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# GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

*Before the Throne of God*  
Aidan Cooper, clarinet

arr. Colman

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

Leader: Praise the Lord

**People: Praise the Lord for He is good.**

Leader: The Lord does great and mighty works --

**People: His works are full of honor and majesty.**

Leader: He sent redemption to His people,

**People: And his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has commanded His covenant forever.

**People: Holy and awesome is His name.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**People: Gracious and loving God, in the perfection of your creation, you desire us to live in peace and harmony with you and with others. But our sinfulness and hard-heartedness push us away from healthy relationships and bring us conflict and enmity. We would rather talk about people instead of talking to people. We would rather avoid the hard work of making peace, instead of seeking healing and wholeness. Forgive us for our divisive and sinful behaviors. Heal our brokenness. Move us to seek reconciliation. And restore our hearts to Your perfect design.**

*(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)*

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

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

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please remember others in our church family that you cannot be with today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love).*

## THE WORD

SOLO

*In Christ Alone*  
Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

arr. Larson

*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 21:8-21  
*Pew Bible page 15 Adventure Bible page 24*

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:14-17  
*Pew Bible page 919 Adventure Bible page 1247*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God's Creative Connection: The Family

Mr. Tom Sauer

## ***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: Ghana Mission Partnership

Erin Bowden

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

## 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

*SENDING*

HYMN 438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:  
 2. Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's."

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Tocatta in F, BuxWV 157*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Clear Vision: Hagar & Ishmael are Cast Away*. Graphic image by Lauren Wright Pittman, Inspired by Genesis 21:8-21.

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Artist's statement: "Hagar has every reason to feel God has abandoned her, but she still cries out in the wilderness and asks God to not let her look on the death of her child. She's not asking for much. All she asks is for God to hold back tragedy from her. God opens her eyes and she finds a well of water and nurtures her son. She nourishes a great nation. She carries the weight of a nation on her shoulders. For me, Hagar is an icon of strength and sustenance in those dry desert places. She is a well for her son and for many. In the image her hair waves and becomes the water that keeps her and Ishmael alive. Her eyes are saturated and full, holding the grace that God so freely offered her, the grace that humanity withheld from her. The pattern of her garments echoes her clear vision, and the many people of the great nation she holds shimmer around Ishmael's face like countless stars in the sky."

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***Welcome to worship*** online with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days as we "shelter at home," and we are so glad you can join our virtual service on the Internet. 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 Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or [kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto:kkboyd@comcast.net).

***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.

***APNC Announcement*** The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is undertaking a thorough search process to call an Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship.

As a member of GPC, you may be an excellent resource for the search process. We invite you to pray for us, and we invite you to think about any exceptionally gifted pastor you may know who might be a candidate for this position. If you have connections at other churches around the country or know of other pastors who can assist us in our search, please let us know.

The APNC welcomes your recommendations and will consider all suggestions. If you have a recommendation, please contact APNC chairperson Alex Ivy ([alex.ivy@fidcpa.com](mailto:alex.ivy@fidcpa.com)), **any member of the APNC, or any of GPC's pastoral staff**. Thank you very much!

(APNC Team: Ben Brock, Anthony Duke, September Eason,  
Rebecca Floyd, Sherrie Horner, Meredith Mattila)

## Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of June 21, 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: Xander Batey; Edna & Jerry Daws; Gloria & Tim Goss; Ann Harbor; Teresa & Forrest Owens, Addison, Gracey; Pam & Bill Spencer; Carol Ann & Tommy Trenor; Kathy & Gary Veazey; Anna Warren.

In June, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin, TN  
First Presbyterian Church, McKenzie, TN  
Balmoral Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN  
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

*Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link.  
You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.*

### GPC NEWS

Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! And make sure you subscribe! The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them at either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)  
> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

**Hey, everyone, how are you spending your time while being safer at home?? What are you doing? How are you worshipping? Send us your pictures! Email the Communications Department at [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).**

### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### LOCAL FOCUS – [Two Pillars Yoga](#)

*Every week GPC highlights local businesses that may be struggling & need some support. We're putting info in the weekly eblast and posting on social media. If you know of any, please email the communications department at the church [here](#).*

I'm church member Amy Morse. My husband Jim and I and our three sons have been members of GPC since around 2014. I'm so honored to have GPC spotlight my small business as part of the weekly newsletter.

My business is [Two Pillars Yoga Studio](#) and [DwiPada Yoga School](#). It is located at 376 Perkins Extended, Suite 206 in Memphis. My business partner is Michele Humphrey Mallory of East Memphis.

We closed our doors in March 14 with the quarantine, reopened June 1 with a limited in-studio schedule and limited capacity, then closed again after the Memphis city ordinance about masks and the spike in number of new Covid-19 cases in the city of Memphis. We are offering on-line classes through zoom for anyone who wants to participate.

At our studio Two Pillars Yoga, we specialize in Ashtanga Vinyasa, Vinyasa Flow and Yin Yoga. We teach classes and have a healthy offering of quality workshops. We also provide classes for businesses and private sessions.

Our approach is individualized for every student based on their abilities, limitations, and injuries. We work with the student to help them find a practice that meets their health and wellness needs.

Our teacher trainings, through our school DwiPada Yoga School, have provided the MidSouth with some of the best teachers in the area. We have trained over 75 teachers since 2017. DwiPada means two pillars and these two pillars are the styles of Ashtanga Vinyasa, a therapeutic yoga practice, and Vinyasa Flow. We offer these trainings in the fall and spring. We are accredited through Yoga Alliance. We have a new training class that starts this fall. There are only a couple of spots available. If you are interested in learning more about this practice or want to teach the practice to others, visit us online or give us a call. We love sharing about our school and our graduates.

If you want to try yoga or it has been recommended by your doctor or physical therapist, give us a call, email us or book your class through the MINDBODY app. You can find out more about us at: [www.twopillarsyoga.com](http://www.twopillarsyoga.com).

You can reach us at [twopillarsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:twopillarsyoga@gmail.com) or by phone or text.

Peace and joy,

Amy Morse (901-830-8847)  
Michele Mallory (901-907-9929)

#### **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 email [special\\_needs@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

#### **YOUTH**

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming youth events. If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, email [youth@germantownpres.org](mailto:youth@germantownpres.org).

#### **MISSIONS**

*In case you missed it. (ICYMI)*

**Rising Together** is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary-, middle-, and high-school students by creating, administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate.

Rising Together promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community. Ultimately, Rising Together strives to introduce all participants to college and life-preparatory experiences and expectations while promoting inclusive community relationships for a lifetime of leadership and service.

Disadvantaged students in under-served communities often do not receive the support and opportunities needed to become successful students and leaders. As a result in the summer months they experience "summer slide" where they regress academically, physically, and socially. The Rising Together Foundation is dedicated to addressing these challenges by providing excellent college- and life-preparatory programming and events designed for students.

In the summer of 2020 Rising Together anticipates serving approximately 180 disadvantaged students in the Summer SLAM programs (Scholars, Leaders, and Athletes in Memphis) at three locations in the Memphis area: The Neighborhood Christian Center, Star Academy Charter School, and Evangelical Christian School. Rising Together will work with schools and organizations to establish a team of leaders, teachers, coaches, and student leaders who will work at the program locations. These full-day, multi-week programs incorporate the items listed below:

**Features of the Summer SLAM programs include:**

- College- and Life-Preparatory Program for Students;
- Academic Enrichment in Language Arts, Writing, Math, and Technology;
- Leadership Development and Public Speaking Courses;
- Physical Fitness, Sports, and Games;
- Community Relationships, Outreach, and Engagement.

RTF requests help from the GPC family in three ways for the Summer SLAM programs: prayers, people, and purse.

- **Prayers:** Pray for the student participants and adults involved. (A specific list of those involved will be provided later.)
- **People:** Week-by-week committed volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, high school/college students as counselors, and general help is needed serving meals and cleaning up. These decisions can be made a week at a time.
- **Purse:** Financial contributions are needed to provide scholarships for student participants and to help pay for other costs of the programs.

For more information please contact Judd Peters at 901-378-3251 or [judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com](mailto:judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com), or check out their website here (<https://www.risingtogetherfoundation.com/>).

**To help the homeless:** There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 [info@hospitalityhub.org](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto:jseacat@mifa.org)

**Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!**

**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).

#### 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).

### GPC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The new GPC pictorial directory is available. You can contact the church office at [office@germantownpres.org](mailto:office@germantownpres.org) to have one mailed to you.

### 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.**



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**Mail checks to:  
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