



August 30, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Rockingham"

C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Pam Graddy

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to Him; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek God's presence continually.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, only you can release us from the damage done by our sin. We speak harshly to people we love. We judge people we do not know. We hoard possessions that you entrust to us. We reject the life of discipleship. Have mercy on us, and forgive us in the name of Jesus. We pray for your grace to wash over us and make us new. Accept us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Lord, and help us to live and love as he did.

(Time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

*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

How Can I Keep From Singing?
Chelsea Miller, soprano

arr. Sally DeFord

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation; I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul: how can I keep from singing?*

What tho' my joys and comfort die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What tho' the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Refuge clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin. I see the blue above it. And day by day this pathway smoothes since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am His. How can I keep from singing?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 3:1-12

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Stumbling Block

Dr. 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

My Heart Ever Faithful (from Cantata 68)
Chelsea Miller, soprano

J. S. Bach

*My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near;
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here.*

*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

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should you
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Basse de Trompette

Nicolas Lebègue

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship today: Chelsea Miller and Phyl Simmons.

On the cover: Loire, Gabriel, 1904-1996. *Carrying the Cross of Christ*. Mosaic, St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, Great Britain. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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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 30, 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: Tucker Brock; Kay Donaho; Joyce Henry; Molly & Chip Miller, Andrew, Mattie, Miller Grace; Pamela Palmer; Martha Shuler; Fred & Gerre Craig Turverey.

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.

ADULTS

Women: Membership in Presbyterian Women is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It’s a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite as the women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer and Bible study and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God’s call to action and involvement. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Jump on Board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School Class needs you! We are in need of 2 teacher assistants. You would be helping under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, Mary K. Grantham or Julie Lindow! You would be teaching on a rotational schedule! This way teachers, assistants, and students get the best of both worlds.

You get to touch the lives of our special friends, and you can still attend adult SS class! If you'd like to volunteer or ask questions, please email me at specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-626-3380. Thanks, Helen Warren

Are you artistic, creative, and like to paint? Friendship Circle needs a Bob Ross of GPC! A person to lead us in a small canvas painting. If this is you please email me at specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-626-3380. Thanks, Helen Warren

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 special_needs@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.*

The September event is coming up, so go online to check it 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

The Nursery Will Be Open This Sunday. We have worked hard to prepare the nursery for your child. The nursery will open for babies and toddlers for the 9:30 worship service this coming Sunday. Please help us by making a nursery reservation when you reserve your spot for worship. This can be done online. Staff members will be wearing masks. Please look for signage as you enter the preschool.

New Sunday School times are 10:30am drop off and parents pick up at 11:45. Last week GPC Kids were introduced to the Sanitation Station. We look forward to meeting each child there this week before starting Sunday School to do a quick health assessment. Please watch for new signage as you enter the preschool portico area.

Children's Ring & Sing continues this Sunday, August 30 at 4:30pm. Please register children ages 4yo – 5th grade. You can find the registration on the GPC website: <https://germantownpres.org/ring-sing-registration-form/>. Ring & Sing looks a little different this year. The objectives are still the same, but in order to keep children and staff safe, this group will be meeting together for a total of one hour on Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm. As weather permits, activities will be conducted outdoors. Whether indoors or outdoors, the recommended CDC/WHO guidelines will be followed for meeting re: masks, sanitizing, social distancing, etc.

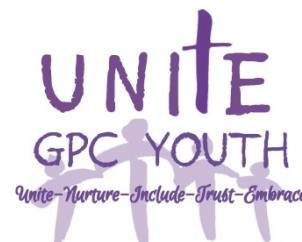
New Coffee and Conversations Sunday morning fellowship for parents! "Coffee and Conversations" is a new Sunday School class for parents who are looking to learn more about GPC and devote time to Jesus Christ. Staff and volunteer leaders at GPC will educate you on the many different opportunities within GPC life. They will also lead the class in an adult Bible devotional related to what your child is learning in Sunday school for the morning.

This week's class will be led by David Jeter who leads GPC's Adult Education Committee. Interested in current classes for adults within GPC? Interested in where the adult education program is headed in the future? Suggestions for adult education? Join us this Sunday at 10:45am in the blue Noah's ark room.

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!**



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

Youth Group Meals Update – GPC's YMST (Youth Ministry Support Team) meeting has decided that, for the foreseeable future, all meals will be ordered in and distributed to the youth by an adult in mask and gloves. This will also be done in a way to keep youth physically distant. (Bring a beach towel so that we can picnic on the south field if the weather allows.) Thank you for your patience as we navigate the safest ways to minister to our youth.



If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email youth@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

Resources 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!

GPC's 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 Prayer Ministry - These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. The website has a prayer request link toward the bottom of the homepage page with praying hands graphic. We also have replenished the pew prayer cards. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. Another way is the email that church member Margaret Owens oversees. The address is margaretowens1@aol.com. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. This is a great way for us to get renewed strength during these uncertain times.

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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