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GATHERING

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
Laura Brown, flute

arr. Beth West

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

BELL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Dr. Noel Florendo, Liturgist

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God, the Lord, has done marvelous things.

People: The Lord has made His salvation known and has revealed righteousness to the nations.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

Leader: Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

People: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let us worship God!

* HYMN

When in our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG



1. When in our	mu - sic	God is	glo - ri - fied,	And a - do -
2. How of - ten,	mak - ing	mu - sic,	we have found	A new di -
3. So has the	church, in	lit - ur	- gy and song,	In faith and
4. And did not	Je - sus	sing a	psalm that night	When ut - most
5. Let ev - 'ry	in - stru - ment	be	tuned for praise!	Let all re -



ra - tion leaves	no room	for pride,	It is as	though the whole	cre -
men - sion in	the world	of sound,	As wor - ship	moved us	to a
love, through	cen - tu -	ries of wrong,	Borne wit - ness	to the truth	in
e - vil strove	a - gainst	the light?	Then let us	sing for whom	he
joice who have	a voice	to raise!	And may God	give us faith	to



a - tion cried:	Al - - - le - lu - ia!
more pro - found	Al - - - le - lu - ia!
ev - 'ry tongue:	Al - - - le - lu - ia!
won the fight:	Al - - - le - lu - ia!
sing al - ways:	Al - - - le -



lu - ia!	Al - - - le - lu - ia!
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*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us, we pray. We love you, yet our hearts are so fickle. We change moods like the weather, and our faith varies according to our circumstances. Please forgive our sins, and do not hold our lack of faith against us. Help us to be more like Christ in how we deal with those around us, especially people we find difficult to love.

(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.)

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Ms. Anna White

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kirsten King

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.”

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-48

Dr. Jones

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they

heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Belong, Believe, Bless: God’s Favoritism in Christ

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Question 1 from the *Heidelberg Catechism*

Rev. Mike Lyle

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

Every Time I Think of You (Prayer for Mother’s Day)

Ruth Elaine Schram

Shannon Redburn, soprano

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

Aaron Redburn, tenor

Marcus King, baritone

Laura Brown, flute

Every time I think of you, every time I remember you, I thank the Lord.

For you show me God’s love in everything you do; you are patient, you are kind, and when God brings you to mind, I thank the Lord.

With humility you share with anyone in need. You are generous, you are kind, and when God brings you to mind, I thank the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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

In Christ There is No East or West

McKEE



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north.
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.



But one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gol - den cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

arr. Mark Hayes

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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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.

The baby rose in the service this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth on April 28, 2021, of Lincoln William Thomas, son of Amy and Trey Thomas, grandson of Agnes Tomas, Laura and Robert Shriner, and great grandson of Dr. Bill and Betty Potter.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements

Week of May 9, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad [here](#) to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

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: Judy Bilbrey; Susan & Warren Crain; Tamah & Jeff Halfacre, Mary Lennox; Susan & Malcom Lipscomb; Erin & Stephen Potter, Gracie, Molly, Morgan; Sharon & Roger Turner.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN

Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson TN

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson 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

Church members and friends beware: churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that ***no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.***

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 on 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.

ADULTS

Sunday morning adult classes offered limited onsite and online:

Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in UL-218 in the new adult education wing. This class was designed especially for parents with children in Sunday School onsite. Pastor Mike is leading this class using the new Engage 2021 study with a focus on evangelism. To participate, contact Anna White at annaw@germantownpres.org.

Hits of the Ages Class, coordinators Liz (lizcallicott@bellsouth.net) and Alan Callicott (alan@callicottinsurance.com) - This class begins at 11am following worship and is studying the book of Genesis with the "Genesis to Revelation" study series. Currently this class meets primarily on Zoom. Beginning May 16, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the ENGAGE series for 7 weeks. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Psalm 78 Class, coordinators Stacy Weiss (stacy.weiss@comcast.net) and Kevin Floyd (kevinfloyd@comcast.net) - This class, which is made up of parents of school-age children, is currently looking at a book *Depending on Jesus: Discovering the Sufficiency of Christ*. They meet on Zoom each Sunday at 11am and would like to invite other young parents to jump onboard! The class will continue to be held over Zoom. If we decide to meet in person, we will still offer a Zoom option. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Seekers Class, coordinators Randy Harris (randyfarris2@yahoo.com) and Lanny Oakes (lannyoakes@bellsouth.net) - Having recently completed the new Engage 2021 study with a focus on mission led by Pastor Susie, the group has returned to their study of the OT book of Isaiah. Beginning May 16 they will begin "Old Testament Characters." Then on July 11, 2021, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the Engage series for 7 weeks. Following this study, they will return to OT characters, and in early fall, Pastor Will will begin another of the 3-part Engage series. This class continues to meet exclusively via Zoom. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

The dedicated group of women known as Paula's Hearts and Hands enjoy meeting together to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, booties, hats, and other things for those in need of prayer and support. They pray over each item produced and often watch a Bible Study series together. They have resumed meeting in person at church in Warren Hall. To find out more about this class, contact Mary Rogers at mlrogers44@bellsouth.net.

Women: Presbyterian Women's last Bible study ended May 4. There are no gatherings planned for the summer, but our Bible Study will begin again in September. If additional information is needed contact Nancy Halter jhalter2097@comcast.net or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee email bbalgee@bellsouth.net or 674-2613

Men: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for 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 has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS

FUTURE FAMILY FUN:

Coming in May 2021:

Mother's Day is such a special day! Check out this article from Country Living, for 37 ideas to celebrate with our mothers:

[**37 Mother's Day Activities to Celebrate Her Special Day.**](#) I hope you enjoy their ideas! God bless our mothers!





Coming in June 2021:

Check out this **"Father's Day" celebration event, 6/18/21, 5-9PM**

A Special Night for Special Kids A private and FREE event, offered to children AND adults with special needs, and their families.

The evening event includes tethered balloon rides and glow, as well as festival and kids' zone activities. For more **information:** <https://thebluffcityballoonjamboree.com>.

To register to attend: [Special Night for Special Kids Application \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)

We love and thank God for our fathers!

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are having talks about the Breathe/Parent's Night Out program and wish to bring it back as much as you'd love to see it restored! It is also our desire to have this program in full swing, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

CHILDREN

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in UL-218 in the new adult education wing (temporarily moved from downstairs). This class is led by Pastor Mike continuing the Engage series on evangelism.

VBS is the week of June 7 – 11, 9:00am – noon, for 3-year-olds (potty trained) through rising 5th graders as of the coming August school year. Registration is now open for participants, and it will stay open through April 30. Also, adult and youth volunteers are needed! You may read the adult and youth volunteer job descriptions by clicking on the volunteer registration forms located at www.germantownpres.org/vbs. Please sign up to volunteer on these online sign-up forms! Supply donations are needed, and you may grab an item that you would like to donate on the supply boards located in the AC Lobby. VBS Decorating Day is Sunday, June 6 from 10:30am (following worship) – 3:00pm and will include a pizza lunch. Please mark your calendar for all of these important dates. Please go online to register or volunteer at www.germantownpres.org/vbs. You may email Anna White with questions annaw@germantownpres.org. Thank you for supporting our children in their faith development through Vacation Bible School!

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 Sunday School with Christopher is learning about establishing good habits to maintain a healthy relationship with God.

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

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

May 2021: **Memphis Athletic Ministries** is gearing up for the summer months and would love to get GPC members involved with our Summer Academy. Summer Academy is focused on slowing "summer slide" for rising 3rd - 8th grade students across the city. Historically, Memphis students decline in their reading and math due to learning inactivity in the summer months and MAM is working hard to combat that decline. We provide all-day activities to keep students engaged in learning in a fun and safe environment. MAM families pay \$50 for the entire 5-week summer program. To

offset costs, we are asking for support from friends across the city to cover our expenses to provide excellent programs to our families. To get involved, visit www.mamsports.org/summer to DONATE NOW!

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!

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis is always looking for volunteers, and donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

UKirk Memphis is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not waived, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at ukirk-memphis@gmail.com. Follow us on social media! On Instagram and Twitter @ UkirkMemphis, and Facebook @ UKirkatMemphis

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).

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth 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.

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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