

WORSHIP NOTES • APRIL 17, 2011

“Did Jesus Have a Choice?”

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Richard Smith

The sermon text and audio are available each Monday
on our website at germantownumc.org.

Children's Ministries. Grace Place (a rotation model Sunday School) is offered for children in Sr. K through 5th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of sanctuary). We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. In addition, we offer seasonal events for families and friends, and short-term small group courses on Wednesday evenings. Contact Janelle Crist at 758-6525 or jcrist@germantownumc.org.

Nursery and Preschool. We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through Jr. K during all worship services. The preschool suite is located on the Sanctuary level off the north side of the narthex. We utilize a paging system to maintain contact with parents, if needed. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600 (hopshome@earthlink.net).

Student Ministries. Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for our Jr. and Sr. High students. This includes weekly meetings, Bible studies, missions opportunities and trips throughout the year. Sunday School classes for Jr. and Sr. High students meet at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. at the Owings Life Enrichment Center. Contact Jason Baker at 754-7216 or jbaker@germantownumc.org.

Older Adult Ministries. There are many opportunities for adults age 55 and older to be active and involved at GUMC. The Older Adult Council sponsors a monthly Brown Bag Lunch series about relevant topics of interest to seniors. The XYZs take monthly nominally priced day trips to places of interest in the greater Memphis area. For more information call Luci Cromer at 755-0803. There are also many opportunities for service to the older adults of our church family. For more information contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Adult Ministries. Through Christian education we are inspired and challenged to know and experience God, claim and live the promises of God, and grow and serve as Christian disciples. We offer over 20 adult Sunday School classes. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 8:30 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A complete list of classes is available at the Welcome Center, and you are encouraged to visit classes. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 (rluter@germantownumc.org). In addition, we encourage you to participate in short-term study groups, Wesley Covenant groups, Beth Moore Bible Studies, and in-depth Bible studies such as *Disciple*, *Jesus In the Gospels*, and *Christian Believer*.

Health and Recreation Ministries. GUMC offers an array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include on-going exercise classes, personal training, and team sports. For more information call the Owings Life Enrichment Center at 753-3100.

Women's Ministries. The women of GUMC invite you to join them in their journey of spiritual growth and encouraging, loving friendships. Through Circle meetings, Bible studies, and luncheons, we encourage women to find their place of service. For more information call Pat Gill at 756-8151 or jamesbo429@bellsouth.net.

Men's Ministries. The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month (September through May). There are also several men's prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Conrad Schanson at 755-7608 or barcons@comcast.net.

Missions. We believe missions include spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and serving others in His name. If you would like some help finding your special place of service, contact Rev. Deborah Smith at 754-7216.

Congregational Care. The mission of Congregational Care is to provide timely and effective pastoral care to our sick, bereaved, and all in need through professional staff and lay volunteers. Contact Rev. Steve Atkins, Minister of Congregational Care, at 758-6510 or email brhoads@germantownumc.org. Elder Care Ministry Coordinator, Beverly Rhoads, may be reached at 754-7216, ext. 107.

Weekday Preschool. Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 6 months-5 years) to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, and cognitively. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Susan Bryant at 753-3109 or email preschool@germantownumc.org.

Music Ministries. From Children's Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email jthrash@germantownumc.org.

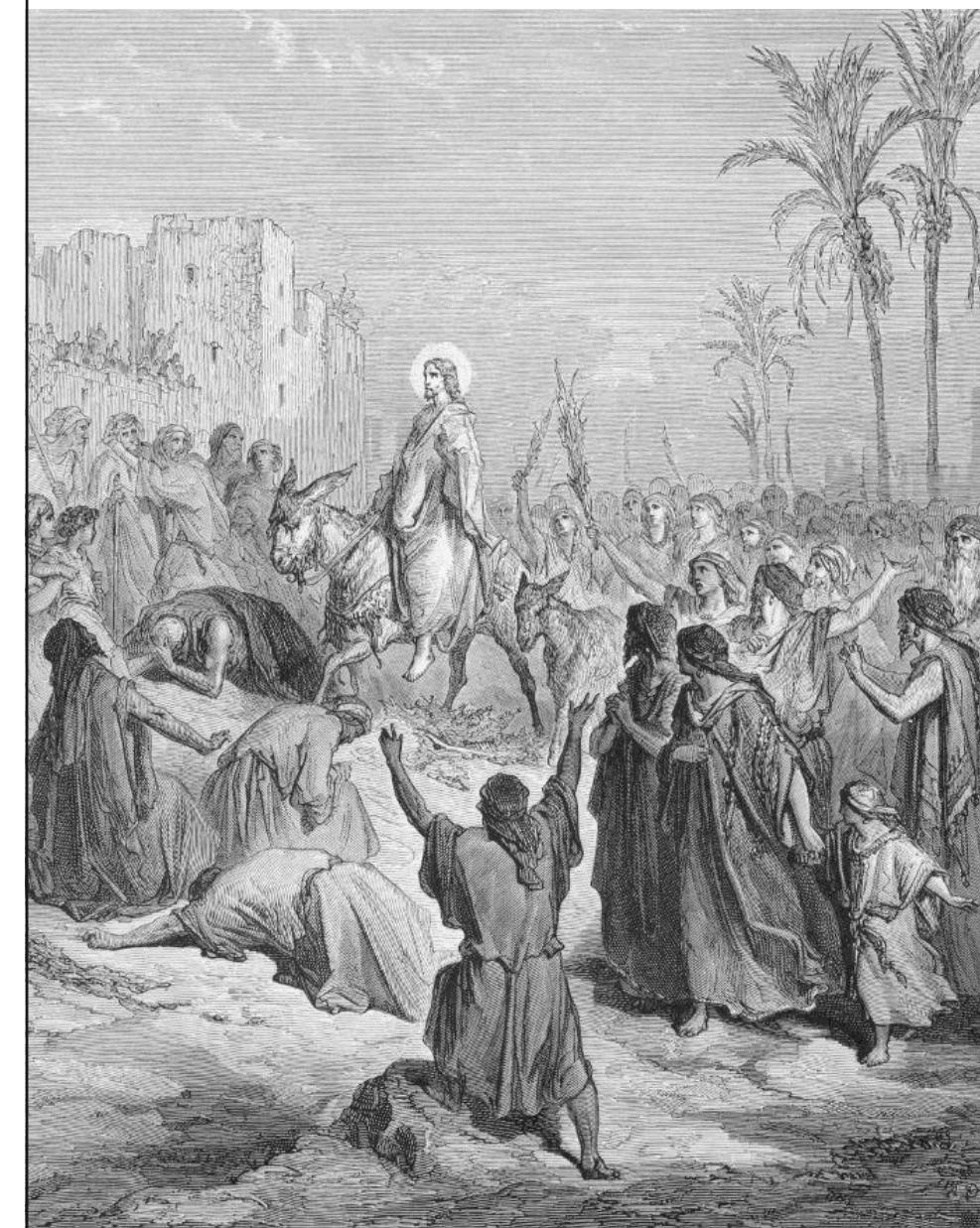
The McVay Counseling Center at Germantown UMC provides high quality, affordable counseling from a Christian perspective for our church family and the community. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Dewaine Rice at 758-6523, dtrice@germantownumc.org; Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net; or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

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Germantown United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011



Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David

That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Entrance

8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Festive Variations* MICHAEL HELMAN
Sanctus Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We call to you, O Lord, and we acclaim you.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Leader: We praise you and we welcome you this day.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven.

Leader: We remember, O Lord, how your people welcomed you to the city of Jerusalem on this Sunday so long ago and like them our hearts are filled with hope.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven.

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*INVOCATION

Proclamation and Prayer

ANTHEM *With the Waving of Palms* FRED BOCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord Jesus - your arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with palms and shouts of praise. Yet soon you were abandoned. Even your closest friends left your side.

People: Jesus, we confess that we make a joyful noise at your coming, but often turn our backs on you when the going gets rough.

Leader: O Lord, we often serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives.

People: We confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your will. We intend to follow you wherever you go, but often do not. Instead, like Peter, we deny you. We try to fit in with the crowd. We avoid risking ourselves for your sake and for the sake of the gospel.

Leader: Forgive us God for our timid and faltering faith.

People: Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear.

Bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A time for silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *Hear the Lamb a-cryin'* ARR. COURTNEY
Chancel Choir: Reggie Houze, soloist

What kind of Lamb makes shepherds leave their sheep?

What kind of Lamb is born for one like me?

What kind of Lamb would come to earth to die?

A Lamb who can hear the little lost lambs cry.

Choir members singing more than one service may leave at this time.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION (9:40 a.m.)

Tyler Steven Anderson	Ethan David French
Seth Alexander Cartwright	Jesse Lee Keck
Caitlin Michelle Dew	Mason Wade Walker
*Leland Rivers Durley	*Morgan Edward Wirth

** to be baptized*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11:1-11

OFFERTORY *What Wondrous Love is This?* CHARITY BOOK PUTNAM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 288 *Were You There?*
Stanzas 1 and 2

SERMON "Did Jesus Have a Choice?" Rev. Richard Smith

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to present themselves for church membership may come to the chancel at this time.

*HYMN 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT Mr. Henry Evans

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE (*the hymn concludes*)

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were an offering far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

POSTLUDE *O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High* MICHAEL HELMAN
(The Agincourt Hymn)

Today in Worship

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Deborah Smith; 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Jack Henton;
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Steve Atkins

Acolytes: 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Rachel Crane and
Jensen Lewis

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by two of our families:

- Given in joyful celebration of Donna and Jimmy Wright's 33rd wedding anniversary on April 8. They were married in Memphis in 1978. They are proud parents of two children: Brad (Elaine) & Lauren (Nick) and have been blessed with one precious grandchild, McKinley (3 months old) and are awaiting the arrival of their second granddaughter, Anna Claire in July. Donna and Jimmy have been members of our church since 1985.

- The Steve Fittes family is celebrating the 86th anniversary of the birth of his father, Samuel G. Fittes on April 6, 1925, and honoring the memory of the 18th anniversary of his death on March 12, 1993. Sam is loved and missed by his wife, Alma Jean; four sons, three daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His laughter is missed by all who knew him.

Family Matters: For prayer requests, births, or deaths you wish to report, contact Laura Meanwell at 754-7216 or lmeanwell@germantownumc.org.

The palm branches and bare tree branches in today's arrangement have special meaning. The palms are ancient symbols of praise and thanksgiving and serve as reminders of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tree branches are symbols of the cross and of Jesus himself, the branch grown out of the roots of Jesse (*Isaiah 11:1*).