



August 16, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
(Salvation has come to us)*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

Jean Carroll

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

People: May your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of mercy, justice, and compassion: forgive us for not following you like we should. You call us to be transformed by the renewing our minds -- but we saturate them with moral sludge. You call us to love our neighbors sacrificially, but we would rather maintain a safe distance. You call us to give generously, but we hold back so much out of fear. Please forgive all the ways we do not live fully as disciples, and give us grace to be more like Jesus every day.

(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

Lord God of Abraham (from *Elijah*)
Marcus King, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

*Draw near, all ye people, come to me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am Thy servant!
Oh shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me, and shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!*

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Ghana Mission Team

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 15:21-28.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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

Rev. Wiggins

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Laura Brown, flute

arr. Gary Lanier

*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

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, in my
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my

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In my heart, In my heart,
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Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.
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Text: Negro Spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, and Frederick J. Work, 1879–1942
 Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN, 8 6 8 3 6 8 3; Negro Spiritual; adapt. by Frederick J. Work, 1879–1942

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in F

Johann Ludwig Krebs

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians who are assisting in worship today: Martha Drannon, Phyl Simmons, Marcus King, and Laura Brown.

On the cover: Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri. *The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Detail of illuminated manuscript, 1684. The artist was most likely a Coptic monk in the late 17th century in Egypt.

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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)

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of August 16, 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: Beth Bowman; Paul Boyle; Kriste & Kevin Cullum; Judy Hobbs; Lindsay & Zac Overbey, Everett & Isla; Carole Phelps; Linda & Bill Shirley; Frida Walters Moky, Dilon, Isabella.

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

Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN
Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis, TN
Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN
Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, 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 want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday worship services. You do not have to be a “techy” person to do this. Those people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have 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.

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth will all follow the CDC/WHO Covid-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our participants and our leaders as we resume meeting onsite. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at family@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Our Friendship Circle program’s mission statement is: *“Friendship Circle at GPC exists for the special needs community to facilitate building God-like character through Bible study and creative outlets all while developing sincere and lasting friendships.”*

WHO: Any individual with exceptional needs and their caregiver(s)

WHAT: Lunch (BYOB), character-building curriculum, and a creative activity within a circle of friends

WHEN: Wednesdays from 12:00 till 3:00 starting August 12

WHERE: Germantown Presbyterian Church-Warren Hall, 2363 S. Germantown Road, Germantown/Zoom

WHY: Because GPC has chosen to embrace the special needs community as if they were embracing Jesus Himself!

HOW: Registration is now open, and you can go to our website (<https://germantownpres.org/friendship-circle/>) for more info and to register to secure your spot. Have questions? Contact Helen Warren @ specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

The Special Needs Ministry Support Team (SNMST) is looking for a new director. The Director of Special Needs Ministry is responsible for developing, implementing, and supervising the PEACE Program of GPC. PEACE stands for the Place where Exceptional Adults and Children are Embraced. This position is a part-time, 12 month-a-year, salaried position averaging 25 hours per week.

We would like to ask for your help. First, we ask for your prayers to help guide us in finding the right person to lead our PEACE program. Secondly, we ask that you help us communicate this position. You may know of someone or you may have a neighbor, friend, co-worker, a church connection that knows a person who has a special calling to work with this great group of people.

If you have any thoughts or recommendations you’d like to share, please contact our Special Needs Ministry Support Team or SNMST: Mary K. Grantham, Neal Horner, Cathy Borden, Mary Nelson or Helen Warren at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

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 specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

Registration for GPC's *Breathe* Parents' Night Out (PNO) is now open! *Breathe* exists to provide a quiet night out for parents and a fun Bible experience with friends for kids. For the 2020-21 school year the theme is *Parable Quest* - the fun and excitement of exploring the Amazon rainforest is combined with the discovery of what it means to "follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure." The Bible focus verse for the year is: John 13:13 - *You call me teacher and Lord and rightly so for that is what I am.*

If you missed the August meeting, go online to check out and reserve your space for other dates. Make plans for your children to attend! Remember we include little ones as young as one through fifth grade as well as children with special needs. Visit our website at www.germantownpres.org/breathe to register for the first time and/or to make a reservation. We will look for you in the months to come. (Please note: reservations for this event close at noon on the Monday prior to the event.) The cost is \$15/child per event night (includes a pizza dinner). Scholarships are available upon request. If requesting a scholarship, while checking out choose the "cash" option and contact 901-754-5195 to speak with Anna or Helen.

CHILDREN

GPC is looking for volunteers who have a HEART for Kids! All you need is a heart for kids and enthusiasm for Germantown Pres! We will train you on the structure of the hour of SS! This is a very important role in the life of our children! **We have a curriculum that tells you exactly what to say!** We use a curriculum that tells you exactly what to say to your class about each week's Bible story. You just add your authentic, personal touch to teach and develop the relationship with your kiddos! **We aim to have teaching teams of 3 teachers!** We understand your need for flexibility on weekends. By creating teaching teams of 3 teachers, you work together to cover your weekend schedules! We plan to incorporate Zoom as well as in-person options. We will need your help in registering your child for Sunday School so that we can make appropriate accommodations to keep children healthy!

Aug 16 - Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Aug 23 - Regular SS Drop off

Aug 30 - 5th Grade Worship Leader Training

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 Family Ministry Director Anna White at children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

This year, as we start a new season of Youth, we want to focus on **U**nity, **N**urturing of faith, **I**ncluding all, **T**rusting God and each other, **E**mbracing our faith. Therefore, we will U.N.I.T.E. In all of our activities, we will **UNITE!**

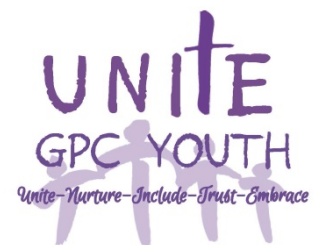
Who? What? Where? When?

August 16- Kick-off Sunday. Pancake Brunch on the south field following 9:30 worship service. Email youth@germantownpres.org to let us know you're coming so we have enough food. Evening- Jr and Sr High Pool Parties.

August 23- Regular Sunday School and Sunday Evening Youth. Sunday school following 9:30 service we will begin a 5-week study of GOALS through Paul's letters to the churches scattered throughout Galatia. We will continue looking at these letters in Youth Group in the evening and how they are relevant for us today. Jr and Sr High Youth 4:30-6:30.

August 30- UNITE: Mess Fest (formerly known as CRUD Day). Get Ready to Get Messy. (details to come).

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 disadvantaged 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.

This summer of 2020 Rising Together is 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).

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!



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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