



July 12, 2020

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

PRELUDE

Prelude on SLANE

Hal Hopson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121, Romans 8, John 3)

September Eason

Leader: Come, all who need help!

PEOPLE: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who desire a Spirit of life!

PEOPLE: The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and of death.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

PEOPLE: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord, our God, together!

***CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)**

Holy God, we confess that our spirits are broken like fragments of a vessel, and we've gone more and more into ourselves as days have become weeks have become months during this global pandemic. We confess that we've taken to judging others so that we do not have to look within. We confess that we've become short-sighted, concrete-thinking people. We confess to knowing deep down that our ways are not your ways. We confess that we are broken and in deep need of your Spirit of life to enter into our lives. Forgive us for failing to live as you intend for us to live. Forgive us for turning away when you draw near. Come near again, we pray. Open our hearts to see you. Open our ears to hear you. Open our souls to know you, for in you there is no condemnation. In you there is only love, for the Spirit of Christ Jesus sets us free. Holy God, we need your Spirit to enter, and remain, within and all around us from this time on and forevermore. Come, Lord Jesus, come, and set us free to love and serve you in thought, word, and deed.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of 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**

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

How Long Has It Been?

Mosie Lister

Sandra Franks, soprano Phyl Simmons, alto

*How long has it been since you talked with the Lord and told Him your heart's hidden secrets
How long since you prayed how long since you stayed on your knees till the light shone through
How long has it been since your mind felt at ease, how long since your heart knew no burden
Can you call Him your friend how long has it been since you knew that He cared for you?*

*How long has it been since you knelt by your bed and prayed to the Lord up in heaven
How long since you knew that He'd answer you and would keep you the long night through
How long has it been since you woke with the dawn and felt that the day's worth the living
Can you call Him your friend how long has it been since you knew that He cared for you?*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julianna White

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

Julianna White

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:1-11

Rev. Wiggins

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Broken: Good News for Tough Times - Broken Spirits in Deep Need of God

Rev. Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Mr. Tom Sauer

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 Spirit, 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

Mr. Sauer

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

Mr. Sauer

*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

Mr. Sauer

SENDING

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise, The
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis
 3. He breaks the power of reign-ing sin, He sets the pris - oner free; His
 4. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To

glo - ries of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
 mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
 blood can make the sin-ful clean, His blood a-vailed for me.
 spread through all the earth a-broad, The hon-ors of Thy name.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in C major, BWV 553

attr. J. S. Bach

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *The Apostle Paul*, artist unknown. 1387-1395. The Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia.

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite 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, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. 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.

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), **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)

The worship flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Malcom and Susan Lipscomb's 50th wedding anniversary on July 14 by their children, Anna and Jeff White and Malcom Lipscomb, Jr, and their granddaughters, Julianna and Alyssa White. Mom and Dad, thank you for being such wonderful models of selfless love, commitment, and encouragement. May we celebrate many more anniversaries with you!

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of July 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: Carol Boals; Pam & Joe Graddy; Christy & Mark Mestemacher; Frank Oakes; Lisa & Kevin Patterson; Mary Blanche Scott; Stephanie & Barry Wall.

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.*

THANK YOU TO JULY'S 5TH GRADE WORSHIP LEADER, JULIANNA WHITE



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White, Director of Children's Ministry (annaw@germantownpres.org).

What's your full name? *Julianna Grace White*

Who are your parents and sibling(s)? *parents- Anna and Jeff White, sister Alyssa White*

What school do you go to? *Bailey Station Elementary in Collierville*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Mostly, I have enjoyed VBS! It is so fun playing and praying with my church friends!*

What have you learned at GPC? *Mostly, I have learned that God loves me.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I can't wait for the church lock ins with the youth group!*

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Our Wacky Wednesday program will wrap up our summer sessions with a Fishing Rodeo at the Cates' !! We're in need of a few volunteers who would like to help bait fishing poles and join in the fun. If interested, please email Helen at specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-626-3380.

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.

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

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.

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, 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
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 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 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!



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