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Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song

Unstoppable God

Verse 1:

Heaven thundered/ And the world was born/ Life begins and ends in the dust You formed/ Faith commanded/ And the mountains moved/ Fear is losing ground, to our hope in You

Chorus:

Unstoppable God/ Let Your glory go on and on/ Impossible things/ In Your name, they shall be done

Verse 2:

Freedom conquered/ All our chains undone/ Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome/ Mercy triumphed
When the third day dawned/ Darkness was denied, when the stone was gone

Bridge:

Nothing shall be impossible/ Your kingdom reigns unstoppable/ We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable

Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound/ That saved a wretch like me/ I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear/ And grace my fears relieved/ How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone, I've been set free/ My God, my Savior has ransomed me/ And like a flood His mercy
reigns/ Unending love/ Amazing grace

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me/ His word my hope secures/ He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow/ The sun forbear to shine/ But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine/ You are forever mine

Listening to God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

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¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Longer Strangers: God's Immeasurable Imagination

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Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

No Longer Slaves

Verse 1:

You unravel me/ With a melody/ You surround me with a song/ Of deliverance/ From my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

Chorus:

I'm no longer a slave to fear/ I am a child of God/ I'm no longer a slave to fear/ I am a child of God

Verse 2:

From my mother's womb/ You have chosen me/ Love has called my name/ I've been born again
Into Your family/ Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge:

I am surrounded/ By the arms of the Father/ I am surrounded/ By songs of deliverance/ We've been be
liberated/ From our bondage/ We're the sons and the daughters/ Let us sing our freedom/ You split the
sea/ So I could walk right through it/ My fears are drowned in perfect love/ You rescued me/ So I could
stand and say/ I am a child of God

Offering & Prayers for the World (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Song

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1:

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?/ I was lost, but He brought me in/ Oh His love for
me/ Oh His love for me

Chorus 1:

Who the Son sets free/ Oh, is free indeed/ I'm a child of God, yes, I am

Verse 2:

Free at last, He has ransomed me/ His grace runs deep/ While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2:

Who the Son sets free/ Oh is free indeed/ I'm a child of God, yes, I am/ In my Father's house/ There's a
place for me/ I'm a child of God, yes, I am

Bridge:

I am chosen, not forsaken/ I am who You say I am/ You are for me, not against me/ I am who You say I
am

Benediction and Blessing

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WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

Vocalists: Julia Goff Karissa Walhof Britni McCullough John Johnson

Keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee

Acoustic Guitar: David Oppel

Bass player: Nathan Spohn

Cajon: Jeff Williams

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 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.

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.

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 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



PEACE, calls out for more volunteers!

Sunday School Substitute Teachers after service, about 10:30am – 11:30am (for adult program)/11:45am (for child program).

Wacky Wednesday needs volunteers! 10:00am – 12:00pm activities, 12:00pm – 12:30pm lunch.

PEACE Program summertime schedule:

Wacky Wednesday Participant Registration is Still 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.
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.

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.

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 waivered, 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 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.

