. Our Ghana missions committee will share their needs as we come to know them. If you feel called to support them, we will share more details soon of how you can. If you have questions, please contact team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

DIRECTORY

The new GPC pictorial directory is available for pick-up throughout the church. Check the narthex, the AC lobby, and the Welcome Center. You can also contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org to get yours or have one mailed to you.

SURVEY

The APNC Congregational Survey is now available. Fill out the survey and let the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee know what you think. This is your chance to participate in the process of finding the next staff member. You can take the survey online by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPCNewAssociatePastorSurvey>. Or you can fill out a paper survey and return it to the office. If you need a paper survey, contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry. The Grief Support Group isn't meeting together currently, but if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, note your options below. Contact the church office (901-754-5195) or Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262) or Linda Oakes (901-237-6566).

GIVING

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information please call Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Download the “GivePlus Church” app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



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2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.**



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



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EASTER LILIES

In loving memory of:

Dr. J. G. Alexander by Karen & Bill Lawhorn
Keith Arps by Jean & Bob Hicks
Pearline Bailey by Renee Stuart
Elizabeth Boyd by Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School Class
Mary Boyle by Bill, Beth, & Billy Boyle
William Brooks by Jean & Gil Brooks
Lib & Bob Carter by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Rachael Cronkhite by Jean & Bob Hicks
Gregory Dew by the Eason family
Ruth & Leon Dew by the Eason family
Carmen Doyle by Dianne King & Meredith Martin
Holly Dyer (daughter) by Barb Poier
Eula & Redmond Eason by the Eason family
Clara Slack Farmer & Ralph Woodson Farmer, Jr. by Laura, Woodson, & Emmaline Farmer
Jim Harbor by Ann Harbor
Paula Heist by Paula's Hearts & Hands Sunday School Class
Mary A. & Clyde Hicks by Jean & Bob Hicks
Mary C. Hicks by Jean & Bob Hicks
Judy Huff by Lisa & Jeff Cook
Jack Kelley by Sue & Sarah Kelley
Robert King by Catherine King
Susan & Michael King by Marjorie Reynolds & family
Mr. W. L. Lawhorn, Sr. by Karen & Bill Lawhorn
Jean & Gerald Lester by Deranda, Caleb, & Darcy Lester
B. Denton McClellan by Carol & George Barnes
Bee & Ralph McFate by Jean & Bob Hicks
Thomas H. Miles by Norma Miles, Christy & Walter Smalley
Paul Olsen by Violet Olsen
Patsy Reynolds by Chance Reynolds & family
Phillip Russell by Kathleen & Jim Boyd
Juanita & Robert Schwam by Norma Miles, Christy & Walter Smalley
Thomas Thrift (brother-in-law) by Carol & George Barnes
Betty & Ron Wassenberg by the Eason family
Diana Watkins by Peggy Whitaker
Pat Whitaker by Peggy Whitaker, Whitaker family, Wise family
Ralph J. Wiggins by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
All the saints who've gone before me & paved the way by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

In honor of:

Pat & Dick Bevier (they know why) by Laurie Henderson
Great-grandsons Davin Sheppard & Kaleb Ketola by Kay & David Collins
Our pastors by Sally & Bruce McCulloch
GPC's technology experts by Sally & Bruce McCulloch
Keith Whitaker by Peggy Whitaker
Tracy & Emmett Whitaker, Archie & Emmett, Jr. by Peggy Whitaker
Ginger & Billy Wise, Katherine by Peggy Whitaker
Germantown Presbyterian congregation, ruling elders, deacons, pastors, & staff by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
My children, grandchildren, & siblings by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins