



# Entrance

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

PRELUDE *Carillon* JOHN BEHNKE

WELCOME AND GREETING

INTROIT *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*  
*Please remain standing*

\*HYMN 68 *When In Our Music God is Glorified*

\*INVOCATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Leader:** Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People:**

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all God's work and whose will is ever directed to good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

\*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. Amen.

ANTHEM *One Faith, One Lord, One Birth* COURTNEY  
*Chancel Choir*

## Proclamation and Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Leader:** We thank you, God, for mothers to whom you have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning by making them partners with you in the creation of life.

**People:** Watch over every mother, strengthen her faith, give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble.

**Leader:** We remember this day those for whom Mother's Day is not a day without sorrow.

**People:** We pray for those who wished to be mothers, but are not. We pray for those who wished for a mother, but had not. We pray for those whose mothers were less than you called them to be and for those who wanted to be more like you than they were.

**Leader:** We pray for those who have lost a child and are faced with entrusting their child entirely to your care. And we call on you to remind us all that our children are gifts from you entrusted to our care for only a time.

**People:** You have given to mothers the great privilege and responsibility of being their child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, loving with a love that protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Lord God, help all mothers to grow daily in their faith and knowledge of you and to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children and to all who depend upon them. Amen.

OUR 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

RESPONSE (singing together) *Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* ROBERT J. POWELL

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

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13

OUR FAMILY CENSUS

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 445 *Happy the Home When God is There*

SERMON "On Being a Happy and Healthy Family" 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 400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* MAX REGER

**Liturgists:** 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Julie McKenna; 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Rebecca Luter; 11:00 a.m.—Rev. Deborah Smith

**Acolyte:** 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach

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

**Sanctuary Flowers:** *The Mother's Day flowers that grace our sanctuary today are honoring all mothers—those living an earthly life and those waiting for us in heaven. As I grow older, Mother's Day becomes even more emotional as I reflect and realize that so much of who I am, began with you. You opened my eyes to the world around me, to the possibilities ahead of me. You loved deeply, nurtured our faith, shaped our lives. You taught us to believe in ourselves and others; you stood up for us when necessary. I'm grateful you knew the lifetime impact of spending fun time with us and our friends, sometimes forgoing your errands . . . just to listen. You helped each of us learn that life is "not just about me" . . . it is about growing God's light in the world. Today, I am celebrating the beautiful woman that you were and the mother I loved. My favorite place was inside your hug.*

**Rosebud:** This morning's pink rosebud is placed in celebration of the birth of Emily Claire Solomon, daughter of Steven and Susan Solomon. Emily arrived on Thursday, April 28, 2011. Delighted grandparents are Jerry and Laura Solomon and George and Jackie Kuykendall.

**2011 Sanctuary Flower Dates Available:** Two dates are still available in May, including Memorial Day and most of June, including Father's Day. Please email your request to cb2323@comcast.net. All donors repeating dates for 2011 need to confirm your requested 2011 dates. Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones, or commemorating a special occasion. Forms are located in the Information Center on the lower level. If you are interested in participating, please take a form with you today or contact Carolyn Browder, Flower Chairman, at cb2323@comcast.net, or 568-2323 (c); 748-2323 (h).