

Entrance

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

PRELUDE *Aria* PHILIP E. BAKER

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 529 *How Firm a Foundation*

*INVOCATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of life who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Redeemer, who desires that we should follow his teachings.

We believe that when we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are able to become creative, compassionate and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions for the struggles of life; where we grow in understanding of the faith through worship, prayer, fellowship and action.

We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place.

We believe that people can change, attitudes can change, and that God keeps leading us towards life and to a new world of justice and joy.

*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 Prayer

ANTHEM *Come Sing Unto the Lord* JOSEPH M. MARTIN
Summer Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

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

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:1-8

OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* MARK HAYES
Jan Bobbitt, Soprano

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 511 *Am I a Soldier of the Cross*

SERMON *The Virtue of Perseverance* 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 578

God of Love and God of Power

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord,
in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

POSTLUDE *March* FLOR PEETERS

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are placed by Janice Fitzpatrick in loving memory of her husband, James Roy Fitzpatrick.

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

Joining our Church. Membership is an important step in your spiritual journey. All individuals and families who would like to join the church are asked to meet with one of our pastors prior to joining so that we may help you find a place within our church community where you will be nourished and challenged to grow in your Christian life. To schedule a pastoral meeting, please contact either Rev. Julie McKenna at jmckenna@germantownumc.org, 758-6514, or Rev. Gail Bruno at gbruno@germantownumc.org, 758-6510.

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.