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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Be Still, My Soul*

Sibelius/Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

BELL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33)

Mr. Richard Fast, Liturgist

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

**People: It is fitting for us to praise Him**

Leader: Sing to God a new song;

**People: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

**People: He is faithful in all He does.**

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him,

**People: On those whose hope is in His unfailing love.**

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord;

**People: He is our help and our shield.**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

\* HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart. O, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

O Lord, we confess that we have failed You. We like our comfort, and the way things are. We find it easier to stay at home than serve people who don't look like us, don't love like we love, and don't act the way we act. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

Holy God, forgive us. Help us to see your purpose in every encounter. Give us the courage to follow your leading and to be your people in all we say and do. Work in us so we can change our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

*(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

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:13-26

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God At Work: Saving Us From Ourselves

Mr. Tom Sauer

### ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Mike Lyle

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Keriann Otaño and Dane Suarez

*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

Rev. Wiggins

OFFERTORY

*O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines*  
Keriann Otaño, soprano

C. H. H. Parry

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.*

*May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.*

*Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

\*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

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
5. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Mr. Sauer

\*POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Terri Hutchings

*WORSHIP ARTS TODAY*

On the cover: *God's Hands and the Holy Spirit*, stained glass, 20<sup>th</sup> century, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Welcome to our singers today, Dane Suarez and Keriann Otaño. Dane has sung with us intermittently for the past several years. His wife, Keriann, is a native New Yorker who recently relocated to Memphis to be the Marketing and Public Relations Manager with Opera Memphis. Previously, Kerriann worked as a freelance opera singer for over a decade and performed with Washington National Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Houston Grand Opera, and the Metropolitan Opera, to name a few. Together, Dane and Keriann are raising two wonderful pups, Frankenstein and Chalupa.

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*The flowers* in the service today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the life of Betty McCallen, whose memorial service was held yesterday at GPC.

*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 contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or by 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 June 27, 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: Liz & Alan Callicott, Ruth; Janie Day; Karen & Bill Lawhorn; Laura & Bob Schriener; Betsy & Dominique Vacheron.

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 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 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 a number of 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; Psalm 78; Seekers; Paula's Hearts and Hands.

**Women:** Presbyterian Women's last Bible study ended in May. 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 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](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, 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!](#) 10:00am – 12:00pm activities, 12:00pm – 12:30pm lunch.

### **PEACE Program summertime changes:**

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

Wacky Wednesdays have begun in person in Warren Fellowship 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. **Two more volunteers needed for July 14 and July 21.** For more information, email

[jackiec@germantownpres.org](mailto:jackiec@germantownpres.org).

Or, you can register [here](#).

### 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

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 and some terrific summer activities. 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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