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## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Tingting Yao, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Mrs. Elaine Cates, Liturgist

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

**People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

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

**People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with our God there is great power to redeem.**

\* HYMN 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Lord, have mercy. We confess our sin before you, honestly acknowledging how far we can stray from you. O Christ, you have shown us the Way, the Truth, and the Life that comes through you. Often we prefer our own way, assuming we know best. We assume there are many versions of truths, and we choose the one that suits us. We believe the good life comes through means other than you. Forgive us, and have mercy on us, we pray, and restore us to the proper frame of mind and heart for discipleship.**

*(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.**

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Mrs. Anna White

*A special prayer for children, teachers, and administrators going back to school at this time of year.*

## **THE WORD**

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Richard Walters

Clara Norell, soprano

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace./ Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above./ Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come, / and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God. / He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! / Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. / Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 34:1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. <sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup>Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. <sup>6</sup>This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Dr. John Johnson

<sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup>“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup>and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **5** <sup>1</sup>Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup>and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

No Longer Strangers

Dr. Johnson

## *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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Jones

**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

*O Divine Redeemer (Repentir)*  
Kerriann Otano, soprano

Charles Gounod

*Ab! Turn me not away, receive me tho' unworthy; Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! / Answer me from thy throne; haste Thee, Lord to mine aid, Thy pity shew in my deep anguish! / Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord! / Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. / O Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! / Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! / Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy; come and save me O Lord, save, in the day of retribution, / From Death shield Thou me, O my God! O Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Saviour!*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. Lyle

### ***SENDING***

\*HYMN 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Johnson

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude on CWM RHONDDA*

Pietro Cattaneo

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## ***WORSHIP ARTS TODAY***

On the cover: *Hand of God*, relief sculpture on church wall in Taiwan, 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 into 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 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 August 8, 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: Beth Bowman; Paul Boyle; Kriste & Kevin Cullum; Judy Hobbs; Lindsay & Zac Overbey, Everett & Isla; Carole Phelps; Linda & Bill Shirley; Frida Walters Moky, Dilon, Isabella.

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

Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN  
Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis, TN  
Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN  
Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, 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.*

**Fall Kickoff Sunday, August 15!**

Come back to worship at GPC!

Back to pre-COVID schedule:

8:30am early worship

9:30am Pancake breakfast

for children/youth/special needs

9:40am Sunday School

*(children/youth/special needs/adults)*

11:00am traditional worship

6:00pm contemporary worship

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



## 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/): <https://germantownpres.org/ministries/adult-education/> - Coffee and Conversations; Hits of the Ages; Psalm 78; Seekers; Paula's Hearts and Hands.

**Women:** August 28 Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will present our Bible study for 2021-2022 via zoom. We will be studying the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. The name of our study is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Zoom information will be made available closer to the presentation date. We invite all women to sign in and enjoy this presentation. PW Circles begin September 7 going through May 4 and will meet at GPC. Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. 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 meeting in person and combining that with 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

JoyLife 901 Breakfast seeking assistance! A Dollar or Two Goes a Looooonnnnnng Way!

We've found the talent.  
Our chefs stand ready!  
"More time, more time?"  
Yes, we can offer that, too.  
IF only... if...  
Some small treasure,  
An initial investment,  
Recouped upon entry,  
Is suitably deposited.



GPC's SNM seeks initial tiny investment to expand our participation in the JoyLife 901 Breakfasts from one week per month to two weeks per month (August – May). Please prayerfully consider contributing money or items for the JoyLife 901 Breakfast.

Items provided typically include Chick-fil-A biscuits, donuts, grapes, bananas, coffee, juice, water. Participants pay \$5 for dining. For more info email Jackie Classen at [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).



**PEACE seeks substitute volunteers!**

**5 Sundays: August 15, August 29, September 12, September 19, and October 31.**

For our Adult PEACE class, currently serving one, typically happy-go-lucky, well-known, and well-liked participant! **Jackie Classen**, available at 754-5195 or [jackiec@germantownpres.org](mailto:jackiec@germantownpres.org), will be able to offer further information and **provide easy-to-follow lesson plans!**

**Helping won't interfere with Worship among your GPC Family:** There will be two opportunities to attend Worship, before or after the Sunday School hour (9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.). We are planning\* to return to the 2-worship-services Sunday morning schedule shortly!

*\*Stay tuned to the GPC website, E-blast, and/or Bulletin Announcements for more information on the upcoming schedule change.*

**Friendship Circle & AMPlify RETURN the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August!!!** These programs offer more chances to plug in to the FUN !!!

Much like Wacky Wednesday, Friendship Circle provides weekly social engagements for our friends to build Bible knowledge and lasting friendships. Participants join us from 12:30p – 2:30p each Wednesday. Volunteers (and some early arrivers) may be here at 12:15p. Come for all or part of the fun! You will leave feeling fully rewarded!

Come check out how we rock God's house, each Thursday from 10:00am – 11:30am! Come jam with us – no prior experience or lessons required! It's **SO MUCH FUN!!!** For more information, please call or email Jackie Classen, at 901-754-5195 or [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@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**

**Sunday School Teacher Training** for Children's Ministry is this Sunday, August 8 at 10:30am in the Well! Join us for training and refreshments.

**Pancake Breakfast is back (yay!)** for children and youth next Sunday, August 15 at 9:30am in the Activity Center. Dads needed to help cook pancakes. If you can help, please email Anna at [children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@germantownpres.org)

**GPCKids Nursery is in need of hiring staff** to join our paid nursery staff team. If you know of someone who loves caring for babies and toddlers and wants to work flexible Sunday mornings, some Wednesday evenings, and some special events, please email Anna at [children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@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

Sunday, August 15 at 9:30am youth will meet in the AC for the annual pancake breakfast tradition, and Sunday night youth fellowship resumes at 6:00pm. Beginning Sunday, August 22, regular Sunday morning and afternoon activities for you continue. 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)*

August 2021: **Memphis Athletic Ministries** Memphis Athletic Ministries(MAM) is searching for men and women who will commit to mentor a high school student for this upcoming school year. Mentors will be matched with students accepted into our Amplify Mentoring Program (AMP). AMP students are hand selected and hired by MAM to work in our sites and gain college and career training. Mentors will help these students set goals and take the steps to reach those goals and prepare them for life after MAM. For more information or to sign up, go to: [www.mamsports.org/volunteer](http://www.mamsports.org/volunteer).

**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.

### 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 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.**



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**Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://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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