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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rhapsody on AR HYD Y NOS

John Ferguson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

Barb Poier, liturgist

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

People: Sing to God, sing praises and tell of all His wonderful works.

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

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

Leader: Remember the wonderful works and the miracles God has done.

People: Let us worship God today and always!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Love is patient and kind, and self-control is a spiritual gift. As we confess our sin before you, we admit how unloving we are and how fleeting our spirituality is. We lack patience in so many realms of life. We are impatient with family; we are easily aggravated in communal life; we accelerate everything because we cannot wait. We lack a basic kindness toward so many people – also in family and community. We cannot control ourselves: in how we act; in how we spend; in how we speak; in what we do. Sin has an iron grip, and we pray for a release. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ and open up your heart of mercy toward us for His sake.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of 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 those who usually sit near you, and pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)

THE WORD

SOLO

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
T. J. Turner, tenor

arr. Beck/Courtney

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 16:9-15

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for He has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gracefully Un(Fair)!

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 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 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

UKirk Campus Ministry

Elizabeth Doolin, UKirk Chaplain

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

O Death, Where is Thy Sting? (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano T. J. Turner, tenor

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallow'd up in victory. (1 Cor. 15: 54)

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor. 15: 55, 56)

*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

Rev Wiggins

SENDING

*HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company

AR HYD Y NOS
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*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in A minor, BWV 559

attr. J. S. Bach

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship today: Karen Cooper and T. J. Turner. T. J. Turner, tenor, is from Boiling Springs, SC. He holds degrees from Furman University (B.M.) and the University of South Carolina (M.M.). He is currently completing his D.M.A. in Voice Performance and Pedagogy at the University of Memphis where he is a student of Dr. Randal Rushing. Mr. Turner is also the Adjunct Voice Instructor at Coahoma Community College, in Clarksdale, MS. Welcome to GPC, T. J.!

On the cover: Christian Wilhelm Ernst Dietrich, 1712-1774. *Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard*, 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.

Best wishes to Hannah Melton and Tyler Russell who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 12. Tyler is the son of Karen and Rob Russell.

Best wishes to Win Burrow and Tyler Bray who were married in the chapel on Saturday, September 12. Win is the daughter of Gaye and Bob Pitts and Wes and Kelly Burrow and the granddaughter of Wes and Erwin Westmorland.

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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of September 20, 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: Lindsey & Joseph Butler, Adelaide, Chandler; Kay Dortch; Rachel & Brad Gay, Hallie & Lyla; Alexa & Garrett Guynes, Garner, Gabby; Amy & Barry Phillips; Ramona & John Seabold; Helen & Lance Warren; Nancy Webb.

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

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland TN
First Presbyterian Church, Paris TN
Marl Bluff Church, Reagan TN
1st Presbyterian Church, Rosemark 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 morning and evening worship services. The 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 livestreaming. 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 GPC Kids, 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're reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to read the updated policies.

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 (PW) 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 with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God's call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

Men: The men of GPC currently Zoom their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at draytonmayers@gmail.com. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group is deciding how to resume their meetings, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

New Sunday morning adult class: Coffee and Conversations is a new class designed to educate you about opportunities for education and church life within GPC. C&C meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway following worship. Join the class this Sunday, September 20 as Pastor Tom Sauer shares with the class what he does as well as leading everyone in a devotion connected to what their children are learning in Sunday School. Coming September 27 - Pastor Susie Wiggins.

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.

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

GPC's *Breathe* Parents' Night Out (PNO) is wants you! *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.*

Make plans for your children to attend! Remember we include little ones as young as one year old 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 monthly 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

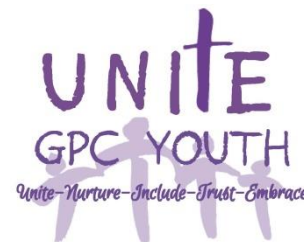
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his vision for GPC including our new worship service to start on September 20! Zoom Meeting ID: 972 8455 2323. Coming in September: September 20 - Pastor Tom Sauer, September 27 - Pastor Susie Wiggins.

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

Youth Group Meals - 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!

RITI Memphis is resuming a regular, limited schedule this fall to be evaluated on a month-by-month basis. Please see below for the details about the upcoming 2020-2021 season and how they plan to offer shelter as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

GPC needs our members who want to be Head Host for the November Saturday evenings when we'll begin hosting to sign up for a Zoom training.

Quick rundown of how RITI will work moving forward (re-evaluated on a month-by-month basis):

- GPC will join with Emmanuel Methodist hosting this year.
- We will host every other Saturday night starting in November.
- We will be back at The Cottage at Germantown Methodist Church.
- RITI Memphis (Carpenters House) will send the same eight guests to that location for the entire week, and the guests will sleep in the same bed every night, so that they can be better contact traced should the need arise.
- Emmanuel Methodist will provide the transportation and van driver every time.
- We will need only one person to spend the night and one person on call who lives close by.
- We will need four hands-on volunteers at night along with people who will make and drop off the food and take-away sacks for the following day.
- We will also need one person to do a quick clean-up and possibly some laundry (TBD).

This year's coordinator training will be virtual, so to participate in this training and any other way you can, email Susan Shirley Hurt [here](#).

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 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.