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*\*Please stand.*

Communion Sunday

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Georg Böhm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

BELL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Ms. Melinda Russell, Liturgist

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

**People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

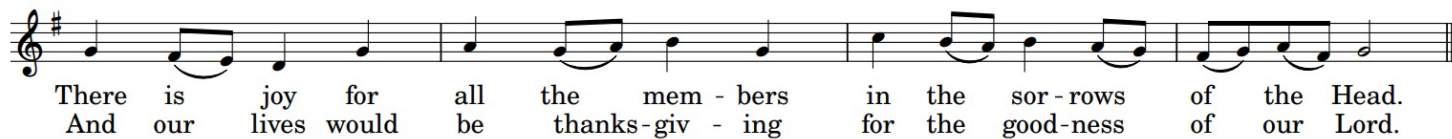
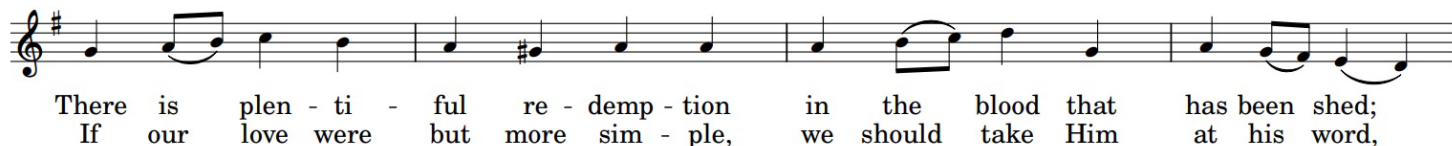
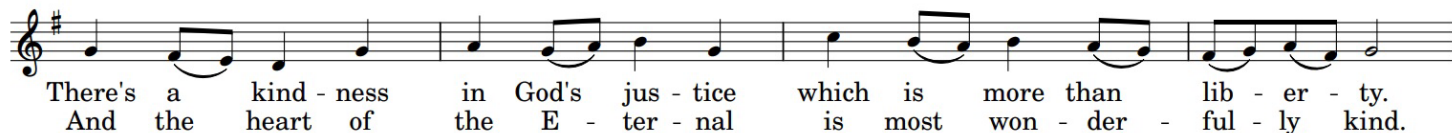
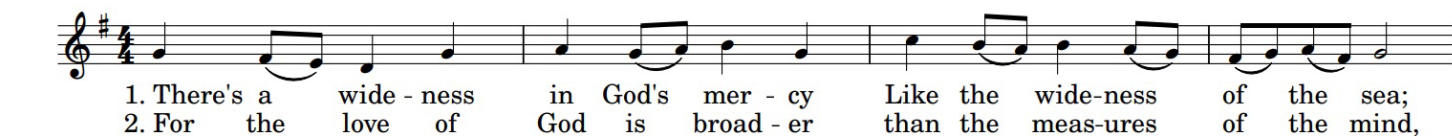
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.

**People: I wait for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE



\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Our thoughts are often occupied by self-centered anger. Our words are often filled with sarcasm and contempt. Our deeds frequently display worldly pursuits. We pray that your mercy would saturate what we think, how we speak, and what we do. We pray for your forgiveness for our sins, and we ask that your grace change us for the better, today and always.

*(Silence for 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 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).*

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

Ms. Anna White

**THE WORD**

SOLO

*A Clare Benediction*  
Clara Norell, soprano

John Rutter

*May the Lord show His mercy upon you; May the light of His presence be your guide:  
May He guard you and uphold you; May His spirit be ever by your side.  
When you sleep, may His angels watch over you; When you wake, may He fill you with His grace.  
May you love Him and serve Him all your days, Then in heaven may you see His face.*

*May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; Keep you safe as you journey on your way:  
May He lead you and inspire you as He grants you the gift of each new day.  
May He bless all your loved ones and cherish them; Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:  
In the name of His Son our Saviour Christ, may God bless you now and evermore.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Dr. Jones

**8** When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. **2** The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. **3** Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice. **4** Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, **5** and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." **6** But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, **7** and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. **8** Just as they have done to me, <sup>[a]</sup> from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. **9** Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

**10** So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. **11** He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; **12** and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. **15** He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. **16** He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. **17** He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. **18** And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

**19** But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, **20** so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." **21** When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. **22** The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God at Work: Even Through People Like Us?!?

Dr. Jones

## ***THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

OFFERTORY

*We Gather at Your Table, Lord*  
Ethan Baskin, tenor

Walter Ehret

*We gather at your table, Lord, grant peace and unity; In keeping with your will and word, may we one body be.  
Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed; In heart and soul we shall be fed, your holy will to heed.  
Now let us take the wine of heav'n, for Christ whose blood was shed; That here we meet with sins forgiv'n, and by His grace  
are fed. To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love; for we, by faith, to you belong: one with your church above!*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Mike Lyle

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

Rev. Lyle and Rev. Wiggins

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Wiggins

## ***SENDING***

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name;  
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same;  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 To touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue in B-flat*

Thomas Roseingrave

## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: Lidia Kozenitzky. *King Saul*, 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!



Scan the QR code to sign in to the online Friendship Pad.

**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please 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.



*The 2 roses* in the service today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth on May 23, 2021 of twin boys, John David and Matthew Charles, to Maria & Chad Fahrenkopf, and 4-year-old sister, Katherine, who are the daughter-in-law, son and granddaughter of GPC members Charles and Alinda Fahrenkopf.

## Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of June 6, 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: Joe Crocker; Bill Boyle; Jeanie & Fritz Crombie; Randy & Diane Callahan Edens; Violet Olsen; Jane Beth Page; Karen & Rob Russell, Alex, Tyler; Tom Tweel.

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin TN  
First Presbyterian Church, McKenzie, TN  
Balmoral Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN  
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, 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 will offer a joining opportunity June 27 at 10:45 after worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Amy Phillips at 901-647-6433, Diane Callahan Edens at 901-262-1478 or any GPC minister at 901-754-5195. You are invited to find a family of faith [here](#).*

## 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 are now back in person for their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am with a hybrid Zoom option. 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, 10:40am – 11:40am, to allow travel and respite opportunities to our veteran Sunday School program teachers.

Wacky Wednesday needs volunteers! 10:00am – 12:00/12:30pm Wednesdays, beginning June 16!

### **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**.



#### **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:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 [info@hospitalityhub.org](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto: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](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 6:00-7:30pm 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.**



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