

Entrance

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

PRELUDE *Partita on "O God, Thou Faithful God"* J. S. BACH

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 568 *Christ for the World We Sing*

*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

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:21; Matthew 16:24-25; John 15:1-11

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY *One Bread, One Body* ARR. LLOYD LARSON
Mary Groh, Kim Marsh, Kathy Moore, Susan Armacost

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.

SERMON **This Thing Called Discipleship** Rev. Richard Smith

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church,
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
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 438

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

*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

Voluntary on Duke Street

ROBERT J. POWELL

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace the altar today are given to the glory of God and

- In celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Susan and Kevin Nicholas on August 7. Given by their children: Jeff, Elizabeth, Justin, and Diana Nicholas; and their grandchildren: Ashlyn, Austin, Elaina, and Hudson Nicholas.
- In gratitude for God's many blessings and in celebration of Leland Cornelius' birthday on August 7, and Jimmy Murphy's birthday on August 14. Given with love by Leland's wife and Jimmy's mother, Sharon Cornelius.

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.

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.