

## WORSHIP NOTES • July 31, 2011

*"Christians and Tough Decisions"*

(Philippians 4:4-9)

Rev. Richard Smith

The sermon text and video are available each Monday  
on our website at [germantownumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hopshome@earthlink.net)).

**Student Ministries.** Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for our Junior and Senior High students. This includes weekly meetings, small group Bible studies, mission opportunities, and trips throughout the year. Sunday School classes for Junior and Senior High students meet at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the lower level across from the old chapel. Contact Jason Baker at 758-6515 or [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Rev. Jack Henton at 754-7216 or [jhenton@germantownumc.org](mailto:jhenton@germantownumc.org).

**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. Richard 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. Gail Bruno at 754-7216, ext. 125, or [gbruno@germantownumc.org](mailto:gbruno@germantownumc.org).

**Weekday Preschool.** Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 9 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, [drice@germantownumc.org](mailto:drice@germantownumc.org); Christina Burns at 758-6524, [ctburns@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctburns@bellsouth.net); or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

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# Germantown United Methodist Church

July 31, 2011



***Rejoice in the Lord always:  
and again I say, Rejoice . . . .***

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by  
prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let  
your requests be made known unto God.**

**(Philippians 4:4-7 KJV)**

## Entrance

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

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (8:30 a.m.) JOHN LEAVITT  
*Procession of the Nobles* RIMSKY-KORSAKOV  
*Trumpet Ensemble* (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

### WELCOME AND GREETING

\*HYMN 160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

### \*INVOCATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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.**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Emma Porter Sproull, daughter of Robert and Tina Sproull

*The water used in today's baptism is from the Jordan River, collected by Emma's grandmother, Kay Lindamood, on her trip to the Holy Land last year.*

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Emma, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.**

## Proclamation and Prayer

SOLO *Be Thou My Vision* CRAIG COURTNEY  
*Jennifer Hunter, soloist*

### 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*

### RESPONSE

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

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Philippians 4:4-9*

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* (8:30 a.m.) DALE WOOD  
*Die Bankelsangerlieder* (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.) ANONYMOUS

### 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 189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

SERMON **Christians and Tough Decisions** 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 144

*This is My Father's World*

### \*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 *Rigaudon* CAMPRA

### Our Trumpet Ensemble:

Hunter Keough, Nikita Vodren, David Ford, Braden Jensen, George Groh,  
Mitchell Cummings, Brian Harris, Ryan Zhang, Armand Damari,  
Graeme Boone, Curt Bailey, Connor Lind, Seth Taylor, Tomas Richert,  
Haider Tiwana, and Marrick Nowak

*Dann Crawford, Conductor*

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

**Inquirer's Class.** Are you new to Germantown UMC or Methodism? Prospective members, new members, or anyone interested in learning more about Methodist beliefs and our church are invited to attend an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, August 14, at 9:40 a.m. in Room 329. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Contact Laura Meanwell at lmeanwell@germantownumc.org or 758-6528.

**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.