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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

INTROIT

*American Anthem*

Gene Scheer

Jeff Day, tenor

*All we've been given by those who came before, the dream of a nation where freedom would endure,  
The work and prayers of centuries have brought us to this day.  
What shall be our legacy? What will our children say?  
Let them say of me I was one who believed in sharing the blessings I received.  
Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, America, I gave my best to you.  
Each generation from the plains to distant shore with the gifts that they were given were determined to leave more.  
Valiant battles fought together, acts of conscience fought alone,  
These are the seeds from which America has grown.  
For those who think they have nothing to share, who fear in their hearts there is no hero there  
Know each quiet act of dignity is that which fortifies the soul of a nation that never dies.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 3:3, 5)

Dr. Jones

Leader: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

**People: Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

**People: Amen.**

\* HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty*

NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.  
Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.**

*(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

Rev. Mike Lyle

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: (Isaiah 6:1-8)

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: (John 3:1-17)

Ms. Kirsten King

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so

loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What do you know?

Ms. King

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Scots Confession, 3.01

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence, for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God’s own glory. 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

*And Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest

Desiree Soto, soprano

*And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?  
He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

\*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*

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,  
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er,  
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,  
 Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
 Let us all your life re - ceive;  
 Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord,  
 Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion  
 All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.  
 Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.  
 Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;  
 Serve you as your hosts a - bove,  
 Till in heav'n we take our place,  
 Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,  
 Pray, and praise you with out ceas - ing,  
 Till we sing be - fore the al - might - y  
 Let your love in us en - dure.  
 Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
 Lost in won - der, love and praise.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Ms. King

\*POSTLUDE

Praise His Greatness

arr. Mark Hayes

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## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to pianist Tingting Yao for playing for our worship this morning while Alex is away!

On the cover: Saint Andreĭ Rublev, d. ca. 1430. *Holy Trinity*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

***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 Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 and my email is [amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com](mailto:amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com)

***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 May 30, 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: Karen & Clyde Blount; Jill Crocker, Daniel, Davis; Sandy Jones; Judy Nokes; Melinda & Phil Russell; Sarah Thompson; Maureen & Bill Wilson, Maggie, William.

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.***

***Please note: the church office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day.***  
***Enjoy your long weekend.***

**Saturday, June 5, 6:00pm**  
**Arthur Rd Parking Lot**  
**Outdoor Concert Fellowship Event – The Ramblers!**  
**Click [here](#) for all the details.**

Saturday night, June 5 at 6:00pm, GPC member Chuck Utterback and his music group, The Ramblers, will perform a concert outside on the Arthur Road side of the church. Bring your lawn chairs and your picnic baskets and enjoy the shade from the trees as you fellowship at a safe distance from each other and enjoy music. Please bring/wear your masks if you plan to interact more closely with others. No reservations are necessary. This group came last August, and they were a tremendous hit.

## 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](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).

## ADULTS

**There are number Sunday morning adult classes offered limited onsite and online.** You can find information about all the Sunday morning classes on the website here: <https://germantownpres.org/ministries/adult-education/> - Coffee and Conversations; Hits of the Ages Class; Psalm 78 Class; Seekers Class; Paula's Hearts and Hands.

**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](mailto:jhalter2097@comcast.net) or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee email [bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbalgee@bellsouth.net) or 674-2613

**Men:** The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sonrise 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](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com). In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anthony.duke@ipaper.com).

## SPECIAL NEEDS



### **PEACE, shout-outs of appreciation!**

Throughout each week, several loving, kind, generous volunteers support and serve our special friends.

Thank you to:

- ❖ Mary K. Grantham\* - and David, her helpful husband - along with Julie Lindow, who brilliantly co-teach our PEACE Children's Sunday School class.
- ❖ Helen Warren\*, loyal lead teacher of our PEACE Adult Sunday School class.
- ❖ Sherrie Horner, faithful co-host of our Friendship Circle, and Neal\*, her dedicated husband.
- ❖ Noel Wilkins, our gifted AMPlify music instructor, capable of capturing and growing individuals' talent.
- ❖ Wendy Holmes, our steadfast and creative adaptive Yoga instructor, and healthy-eating counselor.
- ❖ Cathy Borden\* - our creative and outgoing community liaison.

\* Mary K., Helen, Neal, and Cathy continue to serve as members of the Special Needs Ministry Support Team committee, attending monthly meetings and stepping up in a variety of roles and manners! We depend on them heavily! \*You may wish to learn more about them by reading the “Special Needs Ministry” article in our February 2021 newsletter, The Window.\*



Spring Performance 2021 was a smashing success for our participants! Thank you, Noel Wilkins, for your fabulous leadership!!!! If you missed the opportunity to witness this great ministry's performance, you may watch the recording [HERE](#).



**PEACE, calls out for more volunteers!**

[Sunday School Substitute Teachers](#) for some summertime Sundays, 10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m., to allow travel and respite opportunities to our veteran Sunday School program teachers.

[Wacky Wednesday needs volunteers!](#) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00/12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 16th!

**PEACE Program summertime changes:**

**Wacky Wednesday in the Word Registration is Open!**

Wacky Wednesday will begin meeting on June 16, in Warren Hall. If you prefer to attend virtually, a Zoom link will be provided to the email you provide when you register. Activities will run from 10am – 12pm, followed by lunchtime fellowship from 12 – 12:30pm.

List of themes and activities coming soon!

For more information, email [jackiec@germantownpres.org](mailto:jackiec@germantownpres.org).

Sign-ups [HERE](#).



**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**

VBS Decorating Day is Sunday, June 6! We are so excited to welcome VBS back in the church this year! The decorating plan is organized and ready, and now we need a team of volunteers to help put it into action! Please join us on Sunday, June 6 following the 9:30 worship service to help decorate. We need 30 adults and youth to decorate 5 key



areas of the church. We will decorate, have fun, and enjoy a pizza lunch together! Please email Anna if you can help! [annaw@germantownpres.org](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org)

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](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

### YOUTH

Christopher is leading Youth Sunday School in a series 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](mailto: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](http://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:

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| 1. Hospitality Hub -        | 901-522-1808 | <a href="mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org">info@hospitalityhub.org</a>                       |
| 2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - | 901-395-3329 | <a href="mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org">innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org</a> |
| 3. MIFA -                   | 901-527-0208 | <a href="mailto:jseacat@mifa.org">jseacat@mifa.org</a>                                     |

**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](mailto: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](mailto:margaretowens1@aol.com). Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto: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 will resume meeting together on Thursday, June 24 from 5:30-8pm in Warren Fellowship Hall. For more information, 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](http://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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