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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Diane Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Lyle

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:10-14)

Mr. Graham Askew, Liturgist

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

Leader: To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds.

People: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

ALL: Come, let us worship our great God!

*HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in all honesty, seeking your mercy and forgiveness. We confess that rather than living as your holy and blameless children, we have allowed patterns of sin to dominate and reduce us into petty discord. Rather than being a people defined by your radical love and hospitality, we have resisted your call and used your Word to justify our inaction. Savior of all, please have mercy on us. And hear us now as we continue with you in silence.

(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 Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Rev. Lyle

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

K. Lee Scott
13th century chant

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek, For Christ my Savior speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear Thy life in mine appear; And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give Him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, Be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, swell with me, I would be like thee!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lyle

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145:17-21

¹⁷The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Longer Strangers: A New Beginning

Rev. Lyle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Mr. Tom Sauer

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 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

Prelude on 'O Waly Waly'
Alex Benford, organ

Andrew Unsworth

*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

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lyle

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'Simple Gifts'

James Barrett

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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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 contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 and my email is 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.

**Back by popular demand! The Ramblers!
Saturday, August 21 @ 6pm, Arthur Road parking lot.
Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs.**

This will be an extra special time as GPC will also celebrate the staff in a staff appreciation event to thank them for all they've done to keep church and worship happening during these challenging times.

**Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of July 25, 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: Janet & Ed Dellinger; Dot Hartzog; Aggie & Jack Losa; Susan & Greg Morgan; Laura Patteson; Loree & Rich Tisdale; Jody & David Waldrop, Lydia.

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 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, seeks a few more volunteers!

[Sunday School Substitute Teachers](#) We have **need** for a substitute teacher, for our Adult PEACE class, on: **August 29, September 12, September 19, and October 31.**

Please note we plan for our Sunday School schedule to shift following our August 15 Fall Kick-Off. Sunday School will be held from 9:40 – 10:40am (with worship opportunities before and after Sunday School).

Please reach out to Jackie Classen at jackiec@germantownpres.org for more information and stay tuned to our bulletin for future updates on how you can help our Special Needs Ministry flourish! Thank you!

Friendship Circle & AMPlify will return in August with more FUN volunteer opportunities!

Friendship Circle offers fellowship and joyful relationships to our friends with special needs, with get-togethers every Wednesday from 12:15 – 2:30pm. Come for all or part of the fun! You will leave feeling fully rewarded!

AMPlify rocks this house of God, 10:00 – 11:30am every Thursday!
Come jam with us!

For more information, please email jackiec@germantownpres.org or call 901-754-5195 to speak with Jackie Classen.

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 regular meetings on Thursday, August 12 from 6:00-7:30pm in the church parlor and will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month. 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 or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



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