

Entrance

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

PRELUDE *National Hymn (God of Our Fathers)* MARK THEWES

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 697 *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

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.

Proclamation and Response

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* DAVID SCHWOEBEL
Eva McPeters, Jim Thrash, keyboards
Dann Crawford, George Groh and Larry Groh, brass trio

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Communion offerings are designated gifts used in the mission giving of our church and are left at the communion rail when receiving the sacrament. As we offer our gifts to God, we bring forward the bread and cup of communion, remembering God's gift of salvation.

*SCRIPTURE Proverbs 12:18, 15:4
James 3:5, 9-11

SOLO *You Better Min' How You Talk* MOSES HOGAN
Dr. Reginald Houze

SERMON The Words We Speak Rev. Richard Smith

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have said things we ought not to have said and withheld praise when it should have been given. We have spoken that which was unkind, unholy, and unprofitable, and we have failed to speak the words of love, peace, and righteousness your Spirit would have given us. We have been busy about many things that should not have occupied our time and have neglected to do those things that would have served others and pleased you. Therefore, we ask that your grace and mercy be upon us, to forgive our sins, heal our brokenness, and return us to ways that are profitable to your kingdom. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

a time of silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All singing together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All singing together:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People (singing together): Amen, Amen, Amen, 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

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion at 8:30 is served at the chancel rail and those who are able kneel for communion. After receiving the wafer and cup, remain kneeling and receive the pastor's blessing and dismissal.
Communion at 9:40 and 11:00 is given by intinction. There are three stations: one on the center aisle for those who prefer to have a prayer time at the chancel rail after receiving communion; and one on each of the outer aisles for those who prefer to return to their seat for prayer after receiving the communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 698

God of the Ages

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 143

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 *Stars and Stripes Forever* JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m. — Rev. Rebecca Luter; 9:40 a.m. — Rev. Julie McKenna;
11:00 a.m. — Rev. Gail Bruno

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are lovingly given by Leiland Duke, honoring Betty, and in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary on July 7.

We celebrate our country's 235th birthday July 4, with our country's red, white, and blue . . . God Bless America!

Providing flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. Contact Mary Anne Gibson at 754-7216 or mgibson@germantownumc.org.

Ponderings: If you would like to receive this e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent weekly, Monday-Friday, please make a note in the Friendship Pad today or contact dthurmond@germantownumc.org. The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection.