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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prière in D major

Théodore Dubois

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 2:22)

Ms. Erin Bowden, Liturgist

Leader: Come into the presence of the Most High God.

People: We come with songs of praise to God who reigns above!

Leader: For once we were without hope,

People: now we've been freed from slavery and filled with hope by our Savior.

Leader: Once we wandered without a shepherd;

People: now Jesus leads and guides us our whole life long.

Leader: Once we had no peace;

People: now Christ is our peace.

Leader: With Christ Jesus as our peace,

People: we are called to be a dwelling place for God.

ALL: Come, let us sing praises to God, who reigns above!

* HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Philippians 2:5, Ephesians 2:14) (unison)

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control. We've failed to be good stewards of your creation and your creatures. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children.

Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God. Use us to break down walls of hostility and be mediators, reconcilers, and peacemakers, within the church, among the nations, and around the world.

Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Margaret Oldham

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Make Us One

Sally DeFord

Desiree Soto, soprano

*How shall we stand amid uncertainty? Where is our comfort in travail?
How shall we walk amid infirmity, when feeble limbs are worn and frail?
And as we pass through mortal sorrow, how shall our hearts abide the day?
Where is the strength the soul may borrow? Teach us thy way.
Make us one, that our burdens may be light, make us one as we seek eternal life.
Unite our hands to serve thy children well, unite us in obedience to thy will.
Make us one! teach us, Lord, to be of one faith, of one heart, one in thee.
Then shall our souls be filled with charity, then shall all hate and anger cease.
And though we strive amid adversity, yet shall we find thy perfect peace.
So shall we stand despite our weakness, so shall our strength be strength enough.
We bring our hearts to thee in meekness; Lord, wilt thou bind them in thy love?
Take from me this heart of stone, and make it flesh even as thine own.
Take from me unfeeling pride; Teach me compassion; cast my fear aside.
Give us one heart, give us one mind; Lord, make us thine Oh, make us thine!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mike Lyle

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord.

Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: “It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.””

READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 23 **RESPONSIVE**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures.

Leader: The Lord leads me beside still waters, and restores my soul.

Leader: The Lord leads me in right paths for His name’s sake.

People: Even if I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

**ALL: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace; in His flesh He has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that He might create in Himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Longer Strangers: *Imagine ... peace*

Rev. Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Wiggins

Brief Statement of Faith (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) (excerpts)

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

ALL: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

One: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

ALL: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

One: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

ALL: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

ALL: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mike Lyle

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

An Offering
T. J. Turner, tenor

Dan Forrest

*O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near your cross?
Why should I cling to gifts you give?
Why grasp in foolish pride what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain worth any sacrifice, a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.
Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost, teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face, my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.*

*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

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE

Rhythmic Trumpet (from Baroques)

Seth Bingham

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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Welcome to worship online and 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 email 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 flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Paul Olsen from his family: Violet Olsen, Jonathan, JoAnn, Paul and Andrew Jones.

The baby rose on the baptismal font is given to the glory of God for the birth on July 6, 2021 of Darby Keltner Kilpatrick, granddaughter of GPC members Ron and Sharon Arthur, and daughter of Jordan and Haley Arthur Kilpatrick, and sister, Stella.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of July 18, 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: Kathleen & Jim Boyd; Martha & Drayton Mayers; Lee Parnell; Jimmy Shumaker; Anne & Jim Tims; Arlene & Brett Wade.

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

Buntyn Church, Memphis, TN

Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

Idlewild 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.

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



Our musical program will begin Thursday, August 12.
Sessions occur weekly from 10:00 – 11:30am.
Private guitar lessons are available with application.
We have a LOT of FUN!!! Come check us out!!!



Volunteer to Serve

PEACE, seeks willing and available volunteers for:

- [Sunday School Substitute Teachers](#) after service, about 10:30 – 11:30 (for adult program)/ 11:45 (for children's program), to allow travel and respite opportunities to our veteran Sunday School program teachers.
- [Wacky Wednesday needs 2 more volunteers for July 21st!](#) 9:45am – 12:00/12:30pm! A fun and easy opportunity to serve!

For more information, please email jackiec@germantownpres.org.

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.



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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