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*Please silence electronic devices*

## **GATHERING**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Deep River*  
*America, the Beautiful*  
Kyle and Melissa Millsap, trumpets  
Alex Benford, organ

Joe Utterback  
J. Head, S.Mitchell-Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

PRELUDE

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

*This is My Song, O God of All the Nations*  
Jeffrey Day, tenor

John Ferguson

*This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover- leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. May truth and freedom come to ev'ry nation, may peace abound where strife has raged so long; that each may seek to love and build together, A world united, righting ev'ry wrong; a world united in its love for freedom, proclaiming peace together in one song. This is my song for lands afar and mine.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 11:16-30)

Alta Simpson

Leader: Come to the Lord, all your people!

**People: We come, bearing burdens and cares.**

Leader: Come and place your burdens in the loving hands of God.

**People: We come, with hope for the healing of our spirits and the strengthening of our souls.**

Leader: Come to the Lord, all you people!

**People: We come in faith and trust to worship the Lord, our God!**

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Merciful and loving God, we come before you confessing our doubt that you will really take on our burdens, and so we fail to bring them to you. We confess that when difficulties come our way, we dig in our heels, insisting on our own way even more, and in turn, become deaf to the perspectives of others.

Merciful and loving God, help us to do better because you've first loved us and call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to place our trust in you. Open our hearts and spirits again to your reconciling powers of love and healing.

*(Silence for personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Alta Simpson

Friends, there is real healing and rest in the Lord.

Hear the good news: In Christ we've been given forgiveness, love and peace for all of our days.

Praise be to God! Amen.

\*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

Alta Simpson

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

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please remember those who usually sit near you, and pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)*

## ***THE WORD***

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*Prayer of St. Gregory*

Alan Hovahness

Kyle and Melissa Millsap, trumpets

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. James Gale

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Gale

<sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Gale

## ***THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Wiggins

\*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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Wiggins

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

*If you are able, please hold each element until all have been served and the minister will signal when to partake.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Wiggins

# SENDING

\*HYMN 262

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Gale

\* POSTLUDE

*National Emblem March*  
Kyle and Melissa Millsap, trumpets  
Alex Benford, organ

Edwin Eugene Bagley  
arr. Head, Mitchell-Wallace

We welcome as our guest preacher this morning The Reverend James Gale. Rev. Gale serves as the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Prior to coming to Memphis, he served as Associate Executive for the Synod of Mid-America, as well as pastoring churches in North Carolina and Kansas. James is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and The University of North Carolina. His wife Mary is also a Presbyterian pastor. Together, they have two beautiful girls, Ainsley and Fiona.

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## *WORSHIP ARTS TODAY*

GPC welcomes Melissa and Kyle Millsap who will be enriching our worship with the brilliant sound of their trumpets this morning. Melissa grew up attending GPC; Kyle moved to the Memphis area to attend the University of Memphis where he completed a Doctorate in Trumpet and taught for two years on the faculty. Kyle is now Professor of Trumpet at the Texas A&M Brownsville Campus, and Melissa also teaches as adjunct faculty and stays busy with their kids at home.

Our vocalists today will be Chancel Choir member Jeff Day, tenor soloist along with Chancel Choir member Donna Morley joining Jeff and Jerold in singing our hymn and responses. A BIG Thank You to ALL of our musicians including Dr. Alex Benford our superb organist.

On the cover: Maria Lang, *My Yoke is Easy*. 2018 | [marialang.net](http://marialang.net)

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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 July 5, 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: Erin Bowden, Brock, Noah; Cindy & Howard Cleveland, Alexander, Elizabeth; Laura & Woodson Farmer, Emmaline; Ellie & Dick Goughnour; Carol & Bill Leppert; Gisela & Terry Pickett; Paula Stack; Susan Walker.

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

Buntyn Church, Memphis, TN  
Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN  
First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN  
Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

*Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version.  
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](#).

**Help Needed With Worship Services:** GPC is looking for volunteers who can help run the sound booth during worship services. You do not have to be a “techy” person to do this. The sound buttons and levels are pre-set, and all one has to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our live-streaming. It’s all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).

### 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, please 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.**



**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!**



**Mail checks to:  
2363 S Germantown Rd  
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**Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.**